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The **Renewal** *of* **Your Mind**

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Dear friends in Christ,

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." (Romans 12:2)

St. Paul wrote this challenge, this invitation to the Romans, and it is worth sitting with how much he is claiming. Your mind can be changed. Not simply informed or entertained or better-read—transformed, and by grace. The Dominican Order has staked eight centuries on that promise: we study so that we can preach, and we preach so that minds formerly shaped by the age can be shaped instead by Christ. Our Dominican intellectual tradition is rigorous in its truth-seeking but, I hope, approachable in its delivery. It is also not reserved for scholars. I invite you to read this issue of *Praedicare* with the renewal of your own mind front and center.

There is plenty of empty space throughout the course of an average day where the simple addition of a Rosary, or of a Thomistic Institute lecture piped in through your earbuds, could completely transform your morning, your afternoon, or even your entire week. We are blessed to be contributing intellectually stimulating material from the Catholic perspective at a time when it is so needed. A quick look at the Thomistic Institute's podcast feed reveals that they have released more than 1,900 episodes over the past 12 years. That's a lot of listening to catch up on! Have you ever felt like your grasp of the Trinity is a little weak, or that you are not quite up to speed on the exact meaning of the Mass? The Dominican Friars are hard at work, day in and day out, answering these questions in popular podcasts, in YouTube videos, and, of course, in serious academic texts. No matter how smart or busy you are, you will find something that meets you where you are.

The articles in this September issue of *Praedicare* are a testament to how quickly the mind can experience a renewal. From our work helping to transform the minds—and lives—of students on college campuses, to the heights of academic leadership ensuring a solid future for Catholic intellectual thought, the truth of Catholic teaching is being spread in new ways by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph. I invite you to take your time to read the short articles in this magazine and think deeply about where you fit in. Do these scenes, or these lives, fill you with the motivation to renew your own mind, and your own faith? I sincerely hope so, and I hope you will continue to partner with us in our mission to renew the minds of all those we encounter and serve.

Know of my prayers for you and your loved ones, that your minds will be renewed!

In Christ, Our Lady, and St. Dominic,



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THE PURPOSE OF THE MIND: PURSUIT *of* HIGHEST WISDOM

FR. DOMINIC LEGGE, O.P.

The motto of the Dominican Order is Veritas: Truth. We are consecrated in the Truth—in the splendor of Truth, by our profession—above all, we are consecrated in Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate, who is Truth in person.

Since the 13th century, the Dominican Order has held up St. Thomas Aquinas as its greatest teacher, and we at the Dominican House revere him as our master—not simply out of party spirit because he was a Dominican, but above all because of the depth of his wisdom and the clarity of his teaching.

I think it's fair to say that he's classed, and rightly classed, as one of the greatest figures in the Christian intellectual tradition. In his writings and in his life, the splendor of truth shines forth.

Yet Aquinas is brilliant and original—not so much in the individual points that he makes. In fact, if you read him carefully, you discover that quite often he relies heavily on his predecessors, on the great tradition in which he stands.

Rather, in my view, Aquinas's greatness consists especially in the breadth and power of his synthesis, which aims at understanding the whole—that is, it aims at wisdom.

But it is also true, if you read his works and get to know his life, that, for him, the search for wisdom involved a great deal of focused and intense effort.

At the same time, he never thought of this as a merely academic project or a scholarly exercise.

Rather, the search for wisdom was a central and organizing theme for his life as a whole.

Aquinas knew that this search required much of him, but that in the end, wisdom is a gift from above, a gift from God, a gift of grace, and a gift that calls for a whole way of life.

Our Dominican constitutions affirm that, by our study, we are drawn into the contemplative life as we ponder the wisdom of God. Sacred study also equips us for the doctrinal service of the Church, so that we can proclaim the Gospel to the world.

In his many works, he exhorts his students to pursue this highest wisdom, with all of their strength and with every resource of their minds. That is, he exhorts us today, he exhorts you: pursue the wisdom of God, make it your most precious treasure, let it guide every action of your life. Or, to put it another way, seek above all to know and to love God who is eternal Wisdom.

St. Thomas Aquinas would tell you that this is the mind's very purpose. It is why God made you. And it is the true goal of any intellectual life—and, rightly understood, of the Christian life itself. 

On October 3, 2025, Fr. Dominic Legge, O.P., was installed as President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. This is an excerpt from his installation address.



