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HONORING:

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski

Archbishop of St. Louis

AND

Fr. Paul Whittington, OP

Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish,
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac

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The Great Preacher Award

WHAT:

Established in 1995, the Great Preacher Award is presented to persons who embody the “Holy Preaching” which Dominicans understand as a comprehensive and dynamic response to God’s presence in our lives and in the world. We honor preachers who proclaim, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the coming and presence of the reign of God.

WHY:

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Aquinas Scholarship Fund which enables Aquinas Institute to offer financial aid to future preachers, teachers, and Church leaders, many of whom would be otherwise unable to pursue theological studies.

WHEN:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Cocktails and Dinner
and the Presentation of the Great Preacher Award

WHERE:

The event will be held at Hilton St. Louis Frontenac
1335 S Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63131

Why a Dog with a Torch in his Mouth?

A LITTLE DOMINICAN HAGIOGRAPHY

A dog with a burning torch in his mouth has long been associated with St. Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers. The story linking St. Dominic to a dog with a burning torch was first told in *The Golden Legend* (1260), a popular and widely read medieval text on the lives of the saints. In his account of the life of St. Dominic, Dominican friar Jacobus de Voragine tells us that Juana of Aza, the mother of St. Dominic, had a dream about her unborn child. In her dream, Juana “carried in her womb a little dog which held a lighted torch in his mouth, and when the dog came forth from her womb, he set fire to the world.” In time, this dream would come to be interpreted as a sign of St. Dominic’s call to set the world on fire preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yet another interpretation arose with a play on words between the Latin word for Dominican friar, *Dominicanus* and *domini canis*, translated in Latin as “dog of the Lord,” hence, the Dominicans are sometimes referred to as “dogs or hounds of the Lord barking out the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls.” Throughout the 800-years history of the Order of Preachers, a dog, often with black and white markings, like the black and white habit of the friars, can be seen holding a burning torch in his mouth, a clever and even humorous symbol of St. Dominic and his friars.



The Honorees

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski Archbishop of St. Louis

Archbishop Rozanski was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on Aug. 6, 1958, the first of three sons born to Alfred and Jean Rozanski. The family lived in Fells Point, Maryland, where they attended Holy Rosary Parish. After graduating from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School (Essex), he received his undergraduate degree from the Catholic University of America before entering the Theological College at the Catholic University of America, where he received seminary training. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1984 served for 20 years in parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

On July 3, 2004, Pope John Paul II appointed him Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He was ordained a bishop on Aug. 24, 2004 and at the time, he was the youngest bishop in the United States. In 2014, Pope Francis appointed him as bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Archbishop Rozanski serves on the board of Cross Catholic Outreach and is the Roman Catholic co-chair of the Polish National Catholic/Roman Catholic Dialogue, a position he's held since November 2017. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, the USCCB subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs and the National Catholic Partnership on Disability.

Archbishop Rozanski has served on the National Committee for the Protection of Youth and Young People, the National Advisory Council of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and the Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Committee of the USCCB. Archbishop Rozanski is a member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Northeast Lieutenantcy, and as episcopal moderator of the National Association of Holy Name Societies.

Archbishop Rozanski has served as the 10th Archbishop of St. Louis since Aug. 25, 2020. Since coming to St. Louis, the Archbishop has highlighted the need for greater evangelization.



Fr. Paul Whittington, OP Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Chicago, Illinois

Fr. Paul Whittington, O.P., the son of the late Charles and Nola Whittington, was born and raised in Marksville, Louisiana. The third of five children, he was educated by the Sisters of the Holy Family of New Orleans in his early years and attended the Divine Word Seminaries in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and East Troy, Wisconsin for high school. He graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana in 1990 with a B.A. in English Education.

Fr. Paul entered the novitiate of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans) in San Antonio, Texas, in 1990. He professed simple vows in 1991 as a member of the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great. He then moved to St. Louis, Missouri to begin theological studies at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in preparation for ordination to the priesthood.

Fr. Paul professed solemn vows in 1995 and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology in 1997 and was ordained to the priesthood in that same year. He began graduate studies at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois and graduated in 2002 with a M.A. degree in Educational Administration.

In his 25-plus years as a Dominican friar, Fr. Paul has served in various assignments; as a high school teacher and guidance counselor, and a pastor. In internal ministry to his religious community, he has served as Prior, Sub-Prior, Vicar for Healthcare, Director of the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude and Formation Director.

Fr. Paul currently serves as the Pastor of St. Katherine Drexel in Chicago. He is also the Promoter of Permanent Formation for the Province of St. Albert the Great. In this role, he is responsible for the continuing education and formation of all Dominican friars in the Province. Fr. Paul is a member of the Intellectual Life Commission of the Province and also serves as Secretary to the Provincial Council.

Fr. Paul is blessed with an anointing on his life. As his schedule permits, he travels around the country as a revivalist, retreat director, and parish supply priest.



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At the heart of all our programs is the unique Dominican approach to education that holds as its primary purpose a search for Veritas, the One who is Truth himself, our Lord Jesus, whom we seek to encounter in all our programs, coursework and campus life.

Aquinas Institute is a Center for Institutional Studies, designated by the Order of Preachers to form Dominican friars in order to carry out its mission of preaching the gospel for the salvation of every person. We serve two distinct, complementary constituencies: Dominican student brothers preparing for ordination to the priesthood and pastoral ministry, as well as priests, religious sisters, and lay men and women preparing for careers in service to the Christian community or advanced academic studies. We welcome diversity and those of other faith traditions. We offer multiple graduate degrees and certificate programs in a variety of formats to accommodate the needs of our students, and we are known for our signature programs in Health Care Mission and our Doctor of Ministry in Preaching.

Our life at Aquinas Institute is organized around what Dominicans call the “Holy Preaching.” We place our theological study at the service of the ministry of preaching, which is understood in a very broad sense, not as a discrete experience confined to a few minutes from the pulpit, but rather as an expression of our shared life where as a community, we seek to make a comprehensive and dynamic response to God’s presence in our lives and in the world. Aquinas is a close-knit community, where professors and students learn from one another and we seek God, engage in dialogue, and share life together; all leading towards our primary goal of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and in deed.

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