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L'eredità tommasiana del Beato Giovanni Paolo II e la rifondazione della Pontificia Accademia di S. Tommaso d'Aquino



The Thomistic legacy in Blessed John Paul II and his refounding of the Pontifical Academy of St Thomas Aquinas

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To carry out the wishes expressed in my Encyclical Letter *Fides et ratio*, I considered it opportune to revise the Statutes of the Pontifical Academy of St Thomas, in order to make it an effective instrument for the Church and for all humanity. At the dawn of the third millennium, many cultural conditions have changed. Very significant progress has been made in the field of anthropology, but above all substantial changes have occurred in the very way of understanding the human being's condition in relation to God, to other human beings and to all creation. First of all, the greatest challenge of our age comes from a growing separation

between faith and reason, between the Gospel and culture. The studies dedicated to this immense area are increasing day by day in the context of the new evangelization. Indeed, the message of salvation encounters many obstacles stemming from erroneous concepts and a serious lack of adequate formation. In

these cultural circumstances of the present day, it seems appropriate, indeed necessary, for this Academy to serve as a central and international *forum* for studying St Thomas' teaching better and more carefully, so that the metaphysical realism of the *actus essendi* which pervades all the Angelic Doctor's philosophy and theology can enter into dialogue with the many directions in today's research and doctrine.