Spreading Thomism **FAR AND WIDE**

The Thomistic Institute grows to 109 campuses worldwide



Director Fr. Ambrose Little, O.P., speaks to students and educators at the Thomistic Institute-led Veritas Conference.

Eight hundred years after the birth of St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P., students on college campuses gather each year to celebrate, discuss, and apply his writings. Under the direction and guidance of the Thomistic Institute, these students receive an education and a community with the power to change their lives.

The Thomistic Institute (TI) is an academic institute of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. Founded by Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P., and Fr. Dominic Legge, O.P., in 2009, the TI has experienced a rapid growth that speaks to the urgent thirst for knowledge and truth in our public intellectual sphere and college communities. The TI's campus chapter program, which began with two chapters in 2016, now supports 109 universities around the world, with more on the way.

Fr. Ambrose Little, O.P., the current Director of the Thomistic Institute, has a clear-eyed view of the mission: "To bring the Catholic intellectual tradition broadly, and the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas specifically, to the academy... It's an important mission in 2026 for the same reason it's important in every age, that we are seeking to understand the truth and to understand the world as it is."

Where the Truth is Needed

The Thomistic Institute has had an unexpected growth pattern.

"Most of the universities we're present at are non-Catholic universities," Fr. Ambrose says. "It's only by exception, at the invitation of a Catholic university, that we go to them."



Fr. Ambrose Little, O.P., celebrates Mass for conference attendees in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The lectures are approachable for both spiritual seekers and lifelong Catholics.

“The truth itself is attractive,” explains Fr. Ambrose. “Anybody who’s presented with an expression of reality that accurately portrays the way the world is should naturally be attracted to the sorts of things that we’re doing.”

“We don’t have ad campaigns trying to get universities to start chapters,” he says. “It’s all by word of mouth.”

The rapid spread of the Institute is most often through peer-to-peer invitation from college students themselves, who have learned from the TI, and wish to bring its work to their own campuses.

What Questions Matter?

Why has the Thomistic Institute been so popular with undergraduates?

Fr. Ambrose’s answer involves the moral and intellectual seriousness of the TI above all.

“Students who are serious about their faith, or who have serious questions about the faith, whether they’re faithful

or not, recognize an organization and a group of people who are interested in their questions and who really want to answer them,” he says.

The TI is not a debating society, and it is not an advocacy group either. It is also not a substitute for the parish. It is meant for a particular kind of intellectual need, and for a particular kind of student. A student with difficult questions about God’s existence, the sacraments, or Trinitarian theology will find the lectures given by the Thomistic Institute to be the exact thing that they need. These students, according to Fr. Ambrose, will learn “to approach those questions themselves, becoming students of St. Thomas Aquinas, so that they can learn with him and from him.”

A Dialogue

Fr. Ambrose points to a medieval saying to illustrate the Thomistic Institute’s success: whatever is received is received according to the mode of the receiver.

In practice this means that TI lecturers are encouraged to meet students where they are, that is, as intellectually serious seekers of the truth.

“More often than not, when people first ask a question, it’s not well formulated,” Fr. Ambrose says. “You don’t want this to be, ‘You ask me questions, I give you answers, bada-bing, bada-boom. No. It’s a dialogue. If we can find a way to show respect to people’s deep-seated and important questions, they are always open to the truth when it’s presented to them.’”

The goal is to help students make their own questions more incisive. Dialogue helps them arrive at a clearer and more relevant answer, while also respecting the perspective of the person doing the asking.

The Dominican Difference

The Order of Preachers was founded to bring the Word of God to those who had lived without truth, and it has proudly carried a strong intellectual



Conversation continues well past the end of a Thomistic Institute lecture, where students gather around Fr. Ambrose.

tradition as a part of that vital mission. The teachings of St. Thomas are a special, generation-by-generation inheritance of the Dominicans.

“He is our brother,” Fr. Ambrose says.

As the Common Doctor of the Church, St. Thomas has been consulted on nearly every important theological and philosophical question raised since the Middle Ages.

This brotherhood is no coincidence. It allows this current generation of Dominican friars to lecture students not only on St. Thomas’s historical writings, but on how to learn his truth-seeking methods, in order to apply them to questions he never would have encountered.

Some questions, such as those surrounding artificial intelligence, particularly deserve an approach grounded in eternal truths. This subject, for instance, comes up constantly on the TI’s college campuses. The response from the Institute has been timely and rigorous: a steady catalogue of lectures on

the subject is building, and a forthcoming Aquinas 101 series on the subject will bring answers to a broad audience online.

