

The Blessed Margaret of Castello Dominican Family Conference - May 21-22 2021
Sponsored by the Center for Dominican Studies - Aquinas Institute of Theology
& the Priestly Fraternity of St. Dominic - Mary Mediatrix Evansville Chapter

A Gathering of the Dominican Family in Saint Louis, MO under the patronage of Blessed Margaret of Castello OP. Members of the Dominican family and all guests are welcome to attend the free event either in-person or online.

Schedule: (all times Central USA Time Zone)

Friday, May 21, 2021

3:00 pm Registration & Check-in
Aquinas Institute of Theology 23 S. Spring Avenue St Louis MO 63108

3:30 pm **Welcome & “Blessed Margaret of Castello OP”**
Br. John Steilberg OP - Promoter for the Laity Province of St Albert the Great and Executive Director of Operations at Aquinas Institute of Theology

4:00 pm **Fr. Michael Mascari OP, PhD**
“Dominican Study”

Dominican Father Michael Mascari serves as Academic Dean and Vice President of Aquinas Institute, from which he graduated in 1987 with an M.Div and an M.A. in Theology. In 2003 he was elected as Prior Provincial of the Province of Saint Albert the Great. In 2012, he served the Order as the Socius for the Intellectual Life, President of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome (Angelicum), as a member of the Conseil scientifique, École biblique et archéologique française (Jerusalem), and as President of the Order's Permanent Commission for the Promotion of Studies. In addition to his academic degrees from Aquinas Institute of Theology, Fr. Michael holds a Ph.D. in Early Christian Studies from the Catholic University of America (1996), a J.D. from DePaul University School of Law (1978), and an A.B. degree in history from Georgetown University (1975).

5:00 pm Small Group Discussion

5:30 pm Evening Prayer and Rosary
Preacher (Lay Dominican):

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6:00 pm Dinner Break - Aquinas Institute Commons
(provided by a generous benefactor)

7:00 pm **Sr. Sara Fairbanks OP, PhD**

“The Art of Liturgical Preaching”

Sr. Fairbanks is the Associate Professor of Theology and Preaching at Aquinas Institute of Theology. She achieved a PhD from the University of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, an MA from Aquinas Institute of Theology, and a BA from Wilson College. Sr. Fairbanks is a Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan. Before coming to Aquinas Institute of Theology, Dr. Fairbanks taught at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. Sr. Fairbanks' areas of expertise are homiletics, theology of lay ecclesial ministry, theology of preaching, practical theology, and Christian anthropology.

8:00 pm Small Group Discussion

8:30 pm Compline

Saturday, May 22, 2021

7:45 am Continental Breakfast provided by the Saint Louis Chapter
Dominican Laity

8:15 am Morning Prayer
Preacher (Lay Dominican):

8:45 am **Dr. Hilary Finley PhD**

“The Importance of Literature in our Life of Faith”

Dr. Hilary Finley is a professor in the Department of Catholic Studies at Saint Louis University. Dr. Finley received her Doctorate in Literature from the University of Dallas, after receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Catholic Culture from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. She has taught English Literature for Holy Apostles College, including courses on Novel and Poetry, and Catholic English Literature, and she offers occasional lectures on various aspects of literature. Hilary lives in St. Louis with her husband and three children.

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9:45 am Small Group Discussion

10:15 am Break

10:30 am **Dr. Kevin Vost**

“Hounds of the Lord”

Dr. Kevin Vost, Psy D. is the author of numerous articles and twenty-one published books including *Hounds of the Lord*, *Memorize the Faith*, *The Seven Deadly Sins*, *The One Minute Aquinas*, with three more books on the way. He has taught psychology at the University of Illinois at Springfield, Aquinas College in Nashville, Lincoln Land Community College, and MacMurray College. His website is Drvost.com. A self-styled Aristotelian /Stoic /Albertine /Thomist, he lives with his wife and two sons in Springfield, IL. Dr. Vost travels the globe sharing themes of faith, philosophy, and fitness on radio, television, and in live presentations.

11:30 am Lunch (on your own) and transition to the Ordination Ceremony.

1:00 pm Ordination of Dominican friars by Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski

2:30 pm Reception following ordinations at St Dominic Priory -
3407 Lafayette Ave St Louis MO 63104

*All in-person conference attendees are invited to the reception.

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To register for the in-person session in Saint Louis:
email Br John Steilberg OP at steilberg@ai.edu.

COVID Protocols: Currently:

- Per St. Louis City guidelines, those who are not yet fully vaccinated are required to wear facial masks while inside the building.
- Wash hands frequently.

Parking:

For those attending in person, parking is available on Spring Avenue and Forest Park. You may consider parking in the Saint Louis University Laclede garage only a ½ a block away.

Hotel:

I suggest looking at the newly opened Element Hotel; it is less than 100 yards from Aquinas Institute. <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/stlel-element-st-louis-midtown/>

Meals:

The St Louis Chapter of Dominican Laity has graciously agreed to provide us with a light breakfast on Saturday morning and a member of the Lay Dominicans has graciously offered to purchase Friday evening's dinner. For other meals, there are many food options within easy walking distance to Aquinas Institute.

Remote participants:

We are encouraging those who are unable to be present in St Louis to find a way to gather as a community in your area. A zoom link (webinar) is provided below for all of the presentations and communal prayer sessions. We also encourage each group to find creative ways to gather for the group discussion periods. Should your group want to gather remotely for the discussion periods online, please organize that on your own, either in person or using a separate remote access link.

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Inviting Others?

Please feel free to invite others to join us. Please share the link with all who may be interested.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Friday, May 21, 2021, & Saturday, May 22, 2021

Topic: Dominican Family Conference

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82140092430?pwd=U0w0anF6WE1YRHRGMTE1RFgxcGo3dz09>

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