

CLOISTER CHRONICLE

On February 2nd, four student brothers professed Solemn Vows in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, promising to live the Dominican life until death.

The Thomistic Institute hosted its spring Thomistic Circles conference, “On Sacrifice and the Virtue of Religion,” on the weekend of March 1st–2nd. Speakers included Prof. Reinhard Huetter (The Catholic University of America), Fr. Dominic Langevin, O.P. (Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception), Prof. Gary Anderson (University of Notre Dame), and Fr. David Meconi, S.J. (St. Louis University).

Eight student brothers were ordained to the Order of Deacons on March 16th by the Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

On May 25th, six student brothers were ordained as Priests of Jesus Christ by the Most Rev. Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

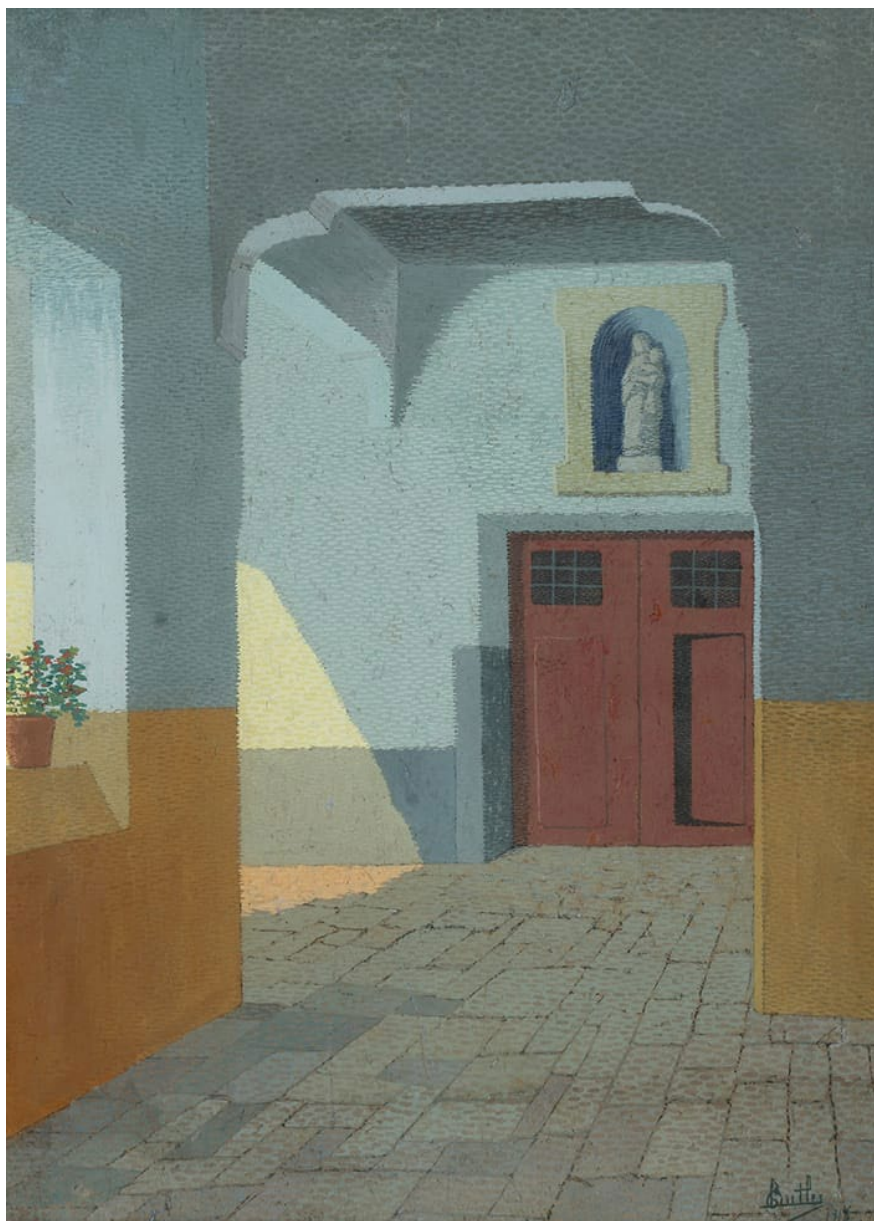
Maintenance and new improvements came to the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, the academic wing of the Dominican House of Studies, this summer. The most notable is a Dominican-colored, black and white checker-designed floor with the seal of the Faculty in the center that now graces the second floor. These improvements make the space more suitable for academic conferences.

The Dominican Order held an Elective General Chapter this summer in Biên Hoà, Vietnam. General Chapters occur once every three years, gathering representatives from every Dominican province to decide on legislation for the Order. Elective General Chapters, however, occur only every nine years to select a Master of the Order for a nine year term. The Chapter elected Fr. Gerard Francisco Parco Timoner III to serve as the 87th successor to St. Dominic. Father Timoner, a member of Province of the Philippines, where he has served as Prior Provincial, is a respected theologian whom Pope Francis named a member of the International Theological Commission in 2014.

This academic year, the Thomistic Institute launched a free online video course called “Aquinas 101” that serves as an introduction to the thought of St. Thomas. The Thomistic Institute will progressively publish 85–90 short videos (with accompanying readings, suggested podcasts, and further resources) that help one to grasp the essentials of St. Thomas’s thought. You can find all this material at thomisticinstitute.org.

On the weekend of September 6th–7th, the Thomistic Institute hosted its fall Thomistic Circles conference, “Salvation in Christ.” Speakers included Prof. Marcus Plested (Marquette University), Fr. Robert Imbelli (Boston College), Fr. Khaled Anatolios (University of Notre Dame), Fr. Dominic Legge, O.P. (Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception), and Prof. Rik van Nieuwenhove (Durham University).

Br. Justin Bolger, O.P. was ordained to the Order of Deacons on September 7th by the Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



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