But of course, the perennial questions that concern college students have gone nowhere: Does God exist? How should I live? How should I discern a vocation? How should I find a spouse? The Thomistic Institute continues to meet students where they are.

Fruits of the Mission

We asked Fr. Ambrose what graces he has witnessed as the Director of the Thomistic Institute.

“Too often there’s this narrative that if you get too serious with questions about reality, that might take you away from the faith,” he says. “But in fact, students who are really interested in reality, and not afraid to ask big questions, most often deepen their understanding of God and dedicate themselves to Him more fully.”

The evidence that the TI’s approach works is real, and it is visible on college

faculty websites. Between ten and fifteen people who attended lectures or conferences early in the Institute’s life are now professors—some are even speakers for the TI now.

“We see those who have received now giving back,” Fr. Ambrose says.

“Even if only ten to twenty percent of your undergraduate population have these deep questions,” he says, “nevertheless, that’s a lot of people.”

Thanks to the work of Fr. Ambrose Little, O.P., and the rest of the Thomistic Institute staff, the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas continues to bear good fruit in the 21st century. When students on 109 campuses go searching this fall, someone will be there to take their questions seriously. We hope that your prayers will support the work of the Thomistic Institute as it continues to expand programs across the United States and the world. 🌹

For more information about the Thomistic Institute, visit thomisticinstitute.org.



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in the English-speaking world.*



1 Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception

Washington, DC

Fr. Dominic Legge, O.P.

Installed as President October 3, 2025

Before he became a Dominican friar, Fr. Dominic Legge spent several years as a trial attorney for the United States Department of Justice, having earned his J.D. at Yale Law School.

He entered the Order of Preachers in 2001, where he acquired a licentiate in philosophy from The Catholic University of America, a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, and a doctorate in sacred theology from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. He is an Ordinary Member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas and the author of *The Trinitarian Christology of St. Thomas Aquinas*. He directed the Thomistic Institute for seven years, helping to usher it into the apostolate of international reach we see today.

During his installation address at the Dominican House of Studies, he praised the quality of the formation he received there and spoke of the enduring guidance of St. Thomas Aquinas. Discussing the mission and impact of the PFIC, Fr. Dominic pointed his audience to the beginning of the *Summa Contra Gentiles*: “to speak of God, and to draw others to Him.”



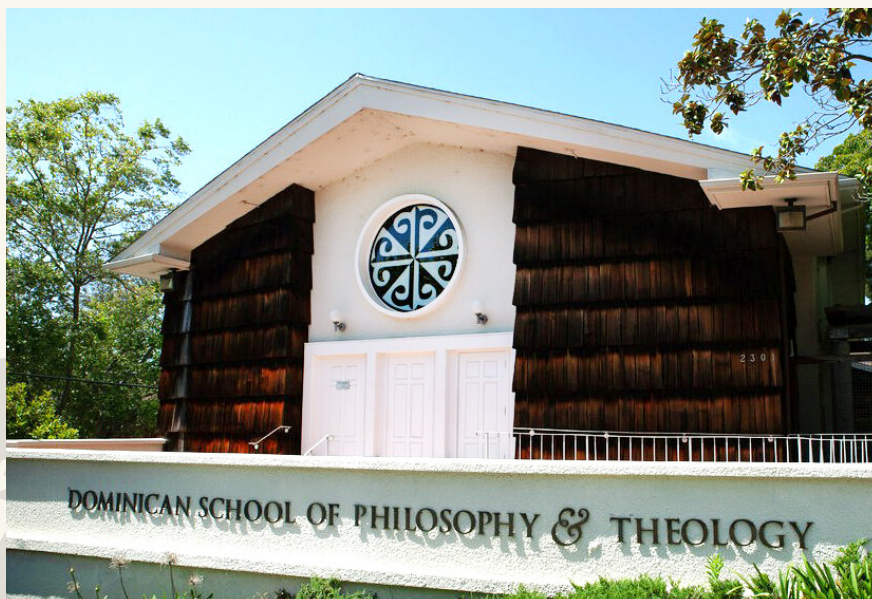
Fr. Albert Duggan, O.P.

Installed as President July 1, 2025

As an undergraduate, Fr. Albert Duggan studied biomedical ethics at Brown University, graduating magna cum laude, and then worked in bioethical research.