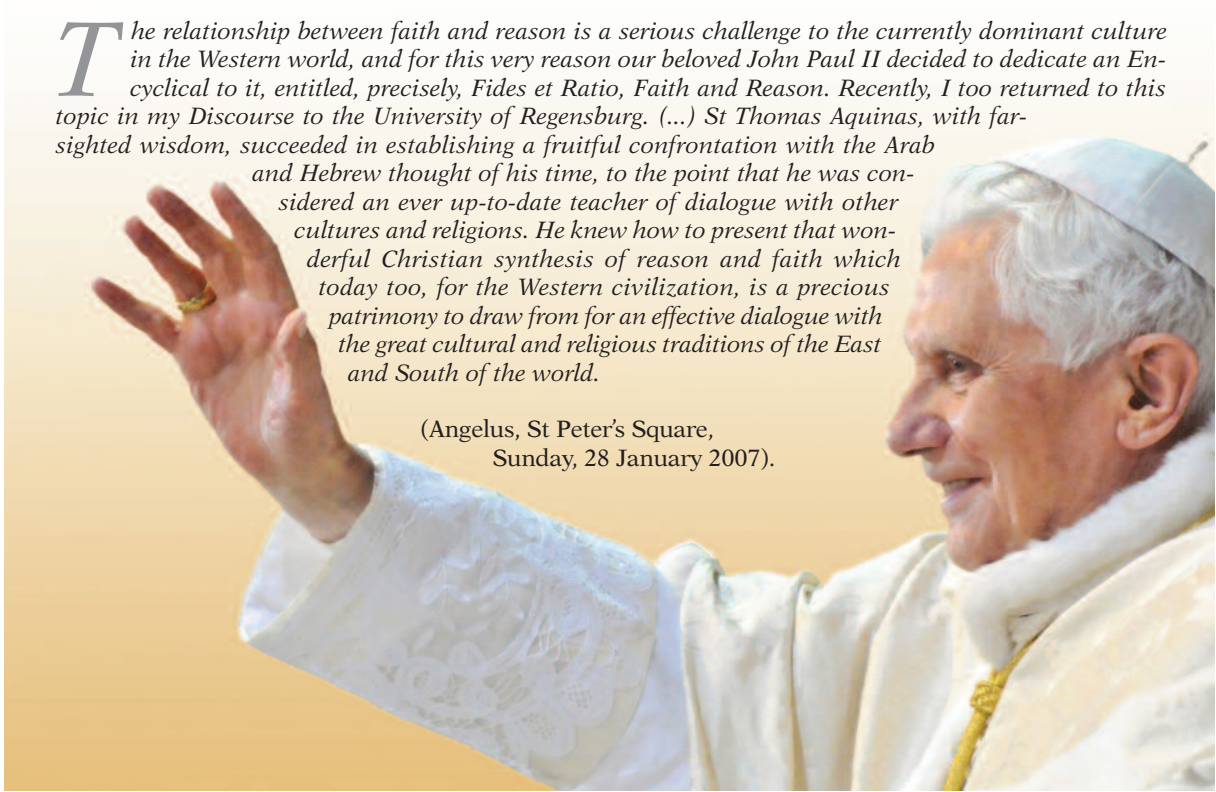


JOHN PAUL II, APOSTOLIC LETTER *INTER MUNERA ACADEMIARUM*, FOR PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE

“ *Oportet veritatem esse ultimum finem totius universi* (ScG 1.1) ”

The relationship between faith and reason is a serious challenge to the currently dominant culture in the Western world, and for this very reason our beloved John Paul II decided to dedicate an Encyclical to it, entitled, precisely, *Fides et Ratio*, Faith and Reason. Recently, I too returned to this topic in my Discourse to the University of Regensburg. (...) St Thomas Aquinas, with far-sighted wisdom, succeeded in establishing a fruitful confrontation with the Arab and Hebrew thought of his time, to the point that he was considered an ever up-to-date teacher of dialogue with other cultures and religions. He knew how to present that wonderful Christian synthesis of reason and faith which today too, for the Western civilization, is a precious patrimony to draw from for an effective dialogue with the great cultural and religious traditions of the East and South of the world.

(Angelus, St Peter's Square,
Sunday, 28 January 2007).



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Il beato Giovanni Paolo II ha cambiato il corso della storia analogamente a quanto prima di Lui avevano fatto Gregorio il grande e Leone il grande. Non solo ha liberato l'Europa dall'ideologia e prassi comunista ma in forza del Suo Magistero, della Sua preghiera, delle Sue idee e della Sua azione, Egli è riuscito a traghettare la Chiesa nel terzo millennio con rinnovato dinamismo apostolico. Come Egli dichiara, "fin dagli inizi del mio Pontificato, non ho lasciato passare occasione propizia senza richiamare l'eccelsa figura di San Tommaso", il Doctor Communis della Chiesa. A corollario dell'enciclica *Fides et ratio*, che reinterpreta nell'orizzonte della modernità il pensiero dell'Aquinate riguardo ai temi trascendentali della verità, del bene e dell'essere, il beato Giovanni Paolo II ha voluto rifondare la Pontificia Accademia di San Tommaso per renderla più attiva e partecipe nel programma della nuova evangelizzazione. In ottemperanza alla beatificazione di Giovanni Paolo II celebrata da Benedetto XVI, la Pontificia Accademia di San Tommaso d'Aquino desidera riconoscere questa mirabile opera non solo per profondo senso di gratitudine, ma anche in segno di impegno e di missione. In occasione della festività di San Pietro e San Paolo, la celebrazione romana e cattolica del Santo Padre, la Pontificia Accademia di San Tommaso, invita tutti i suoi Accademici e i testimoni del pontificato di Giovanni Paolo II, a unirsi alla preghiera e alla celebrazione di Benedetto XVI felicemente regnante, e a riflettere sullo speciale rapporto fra San Tommaso e il beato Giovanni Paolo II, i celesti patroni dell'Accademia.

The Blessed John Paul II changed the course of history on a par with Gregory the Great and Leo the Great. Not only did He free Europe from the communist ideology and praxis, but, thanks to the strengths of his Magisterium, his prayers, his ideas and actions, He ferried the Church into the Third Millennium with renewed apostolic dynamism. As He affirms, "since the beginning of my Pontificate, I've never missed any propitious opportunity to recall the unique figure of St Thomas", the *Doctor Communis* of the Church. Indeed, in the wake of the Encyclical *Fides et ratio*, which reinterprets in the context of modernity Aquinas' thought on the transcendental themes of truth, good and being, the Blessed John Paul II decided to refound the Pontifical Academy of St Thomas in order to give it a more active role in the programme of the new evangelization. Therefore, in compliance with the Beatification of Pope John Paul II by Pope Benedict XVI, the Pontifical Academy of St Thomas would like to recognize this admirable work not only out of gratefulness but also as a commitment and mission. On the occasion of the feast day of Sts Peter and Paul, the Roman and Catholic celebration of the Holy Father, the Pontifical Academy of St Thomas invites all of its Academicians, and all those who witnessed John Paul II's pontificate, to unite in prayer and in the celebration of the happily reigning Benedict XVI, and to reflect on the special relationship between St Thomas and the blessed John Paul II, the heavenly patrons of the Academy.



