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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Farewell at the Eighteenth International Mariological Symposium

I am happy to describe this, my last letter as President, as almost an obligation. While as President I bid farewell to our many readers I am happy to do so in the context of our planned reunion at the Eighteenth International Mariological Symposium (SIM) in October, 2011.

1. For nine academic years (three successive three-year terms), I have been speaking to you from afar, in some cases from another continent. Now the time has come to pass leadership on to a new President. By the time you receive this newsletter he will very likely have been appointed by the Congregation for Catholic Education (CEC).

Perhaps not all of you know the procedure for appointing a president: the Faculty Council draws up a short list of three names chosen from among the Ordinary and Extraordinary Professors at the Marianum. The short list is passed on to the Great Chancellor who is responsible for picking one of the three, whom he will present to the Congregation for Catholic Education. The CEC will consult with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Secretariat of State; if both these bodies agree the CEC will then issue a decree appointing the new President. I hope my successor will have the same passion our predecessors displayed for directing, promoting and coordinating all the Faculty's academic activity. I hope, too, that he will show special concern for promoting "the understanding, teaching, academic and pastoral progress of Christian thought on the Mother of God in the mystery of Christ and the Church" (*Statutes*, art. 2b).

2. Because of our commitment to the promotion of Mariology we organize the Interna-

tional Mariological Symposia every two years. These symposia provide an excellent occasion for advancing research and discussion among teachers at Theological Faculties, professors at ecclesiastical Athenaeums, students and experts in Mariology, and the students of our Second and Third Cycles of Mariology Specialization program for the Licentiate and Doctorate. The Symposium is something former Licentiate and Doctoral students of the Marianum look forward to. It provides them with the opportunity to renew their friendship and links to the academic community, to learn about recent progress in Mariology and to become acquainted with Mariologists from different parts of the world.

3. All the acts of previous Symposia have been published. These previous meetings were dedicated to subjects of current relevance in the context of theological and humanistic research. An effort was made to explore aspects of these subjects and inform participants of the current status of research. From its very first discussions the Preparatory Committee has focused on a working project that reflected the present situation and could be the subject of historical and cultural research.

It is not especially easy to interpret the Marian phenomenon at present. In the area of Marian devotion and Mariology there is often tension between faith and reason; faith and popular devotion and religiosity, and the persistence of devotional phenomena. The media have concentrated on these “devotional phenomena” and offered frequently less than serious explanations and descriptions. There is further a tension between learned research and study inspired by the documents of the Second Vatican Council on the one hand and a Marian perspective based on the “wondrous”, the sentimental and the emotional response that involves, on the other. The same tension exists between quality publications and the flood of books and pamphlets that do little to advance faith or analyze sentiment. For printed material a perusal of the books listed in the *Bibliografia Mariana* make this dichotomy abundantly clear. It is somewhat more difficult to detect the tension in daily life and reality. This tension, albeit in different historical and cultural contexts, has existed in the Church in the past. We find evidence of this tension in the second volume of *Storia della Mariologia*, “*Dal modello letterario europeo al modello umanistico*” which should be published this fall. This second volume covers a long period: from the end of the Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century. Early in the modern era, between the Renaissance and Baroque period and the eighteenth century enlightenment and romanticism, aspects of the relationship between faith, reason and sentiment were being studied and experienced in the area of serious Marian study and popular devotion. Many of the unresolved problems we face today about Mary’s role and presence in the Church have origins in the distant past. We must look to history for examples and parallel situations that enable us to understand what is going on now. If we understand history we can avoid superficial impressions of the conflict between scholars and devotees. We must look at this conflict/ tension with intelligence and detachment.