He entered the Order of Preachers in 2007, and earned his Master of Divinity and Bachelor of Sacred Theology at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception. His assignments as a priest have included chaplaincy at Johns Hopkins Hospital, campus ministry at his alma mater, Brown University, and service as the Vicar Provincial for Administration for the Province of St. Joseph.

Fr. Albert's new assignment has moved him across the country to California, where he leads the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology. He is, in his words, "humbled and honored" to take up the role: "With its strong foundations, the school is poised to become one of the premier centers of philosophical and theological studies on the West Coast. In a changing academic and cultural context, our Dominican intellectual tradition has so much to offer the Church and the world."



3 Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum)

Rome, Italy

Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P.

Installed as Rector Magnificus
September 14, 2021

A native of southeastern Georgia, Fr. Thomas Joseph White converted to the Catholic faith as an undergraduate at Brown University.

After earning his doctorate in theology at the University of Oxford, Fr. Thomas Joseph entered the Order of Preachers in 2003. He taught for many years at the Dominican House of Studies, where he was the founding director of the Thomistic Institute. Fr. Thomas Joseph is a member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas and the author of many books on Thomistic Theology and Christology.

Fr. Thomas Joseph now leads the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, known as the Angelicum, where the young Karol Wojtyła earned his doctorate before he was elected Pope. He sees his appointment as Rector Magnificus as an opportunity to serve the whole Church and to advance the mission of the Order: "to seek the truth, and to communicate with truth, charity, and in the light of Christ."



Following a springtime retreat on Ender's Island in Connecticut, students from the Brown-RISD Catholic Community take a group photo with their chaplain, Fr. Justin Bolger, O.P.



Seeking Truth in the Ivy League

The Brown-RISD Catholic Community

In Providence, Rhode Island, the presence of Dominican friars has long been felt through their leadership of Providence College. In the same city, they also run a Catholic chaplaincy for the nearby secular schools, a ministry designed to serve both Brown University, a member of the Ivy League, and the Rhode Island School of Design, a prestigious private art school. The Brown-RISD Catholic Community, known as the “BRCC,” has proven itself as a vital pathway for Catholics looking to deepen their faith in the context of their intellectual formation, and for many Catholic-curious students who have recently joined the faith.

Two intellectual leaders and friars featured in the previous article in this magazine, Fr. Albert Duggan, O.P. and Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P., earned their undergraduate degrees from Brown. When Brown’s Catholic chaplaincy was entrusted to the Province of St. Joseph in 2015, Fr. Albert returned to his alma mater to serve as its first Dominican chaplain.

We spoke with Fr. Justin Bolger, O.P., the current chaplain of the Brown-RISD Catholic Community, about his role in the formation and accompaniment of college students. Through hands-on involvement and intellectual leadership, Fr. Justin

and his staff make sure to provide their students with everything a Catholic needs, including daily Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, OCIA, weekly lectures on theological and philosophical topics, Bible studies, book clubs, works of mercy, pro-life work, readings groups, the Thomistic Institute, and retreats.

The Presence of the Church Leads Towards Truth

Fr. Justin describes that “The students at Brown and RISD are bright and looking for solid answers to their questions about God, truth, friendship, and a solid path to happiness. As

Dominicans we emphasize saving truth. And of course we experience truth in different ways: in prayer, scripture, studies, friendship, art, service.”

Among the students there are differing personalities with differing needs: “Some [students] are looking for intellectual answers, and our patrimony has what they’re looking for. Some desire community: our weekly Monday night event features dinner, a lecture, and Compline [to fill and feed] their hearts and minds. There are different on-ramps to the faith, so we try to offer a range of experiences that will hopefully pique interest and lead students closer to the Truth.”

On a college campus, organic outreach comes first. “Students find out about the BRCC in the usual ways: social media, personal invitations, and the occasions when we table at resource and club fairs,” Fr. Justin says. “I also often interact with students walking around campus in my habit, in the cafeterias, at student concerts, or athletic events.”

Fr. Justin and the BRCC staff were well positioned to handle a recent on-campus tragedy: “I think what’s most helpful about the BRCC is presence. First, there is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. But the Chaplain, staff, student leaders, and the Center are also available, and students find solace in this. I know that during this past year, which was particularly tragic given the shooting on campus—one of the victims regularly joined our Catholic community for worship and fellowship—many students, Catholic or not, appreciated the regular presence of our community as a place of hope and friendship.”