PROGRAMME

Friday, 29 June

15:00	<p><i>Word of Welcome</i></p> <p>◆ Msgr. Prof. Lluís Clavell President of the Academy</p>
15:15	<p>Panel: LA RIFONDAZIONE DELLA PONTIFICIA ACCADEMIA DI SAN TOMMASO / THE REFOUNDING OF THE PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF ST THOMAS</p> <p>◆ H.Em. Card. Paul Poupard <i>Il rinnovamento della Pontificia Accademia di S.Tommaso dopo l'enciclica Fides et ratio / The renewal of the Pontifical Academy of St Thomas after the Encyclical Fides et ratio</i></p> <p>◆ H.Em. Card. Gianfranco Ravasi <i>Continuità e rinnovamento dell'Accademia sotto Benedetto XVI / Continuity and renewal of the Academy under Benedict XVI</i></p> <p>◆ H.E. Msgr. Javier Echevarría <i>Il ruolo della dottrina di San Tommaso nella formazione cristiana / ...</i></p>
16:00	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
16:30	Break
16:50	<p>Panel: <i>FIDES ET RATIO</i></p> <p>◆ H.Em. Card. Georges M.M. Cottier <i>Fede e ragione nell'insegnamento del Beato Giovanni Paolo II / Faith and reason in the Blessed John Paul II's teaching</i></p> <p>◆ Prof. Enrico Berti <i>Il discorso di S. Paolo all'Aeropago di Atene come modello della Fides et ratio / St Paul's address to the Aeropagus in Athens as a model of Fides et ratio</i></p> <p>◆ H.E. Msgr. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo <i>Dalla fede alla ragione e dalla ragione alla fede / From faith to reason and from reason to faith</i></p>
17:35	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
18:00	Break
18:15	<p>Panel: <i>LABOREM EXERCENS</i></p> <p>◆ H.Em. Card. Giovanni Battista Re <i>Preghiera e azione nel Beato Giovanni Paolo II / Prayer and action in the Blessed John Paul II</i></p> <p>◆ H.Em. Card. Francis George <i>Il lavoro e l'uomo / Work and the Human Subject</i></p>
18:45	<p>Panel: <i>FIGLI DI DIO E FIGLI DEL PADRE</i></p> <p>◆ Rev. Msgr. Fernando Ocáriz <i>La dottrina della filiazione divina di S.T. nel Catechismo / ...</i></p> <p>◆ Rev. Dr. Jarosław Kupczak, O.P. <i>L'Aquinata nella vita del Beato Giovanni Paolo II / Thomas Aquinas in the life of the Blessed John Paul II</i></p>
19:15	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
19:45	<i>General Discussion</i>
20:15	Dinner at the Casina Pio IV