4. *Faith, Reason, Sentiment and the Role of Mary. Modern Theological and Cultural Aspects of Modernity.* This will be the subject of our Mariological Symposium. Details of the program are available on the Faculty website: www.marianum.it

The first two papers will describe the origins, motifs and developments the cultural periods of early modern times (XV – XVIII centuries) with reference to faith, reason and sentiment in general and the evolution of Mariology and Marian Piety in particular. The remaining ten papers will focus on specific aspects of religion, liturgy, devotion, Mariological and theological research as well as cultural phenomena that have influenced our way of thinking about Mary – including iconography. After each paper there will be a discussion that can involve the paper’s bearing on the present situation.

5. The Symposium’s final session will be held on October 17th. The “René Laurentin – Pro Ancilla Domini” award will be given to the *Associazione Internazionale per le Ricerche sui Santuari* (AIRS). Professor Giorgio Cracco, President Emeritus and Professor Giorgio Otranto, the current President of AIRS will accept the award. The award is an expression of respect and recognition for the Association which was established in 1998. Since 2010 it has been augmenting its commitment to work and cultural projects in the area of national and international sanctuaries – many of which are Marian. So this letter is not so much a “Farewell” as an *au revoir* until the Eighteenth Symposium.

fr. Silvano M. Maggiani osm, President

SEMINAR

Communities of Consecrated Life in the Twentieth Century

On January 28th and 29th a seminar on *Communities of Consecrated Life in the Twentieth Century: Interculturalism, Multi-functionality, Media Perception.* In collaboration with the Faculty, the *Istituto Edith Stein* of Genoa organized the seminar. Fra Paolo M. Orlandini, osm, coordinated the event. Attendance was good – especially among religious. Experts on the science and technique of communication psychology (Barbara Salvalai, Pier Angelo Manenti, Grazia Maria Costa, Aldo Motta) discussed communication in increasingly diverse and multi-ethnic religious communities.

Afterwards Don Alberto Lorenzelle, President of Italian Conference of Major Superiors, led a round table discussion on *The Witness of Inter-culturalism in Consecrated Life Communities in the Twenty-First Century.* Our work concluded with a series of papers on aspects of formation within a community delivered by other experts (Gianfranco Berbenni, Ezio Risatti, Paola Barenco, Paolo Orlandini).

ISTITUTO COSTANZA SCELFO NINTH COLLOQUIUM
 “Neuro-scientific and Anthropological Perspectives on Gender Identity”

An infrequently quoted text from *Gaudium et Spes* (62) describes the difficulty of harmonizing faith and culture. “These difficulties do not necessarily harm the life of faith, rather they can stimulate the mind to a deeper and more accurate understanding of the faith. The recent studies and findings of science, history and philosophy raise new questions which demand new theological investigations. Furthermore, theologians, within the requirements and methods proper to theology, are invited to seek continually for more suitable ways of communicating doctrine to the men of their times ...”. In the same paragraph we read those who teach theology should “strive to collaborate with men versed in the other sciences through a sharing of their resources and points of view.” Further “Theological inquiry ... should not neglect close contact with its own time that it may be able to help these men skilled in various disciplines to attain to a better understanding of the faith.” This long quotation reflects the inspiration of the *Eleventh Colloquium of the Costanza Scelfo Institute on the Problems of Lay People and Women in the Church*. The Colloquium was sponsored by the Women and Christianity Department and the *Coordinamento Teologhe Italiane* and held at the Marianum Faculty in Rome, March 11th and 12th, 2011.

Once more the reason for the Marianum Faculty’s hospitality and cooperation was the attention paid to Mary, Our Lady a

subject that requires renewed dialogue in the cultural and anthropological context of our own time. Over two packed days there were contributions from philosophers (Francesco Totaro, Ubaldo Fadini, Carmelo Vigna, Daniela Verducci) neuroscience experts (Raffaella Rumiati, Claudia Martini, Benedetta Giovanola, Lucio Pinikus) and theologians. The theologians spoke briefly (an introduction – Cettina Militello and conclusion – Calogero Caltagirone) and acted as moderators and presiders during discussions (Silvano Maggiani, Stella Morra, Crispino Valenziano, Marinella Perroni, Cloe Taddei Ferretti, Giovanni Silvestri, Kari Elisabeth Børresen, Fabrizio Bosin); other theologians were personal guests.