Dominican Intellectual Influence

When you put a Dominican friar in charge of a college ministry, it is natural to wonder how he is influencing them intellectually. “Students enjoy the thought of Aquinas, of course,

and I enjoy introducing students to the Thomistic tradition. We’ve been reading Peter Kreeft’s newest edition of *A Shorter Summa* recently for our weekly book club. We spent a few weeks just discussing Aquinas’ Five Ways, his arguments for the existence of God.” He also mentioned Rene Girard, C.S. Lewis, and commentator Matthew Crawford as thinkers that are crossing the desks of his students.

But the BRCC is not just a Catholic book club. The rigorous intellectual life and the search for truth have led many students providentially to Christ. The community logged its biggest OCIA class ever last year, with twelve baptisms and seventeen confirmations. The BRCC is directly Dominican-led: “Our OCIA classes meet on Sunday afternoons beginning in the fall and I teach them. I also meet with students 1-1 on a regular basis to discuss the faith or for make-up classes. An exciting part of the OCIA ministry at the BRCC is that the student population is international, and belief backgrounds are diverse. We have converts from Buddhism, Hinduism, and atheism. So it’s a privilege to be able to walk with these students coming from different belief backgrounds and introduce them to the truth of Jesus and the Catholic Church.”

Why is the college chaplaincy seeing such success? Fr. Justin has a simple answer, which lies in the Dominican focus on the mind, and truth. “Dominicans have always been present on campuses [and] working with young people. St. Dominic sent the friars to the universities of the early 13th century... it was there where we first flourished, so it’s our natural habitat. We enjoy the pursuit of truth and introducing students to the saving truth of Christ and our Catholic patrimony. We are blessed with so many riches: liturgical, intellectual, artistic, spiritual. And as Dominicans on college campuses we get to provide a place where students can access these riches and be set free by that.” ✠

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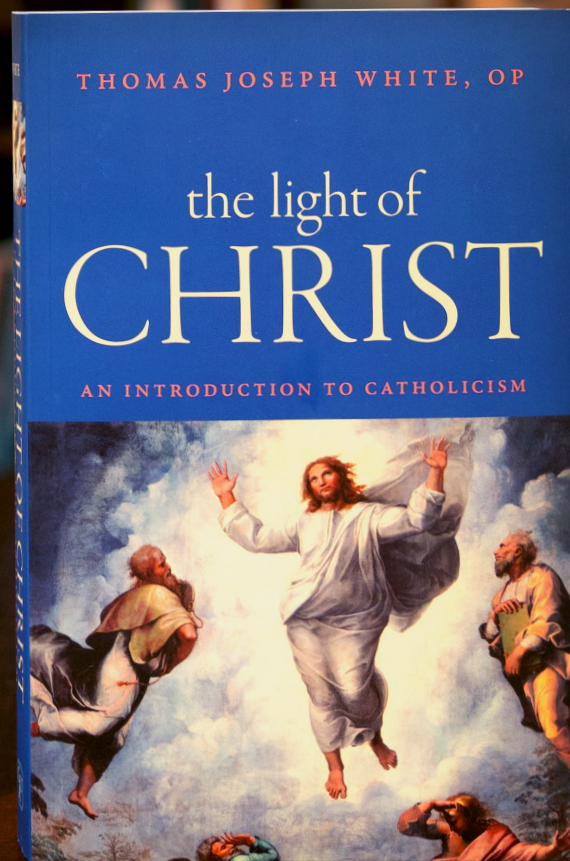
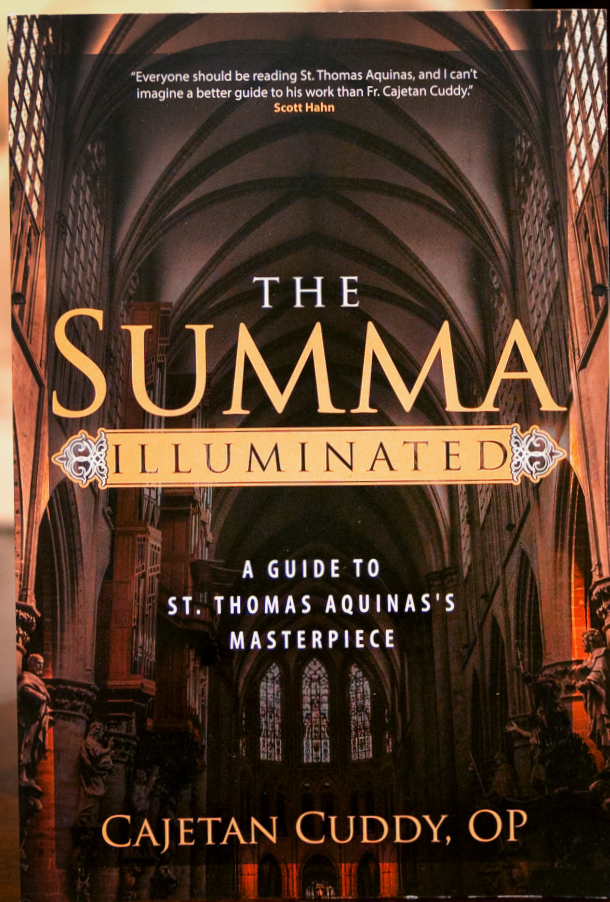
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From the Friars' Bookshelf