Saturday, 30 June

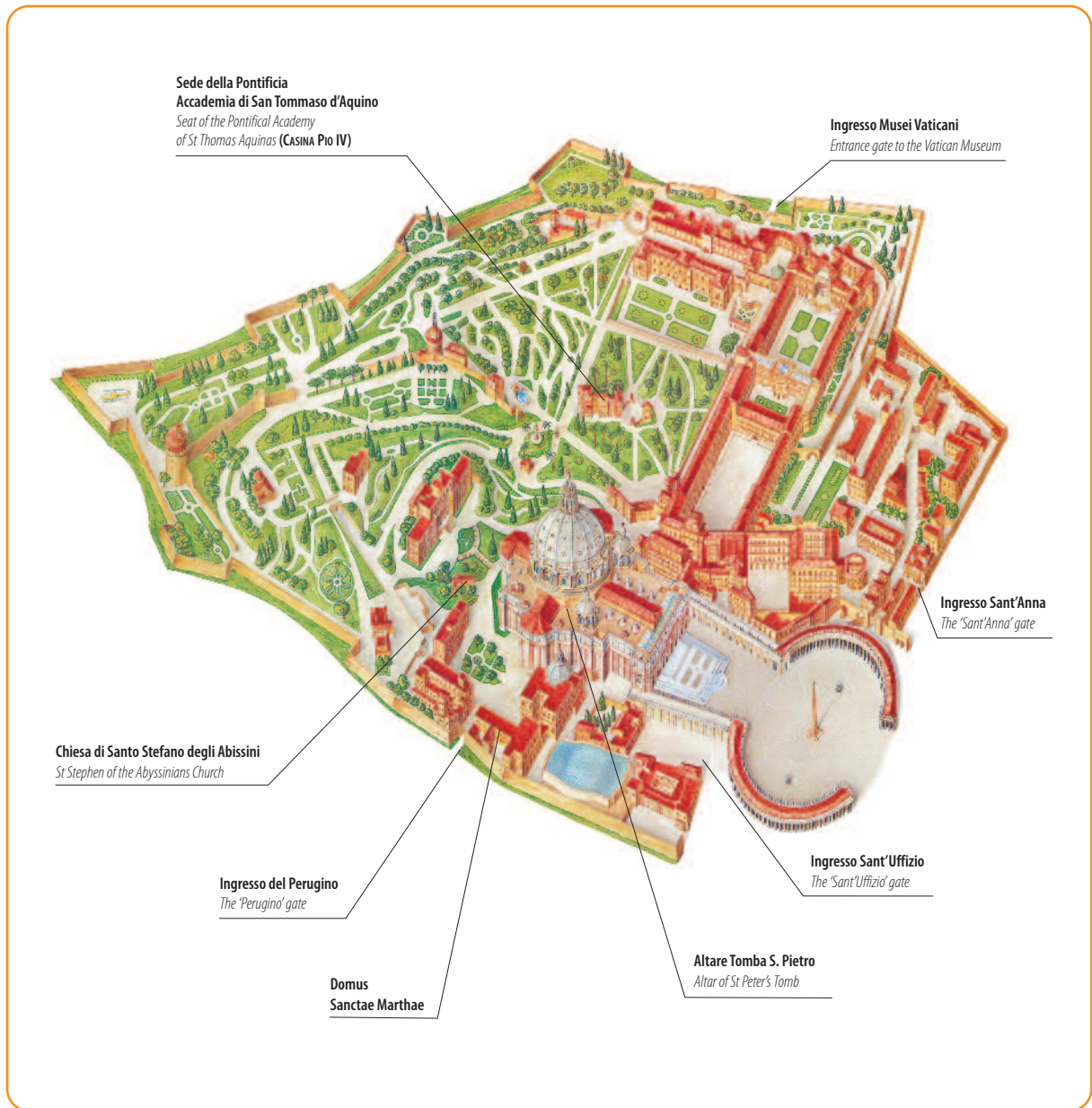
9:00	<p>Panel: PRESENZA DELL'AQUINATE NEL CATECHISMO DELLA CHIESA CATTOLICA / PRESENCE OF THOMAS AQUINAS IN THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p>◆ Msgr. Prof. John F. Wippel <i>San Tommaso d'Aquino come Doctor Communis / St Thomas Aquinas as Doctor Communis</i></p> <p>◆ Rev. Fr. Romanus Cessario, O.P. <i>Aquinas in the Catechism of the Catholic Church</i></p>
9:30	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
10:00	Break
10:15	<p>Panel: VERITATIS SPLENDOR</p> <p>◆ Rev. Prof. Wojciech Giertych, O.P. <i>La presenza di S. Tommaso in Veritatis splendor / St Thomas' presence in Veritatis splendor</i></p> <p>◆ Rev. Prof. Julio Raúl Méndez <i>La dottrina tommasiana del bene in VS / The Thomistic doctrine of good in VS</i></p> <p>◆ Prof. Aldo Vendemiati <i>Coscienza e verità nell'Enciclica VS / Conscience and truth in VS</i></p>
11:00	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
11:30	Break
11:45	<p>Panel: EVANGELIUM VITAE</p> <p>◆ H.E. Msgr. Ignacio Carrasco de Paula <i>La presenza di S. Tommaso nell'Enciclica Evangelium vitae / The presence of St Thomas in the Encyclical Evangelium vitae</i></p> <p>◆ H. Em. Card. Dionigi Tettamanzi ...</p>
12:15	<p>Panel: ORIENTALE LUMEN</p> <p>◆ H.Em. Card. Leonardo Sandri ...</p> <p>◆</p>
12:45	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
13:15	Lunch at the Casina Pio IV
15:00	<p>Panel: MATRIMONIO E FAMIGLIA IN GIOVANNI PAOLO II / MARRIAGE AND FAMILY IN JOHN PAUL II</p> <p>◆ H.Em. Card. Ennio Antonelli <i>La famiglia progetto e l'immagine di Dio</i></p> <p>◆ H.Em. Card. Daniel N. DiNardo ...</p> <p>◆ Prof. Pia F. De Solenni ...</p>
15:45	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
16:15	Break
16:30	<p>Panel: LA VOCAZIONE CRISTIANA ALLA SANTITÀ / CHRISTIAN VOCATION TO HOLINESS</p> <p>◆ H.Em. Card. Angelo Sodano <i>La vocazione alla partecipazione del sacerdozio di Cristo / The vocation to the participate in Christ's ministry</i></p> <p>◆ H.E. Msgr. Francesco Moraglia ...</p> <p>◆ Rev. Prof. Inos Biffi <i>La vocazione del teologo cristiano / The vocation of the Christian theologian</i></p> <p>◆ Dr. John P. Hittinger <i>La vocazione del filosofo cristiano / The vocation of the Christian philosopher</i></p>



