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Aquinas Convocation

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On January 28, 2010, over 300 participants gathered in the Matesich Theatre to celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. Guest lecturer Fr. David Caron, OP is a Dominican Friar of the Southern Province of St. Martin de Porres. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree in Liturgy from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago., a Master of Divinity degree from St. John's Seminary in Boston, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Springfield College in Massachusetts. He served as a faculty member at Aquinas Institute, and St. Louis University's Theology Department. At Barry University in Florida, he served as the Director of the Center for Dominican Studies where he was adjunct professor for the Department of Philosophy and Theology.

Fr. Caron addressed the topic: "**How Can the Dominican Tradition Respond to the Needs of Our World?**" His inspiring and challenging lecture included the following remarks. "One of our educational and formational goals as Catholic Universities in the Dominican tradition should be to provide both in the classroom and in other environments, opportunities in which students may participate and practice civil discourse. In offering them these opportunities where differences can be acknowledged and disagreements can be worked through, we can help our students avoid rigidity of thought and demonization of our conversation partners. Stated a bit differently, Ohio Dominican University's mission is to provide a spiritual, intellectual, and social environment designed to attract, retain, and graduate students who pursue ethical professional careers and personal lives based on values undergirded by both faith and reason and a commitment to peace and justice."



Participants gathered in the Catherine of Siena Reflection, Dialogue and Heritage space to meet Fr. Dave Caron during a morning brunch. Following the Mass in Christ the King chapel, a luncheon was held in the Colonial Room of Sansbury Hall.

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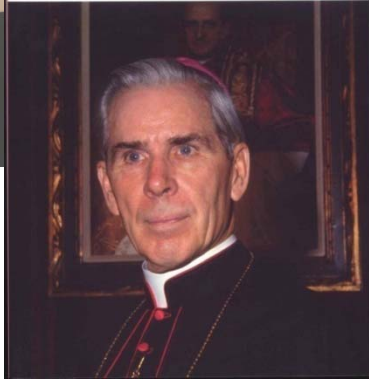
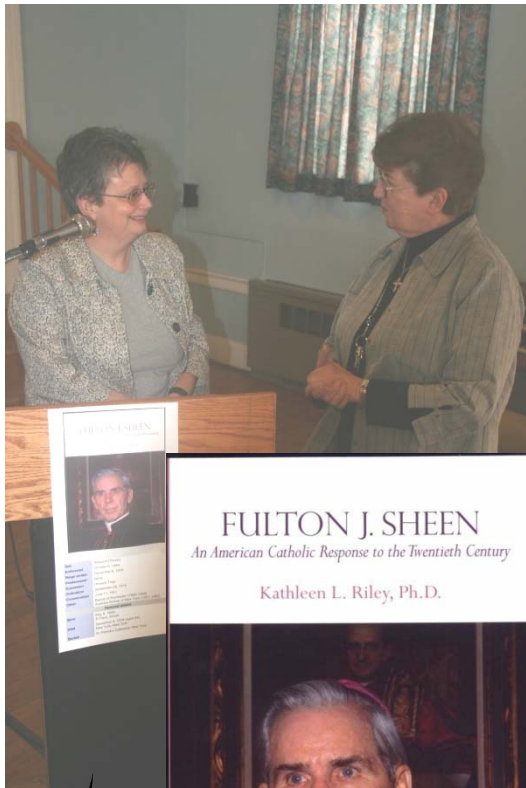


Truth Seekers Luncheon

Topic: Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: His Cause for Canonization

On February 24, 2010, 42 participants gathered in the colonial room of Sansbury Hall to listen to a wonderful lecture delivered by Dr. Kathleen L. Riley, Professor of History at Ohio Dominican University entitled Archbishop Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: His Cause for Canonization.

Dr. Riley held the attention of the participants by sharing stories of the life of Archbishop Bishop Sheen from both an historical and human approach. She serves as a member of the Cause of Canonization for Fulton Sheen, The 20th century prelate, most well known for his voice on both radio and television during the Cold War. A lively discussion among the participants followed the input session that served as a springboard for questions such as what are the hallmarks of sainthood and what characteristics might we emulate in our journey of promoting the Gospel today? Dr. Riley's book **Fulton J. Sheen: An American Catholic Response to the Twentieth Century** is a thoroughly documented study of his life and was the first in-depth analysis of the man and his times when it was penned as a doctoral dissertation in 1988



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Dominican Conversation Circles Dinner

Being Peace: Engaging Our Hearts

March 16, 2010

Featuring: Sr. Helen Cahill, OP, D. Min.