The Light of Christ: An Introduction to Catholicism

Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P.

Catholic University of America Press, 2017

In *The Light of Christ*, Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P., lays out the architectural shape of Catholicism in a single, digestible book. In the manner of the late Pope Benedict XVI's *Introduction to Christianity*, Fr. Thomas Joseph guides us through the great Christian doctrines: the knowledge of God, the mystery of the Trinity, the Incarnation, the sacraments, the moral life, and finally eschatology and prayer. He also discusses modern apologetical issues, such as how faith should respond to the evidence of hard science, what the historical study of Jesus can tell us, and

what modern relevance the Church has to the contemporary Christian.

Fr. Thomas Joseph draws on a range of weighty theological sources, St. Thomas Aquinas chief among them, but he does not write for specialists. The reader who wants a compact but serious summary of Catholicism will find everything they are looking for.

"This is a book that offers itself as a companion," Fr. Thomas Joseph writes, "I do not presume to argue the reader into the truths of the Catholic faith, though I will make arguments. My goal is to make explicit in a

few broad strokes the shape of Catholicism. I hope to outline its inherent intelligibility or form as a mystery that is at once visible and invisible, ancient and contemporary, mystical and reasonable."

Fr. Thomas Joseph serves as the Rector Magnificus of the Angelicum in Rome, where he teaches these topics in much greater depth to future priests and theologians. His book *The Light of Christ* is the perfect gift for a friend who wants a serious introduction to Catholicism that they can work through at their own pace.

The Summa Illuminated: A Guide to St. Thomas Aquinas's Masterpiece

Fr. Cajetan Cuddy, O.P.

Ave Maria Press, 2026

Many a serious Catholic reader has, at some point, taken the *Summa Theologiae* off the shelf, read three or four articles, and put it back. The difficulty is rarely in the content, but because St. Thomas Aquinas wrote for students who already knew his vocabulary, his method, and where any given question sat within the whole. *The Summa Illuminated*, by Fr. Cajetan Cuddy, O.P., is a guide through the depths, intricacies, and principles of Aquinas's great masterpiece.

Fr. Cuddy, who teaches at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., and serves as the

general editor of the Encyclopedia of Catholic Theology, is among the Church's foremost interpreters of Aquinas. In his book, he walks the reader through the structure of the Summa in the order St. Thomas himself laid out: Part I treats God and creation; Part II discusses the human person's movement toward God through law, grace, and the virtues; and Part III ends the book with Jesus Christ and the sacraments. As each part is explained in detail, Fr. Cuddy ensures that its place within the unified whole is also clear.

Through *The Summa Illuminated*,

readers come to understand that Aquinas's original is not an encyclopedia to be consulted at random but a single, ordered account of everything coming from God and returning to Him. Indeed, it is a meditation on God's action written with unusual clarity.

The Summa Illuminated is short, at 171 pages, and it is meant to be read alongside the Summa rather than in place of it. For anyone who has wanted to read St. Thomas and never known where to begin, this is a wonderful place to start.



A Legacy of Forming Future Preachers

The renewal of the Church begins with the renewal of hearts and minds—one faithful life, one generous act, one enduring legacy at a time. For Edward Dickey and his late wife, Susan, supporting the Dominican Friars has been a natural expression of the faith that shaped their lives together.