The Colloquium had no intention of reviewing the question of “gender” or of limiting itself to so-called “gender theories.” Rather with the *Gaudium et Spes* passage as a point of departure we hoped to make theologians aware of what other disciplines are contributing to so problematic and urgent a subject.

It was a “trans-disciplinary” reflection on “culture,” “nature,” “identity,” and “building an identity.” It was an effort to open new horizons that transcend these schemes and allow theology (and the other disciplines) to go further. It was an attempt to give new meaning to these key concepts and (from a Christian perspective) to relocate them in their native context. Theology and Christian anthropology cannot be con-

fined to abstract assertions. They must that is still concrete in a mysterious, sacra-
 take into account their constitution and his- mental way. Close and fruitful attention to
 tory: it is a history of “flesh,” of the *Logos* the various speakers and notions and
 made “flesh.” It is therefore a history of avoidance of the naïve hope we would
pathos, of sense experience, a history reach definitive conclusions provided an
 whose beginning and end are illuminated experience of reciprocal dialogue that we
 by the Divine Beauty; its whole course is a can only hope will characterize our future
 theoretical, practical and operative chal- Colloquia.
 lenge. We could say a utopian challenge

Cettina Militello

COLLOQUE
«Marie dans la liturgie de l'Eglise»

The Institut Supérieur de Liturgie de l'Institut Catholique de Paris, the Société
 Française d'Études Mariales and our Faculty sponsored a Colloquium on « Marie
 dans la liturgie de l'Eglise ». It was held at the Institut Catholique de Paris (January 26
 – 28, 2011). Our President took part in the Colloquium and delivered the closing ad-
 dress on *Liturgical Mystery, Mystery of the Church, Mystery of Mary*. The Colloquium
 opened with an original session on *Mary in Liturgical Music* that included a concert of
 liturgical pieces from different cultural periods. This was followed by three papers:
 Mary in the Liturgy of Vatican II, Mary in the Liturgical Year and Mary in the Devotion
 of the Church. There was a second closing address on *Christ and Mary: the Theologi-
 cal Question Today* delivered by Professor Jean-Louis Souletie, the Director of the Insti-
 tut Supérieur de Liturgie. Afterwards Professor Patrick Prétot, director of *Maison-Dieu*,
 outlined possible areas of research in liturgy and Mariology that came to light during the
 Colloquium.

Attendance at the Colloquium was excellent. A detailed account of the meeting will be
 published in the next issue of *Marianum* 2011; the acts are being published by Médi-
 aspaul.

Silvano Maggiani

FORMER STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE «MARIANUM» ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Association of Former Students and Friends of the
 Marianum met at the Faculty on March 12, 2011 at 10:30 AM. The board dis-
 cussed guidelines for this year's social activity and scholarships for Marianum students.

In his opening address the President reminded everyone that the annual general assembly had been postponed to next October during the Eighteenth International Mariological Symposium. The April 24, 2010 Assembly had decided to postpone the 2011 assembly because Easter was on April 24. This made our usual meeting day – April 25 – inconvenient. The agenda for the current meeting includes activity planning up until next October. The President thought we should discuss the advantage of organizing a “Day” to publicize our association. This is something other similar cultural institutions do. He also spoke about the Association’s top priority: to arrange scholarships and other appropriate forms of assistance for Marianum students. He noted that a lack of funds has made it impossible to award scholarships this year and hoped that this situation would be remedied next year. Finally the President pointed out that the computer donated in 2009 no longer met the needs of the Faculty and suggested that we procure a more up-to-date and functional machine. Board members made various proposals on how to make our Association known to a wider public - especially among those attending the Symposium; this would draw attention to the social goals of our organization. It is especially important that we raise funds to assist the students of the Faculty and find benefactors who realize the impact of culture on ecclesiastical studies. The Board considered all the proposals put forth and with consent of the Marianum will launch certain projects to publicize our Association during the Symposium: it will distribute pamphlets and documents and engage in whatever other activity the Faculty deems appropriate. It further approved the proposal – always with the consent of the Faculty – to seek other methods for making the Association better known and publicizing its activities. Finally the Board approved the proposal to acquire a new computer for the Faculty.