On the evening of **March 16, 2010**, Sr. Helen Cahill, OP, D. Min. a Dominican Sister of Peace and an experienced Spiritual Director presented a thought provoking and process oriented presentation on how best we might engage in building relationships with others that would lead to peace. Sr. Helen introduced her reflections focusing on the listener's understanding and experience of power. She outlined the distinction between power as control and power as love that led to a clarification of ways in which to develop a spirituality of peace-building. She holds a Masters in Theological Studies and a Doctor of Ministry from Catholic Theological Union. Prior to joining the staff at Claret Center in Chicago. Sr. Helen spent a number of years in leadership in her community. Her ministry includes giving retreats, doing group supervision for formation personnel and giving workshops on "The Spirituality of Power" and other topics.



Advisory Board Meeting March 26, 2010



Dr. James Cottrill, Assistant Professor of Mathematics shares his reflections on Mission and Identity at ODU



Interim President Ronald Seiffert welcomes the Board Members.



Dr. Ann C. Hall, Professor of English speaks with enthusiasm for Mission and Identity at ODU.



Vice President for Mission and Identity, Sr. Catherine Colby, OP, Ed.D., guides the discussion.



Dr. Becky Graham, Assistant Professor of Biology, holds the attention of the group.



CDS Advisory Board and Map Committee Discussion Questions March 26, 2010

A highlight of the March 26, 2010 joint meeting of the Center for Dominican Studies Advisory Board and members of the Mission Animation and Planning Committee featured a Faculty/Staff Panel who shared their reflections on the topic: *My Lived Experience of Mission and Identity at ODU and Hopes for Sustaining this in the Future*. **PANEL MEMBERS:** Dr. Jim Cottrill (Assistant Professor of Mathematics), Dr. Becky Graham (Assistant Professor of Biology), Dr. Ann Hall (Professor of English), and Dr. Scott Palmer (Coordinator for Academic Services: LEAD Program). Their insightful and challenging reflections set the tone for the group round table discussion. Some of the responses to that discussion follow:

What hopes for sustaining mission and identity into the future were expressed?

Faculty members who imbibe what we heard today to give testimonials to other faculty members in general

What do you think are the 3 top priorities we might address as we move forward?

GET THE FACULTY COMPOSITION MORE IN LINE OF A CATHOLIC LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY. Get mission and identity on RTP More sharing and dialogue within the ODU community

Some work with the LEAD students that would bring them into the Dominican tradition loop. I think Scott Palmer would know what the perceived needs are

More buy-into the mission identity...motivated teaching that we heard expressed. ..let this penetrate further into the faculty...find ways for these voices to get out. Yes, get new hires to hear it, but also at faculty meetings...Perhaps have faculty suggest lectures/programs that they would give extra credit to their students to attend

Integration of M & I values into Academic Affairs – from VP to chairs and deans to faculty

Give more institutional weight to VP for M & I...especially in decision making at Ad Co. and Board levels

Locate marketing “under” Mission and Identity

More dialogue, more dialogue, more dialogue

More catholic faculty and staff...more clergy

Stronger catholic social teaching

Collegiality – respect, openness, collaborating fully with each other

other

More fully engaging the non-traditional students so that they can more deeply experience the mission and identity of ODU To present the enthusiasm and understanding of Mission and Identity as expressed by the today's panel to the Board, faculty, and students of ODU...to engage these constituencies in an appreciation of today's message through testimonials by faculty...marketing under Mission & Identity Faculty hiring/education ... faculty release/reflection time

Working on bridging divides among faculty on mission and identity issues

Capitalize on all the new life (Administration, LEAD building, etc) by launching a well-formed presentation of mission that will energize the campus community

Use local talent – as exhibited today – to show how it is lived and experienced

Integrating some opportunities to hear “mission-related witness” in more ordinary gatherings (assembly, Board, orientations)

Retreat day for faculty/staff focused on dialogue on this issue

Structure Examine the composition of the faculty

New faculty orientation (emphasize resources available for learning)

Faculty development workshop

Greater involvement with the core curriculum

Administration–support/participation/servant leadership: Faculty-orientation/open-mind/service: Students-service

Examine the composition of faculty

The common good, the curriculum and focus of mission and identity at the center of ODU

The humanities program needs to come back!