Married for 61 years, Edward and Susan built a life rooted in family, service, and the Church. They met in graduate school at Northwestern University where he earned a doctorate in economics and she a master's in music. They married soon after and raised their two sons in Baltimore's Guilford neighborhood as devoted parishioners of SS. Philip and James Parish.

Susan, a gifted music educator, devoted wife and mother, and tireless volunteer, taught generations

of students at the Gilman School while quietly serving Christ through parish life, prison ministry, and outreach to the poor and sick. Edward spent his career in government, including 25 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, before continuing as a consultant to public and private clients.

Their shared love for the Church naturally extended to the Dominican Friars, and inspired their involvement with their parish. Edward remains active in parish ministry, serving as the chair of the Parish Council and leading the monthly men's group—men young and old who gather for prayer, conversation, and fellowship rooted in a shared faith.

Inspired by the Order's commitment to preaching the Gospel and forming future priests



and brothers, they chose—in addition to their ongoing support—to include the Dominican Friars Foundation in their estate plans as members of the St. Dominic Legacy Society.

“Of all the challenges facing the Church today,” shares Edward, “I believe the most pressing is personnel and properly preparing future priests. We have witnessed firsthand the tremendous impact of the Dominican Friars in both our parish and the broader community, and how they support the greater Church. It is truly powerful to witness and deeply inspiring to support!”

Following Susan’s passing, the Foundation received a generous gift through her IRA beneficiary designation. Together with Edward’s continued support, that gift is already forming

Dominican Friars who will preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and accompany souls for generations to come.

Edward encourages others not to wait: “The future is uncertain, and you never know when you may no longer be able to make important decisions. That’s why it is so important to make your intentions known now. Whether through your IRA, your will, or another planned gift, you can always update your plans—but there is no time like the present.”

He continues, “We wanted to help ensure that the Dominicans continue to form well-qualified, committed, and deeply educated priests who can preach the truth, grow the faith, and inspire the renewal of the mind, especially in a time of such confusion.” ❧



Fr. Vincent Bernhard, O.P., poses with a group of students during his chaplaincy for FOCUS Summer Projects in Big Sky, Montana, a 10-week intensive Catholic formation program for undergraduate college students.



Fr. John Paul Walker, O.P. stands with St. Gertrude parish young adults at One-Eyed Jack's in Cincinnati, Ohio after a Drinking with the Dominicans event. The theme of the talk was "Trust the Vibes: Making Good Decisions in an Emotional World."



Student brothers Br. Barnabas Wilson, O.P.; Br. Peter Goyette, O.P.; and Br. Cassian Iozzo, O.P. give a talk in Long Beach, New York as part of their Godward summer preaching series "Being Real: the Way to Happiness."



Retreatants pray in union with friars as all gather around a grotto dedicated to Our Lady during a summer Godsplaining Retreat in Louisville, KY.



The friar-hosts of the Godsplaining podcast pose with retreatants after the All-Comers Godsplaining Retreat in Louisville, Kentucky.



Fr. Paul Marich, O.P. preaches at a Theology on the Homestead event in a parishioner's backyard near St. Patrick's Parish in Columbus, Ohio.



The Hillbilly Thomists play a show in Baltimore, Maryland, inside the parish hall at SS. Philip and James Church as part of their Summer 2026 "Strange Land" Tour.



Fr. Raphael Arteaga, O.P. celebrates his first Mass as a newly ordained priest at Misión San Andrés in Silver Spring, Maryland.

BUILDING a LEGACY

For more than 800 years, the Dominican Friars have proclaimed the Truth that renews minds and leads souls to Christ. This mission continues because of faithful friends like you!

A planned gift is a meaningful way to ensure that that work continues for generations to come.

By remembering the Dominican Friars Foundation in your estate plans, you create a lasting legacy that will help form future preachers and sustain ministries that bring the light of the Gospel to countless people.

By making a gift through your will, a beneficiary designation, appreciated assets, an IRA charitable gift (Qualified Charitable Distribution), or another planned giving vehicle, you can advance the Dominican mission while meeting your personal, financial, and estate-planning goals.

The Saint Dominic Legacy Society

If you have already included the Dominican Friars Foundation in your estate plans, please let us know. We would be honored to welcome you into the St. Dominic Legacy Society and remember you in prayer as a true partner in the Dominican mission of preaching for the salvation of souls.

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of your mind, that you
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of God, what is good and
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