17:15	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
17:45	Break
18:00	<i>Closed Session</i>
19:30	<i>Council Meeting</i>
20:00	Dinner at the Casina Pio IV

Sunday, 1 July

8:00	Holy Mass. H.Em. Card. Bertone
9:00	Panel: LA PROIEZIONE SOCIALE DELL'INSEGNAMENTO DEL BEATO GIOVANNI PAOLO II / THE SOCIAL PROJECTION OF THE BLESSED JOHN PAUL II'S TEACHING ◆ H.Em. Card. Elio Sgreccia <i>L'impatto del Magistero di G.P. II nel tema della vita</i> ◆ Prof. F. Russell Hittinger <i>John Paul II and Social Doctrine</i> ◆ H.E. Amb. Hanna Suchocka ... ◆ Prof. Rocco Buttiglione ...
9:45	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
10:15	Break
10:30	Panel: L'EDUCAZIONE CRISTIANA / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ◆ Prof. Enrique Martínez <i>La educación cristiana per quandam connaturalitatem</i> ◆ H.E. Msgr. J. Augustine Di Noia, O.P. <i>La crisi della verità nei seminari e nelle università / The Crisis of Truth in Seminaries and Universities</i> ◆ H.E. Msgr. Héctor R. Aguer <i>La providencia educativa de la familia</i>
11:15	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
11:45	Break
12:00	Panel: LA QUESTIONE ANTROPOLOGICA COME PRAEAMBULA FIDEI / THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL QUESTION AS PRAEAMBULA FIDEI ◆ Prof. Michael Waldstein <i>The Gift of Self as Praeambula Fidei and as Trinitarian Mystery: A Fundamental Thomasian Theme Unfolded by St John of the Cross and Blessed John Paul II</i> ◆ Prof. Angelo Campodonico <i>Note su Persona e atto di Karol Woytila</i> ◆ Rev. Prof. Stephen L. Brock <i>Spirituality and Hylemorphism</i>
12:45	<i>Comments and Discussion</i>
13:15	<i>Final Remarks</i> ◆ Msgr. Prof. Lluís Clavell
13:30	Lunch at the Casina Pio IV



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