That applicants for teaching positions be informed of mission & Identity and expectations of university

That a channel be provided for exchange of ideas and values among teaches

How the Mission and Identity “ramp up” the academic excellence of the university (far beyond the technical learning) ...the testimonials we heard today

Moving the marketing of the university into a deeper understanding of the Mission and Identity by structurally putting it under VP for M&I Communicating Mission and Identity to the students (it is crucial we get the faculty and staff up on this) Find an avenue to allow students to experience the privileges of the mission

Continue to engage new and “reticent” faculty in dialogue about mission and identity

Engage the Board of Trustees in the personal stories of alumni, faculty and students

Clearer explanation of “Mission and Identity” to all faculty members---what it is and what it isn't. This would particularly address why it is not a threat to academic freedom, but rather opens up an entirely new avenue for academic discussion and explanation

LEAD students – spiritual background. Draw on students' experience of Ohio Dominican.

Board orientation and engagement

Student engagement and response to problems and ideas through coordination with campus ministry through coordination with campus ministry Broaden the basis of faculty who “Get it” in an environment of growth and

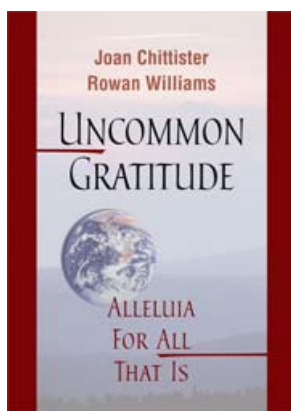
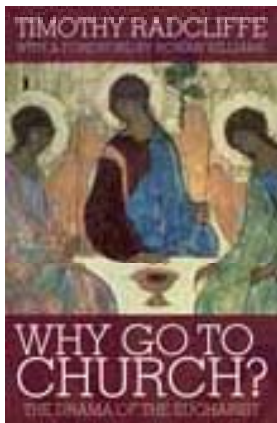


Sr. Juliana D'Amato, OP, Ph.D.

The Catherine of Siena Lecture
April 29, 2010
***Guest Lecturer: Sr. Juliana D'Amato, OP,
Ph.D.***

An enthusiastic audience of over 125 administrators, students, faculty, staff, Dominican Sisters and friends of Ohio Dominican celebrated the feast of Catherine of Siena by attending the annual lecture held in her honor. Sr. Juliana's scholarly presentation traced the life and mission of Catherine by focusing attention on the saint's unique ability to navigate the political agenda of the times with wisdom, insight and great courage.

A member of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Juliana D'Amato is Professor Emerita of Italian and Art History, Albertus Magnus College. An area of her scholarly work was devoted to the translation of Catherine of Siena's letters.



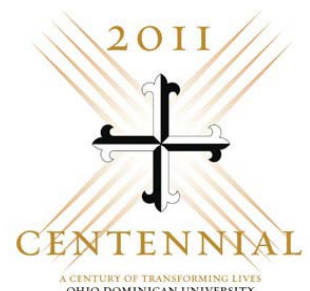
**Preview of the Selections for
the Book Study
Opportunities
2010-2011**

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***The St. Catherine of Siena Reflection,
Dialogue and Heritage Space***



In January of 2010, space for The Center for Dominican Studies was expanded to include two additional spaces located on the first floor of Erskine Hall. The larger space is a section of the old book store and the small space is what was known as the radio room. The larger space has been already well utilized for employee orientation sessions, Coffee and Contemplative Music twice a month, A Reflective Lenten Series, Informal Conversations and meetings. The space also offers free time for the entire community to take some study and quiet time for conversation and sharing. The smaller space has been designated as an interactive heritage space with electronic capability.



•Heritage Space: This room will also showcase the Catholic Intellectual Life in the Dominican Tradition, through a display of artifacts and documents focused on the lecture series, scholarly works and public events that have been a part of the history of ODU over the past 100 years.

Open Time for the ODU community to utilize the larger space for reflection and conversation will be made available through the Vice President for Mission and Identity by emailing colbyc@ohiodominican.edu.



September 11, 2010

Symposium: *Interreligious Dialogue in the Heartland*

Erskine Hall Matesich Theatre 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

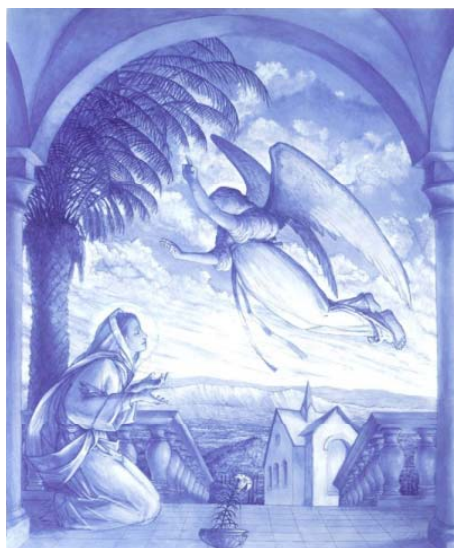
Registration Fee: \$30 (Includes lunch)

Group Fee of 10 is \$150.

Featuring the **Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell**, Bishop of Columbus who will serve as the keynote speaker addressing the topic: *Interreligious Dialogue in the Church: An Historical Context*. The symposium will engage a variety of theologians, historians and practitioners in the field of interreligious dialogue who will share their expertise and experiences within a panel format. The morning session will explore some important people and moments from our history and tradition that highlight possibilities we might want to recover today, and perennial and global problems we need to address. The afternoon session will address local inter-religious concerns in the heartland of America. What is possible? What is needed?

*While we rejoice in the new possibilities open to humanity, we also see the dangers arising from these possibilities and we must ask ourselves how we can overcome them. We will succeed in doing so only if reason and faith come together in a new way, if we overcome the self-imposed limitation of reason to the empirically verifiable, and if we once more disclose its vast horizons.... Only thus do we become capable of that genuine **dialogue of cultures and religions** so urgently needed today.*

--Pope Benedict XVI Regensburg Address (Sept. 12, 2006)



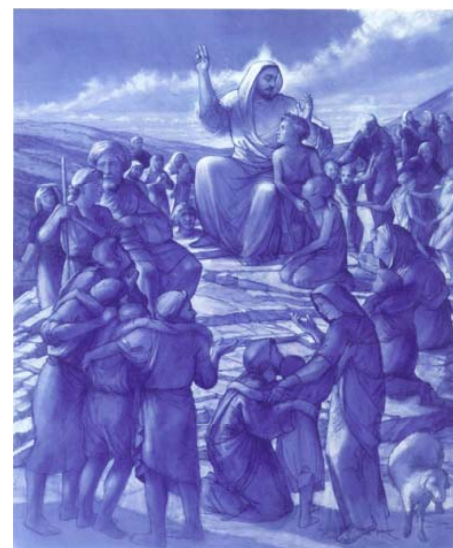
October 3rd through October 27th



Wehrle Art Gallery

An Art Exhibit: *Picturing the Rosary*

Twenty Works by Anthony Visco



The Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican, in partnership with the **Foundation for Sacred Arts** and the **Art Department of ODU**, is proud to present *Picturing the Rosary*, an exhibition of twenty paintings of the mysteries of the rosary done by Philadelphia artist Antony Visco. The works displayed, feature the mysteries of the rosary before our eyes through the events of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, inviting us to enter these central mysteries through a contemplative experience. The spirituality of the Dominican Order from its beginning over 800 years ago has had particular devotion to contemplating the mysteries of Christ's life as a source of preaching. The artist, Anthony Visco will be present for the opening of this exhibit on **Sunday, October 3, 2010, at 1:00 PM** in the Wehrle Art Gallery. Registration is not required for this exhibit. Watch the web site for weekly conversations related to *Picturing the Rosary as A Contemplative Experience*.