Antonio Mazzella

WORLD FAMILY OF RADIO MARIA
Mariology Course: Mission, Journalism, Truth

With the sponsorship of the International Pontifical Marian Academy and at its premises, we held a course in Mariology for the new Radio Maria directors coming from Africa and Latin America.

Teachers from the Marianum took part in the intensive three-month course (January – March, 2011) and taught classes in Sacred Scripture, liturgy, magisterium and Marian dogmatics to make the participants aware of the correct way to convey Mariology and Marian devotion during their broadcasts.

THE LIBRARY

A Twenty-Year Balance Sheet

A library is an indispensable tool for learning and teaching. An overall balance sheet of the last twenty years (1991-2010) will help us understand the evolution, growth and energy involved in maintaining such a tool. Our Faculty library is not just a resource for study and research it preserves an important part of the heritage of the Order of Servants of Mary and its history. Our specialization in Mariology guides our acquisition policy – consequently our acquisitions in other areas are more modest. The libraries of other Pontifical educational institutions in Rome make up for this.

The library increases by 2,400 items a year creating a total of some 48,000 volumes, booklets and periodicals. Of these items 13,700 volumes have been purchased; 24,500 are gifts and 9,800 are annual volumes of periodicals. This inventory requires some 97 feet of shelving.

With regard to expenses: altogether we have spent €1,150,000: 65% of this was for purchasing books, subscribing to periodicals and rebinding books and periodicals; 9% went to the library's ordinary expenses (stationery, equipment, etc. ...); 26% covered the library's computer expenses and our share of expenses for the *Rete Urbe* [the Roman Library Network].

Maintenance of the library's space (electricity, telephone, heating) and person-

nel is the direct responsibility of the Faculty administration and not the library.

The Servite heritage: the library systematically collects and preserves items pertinent to the Order – not just books. Through an exchange with other institutions and communities of the Order we have accumulated material that includes: prints, posters, flyers, photographs, postcards, commemorative holy cards, microfilm and slides. Often preserving these items is more complicated than preserving books. This “collection” – the library's archives – consists of thousands of items. Up to now we have not devoted a great deal of attention to them but if they are to be made available they must be inventoried, carded and catalogued as well as preserved for the future. This material constitutes a precious segment of the Order's history. We need only consider the photographic documentation which has recently been enriched by material from our priories in Hungary and Belgium. To care for this documentation the librarian has recently taken a 120-hour course sponsored by the Alinari Foundation in Florence on the preservation and restoration of photographs.

We cannot fail to note that this year marks the twentieth anniversary of the *Associazione Urbe* of which our Faculty has been a member since the beginning. On June 13, a special Academic Event was held at the *Pontificia Università Urbaniana* (Propa-

ganda) to commemorate the occasion. The Event was followed by a roundtable discussion for librarians and library personnel. Since 2000 the Marianum Librarian has served as Director of the Board of Directors of Librarians. The goals and values needed for a network of libraries are still far from being achieved consequently URBE activity requires constant care and attention.

Silvano Danieli, Librarian

FROM THE SECRETARY

1. ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year was as follows :

Three-year Institutional Theology Course	52 + 5 (Augustinianum)
Two-year Licentiate Specialization	28
Third Cycle: Doctoral Thesis	18
Mariology Course	42
Religious Studies' Course	38
Servite History and Spirituality Course	19
Total Enrollment	197 + 5

1.1. Countries of origin

Argentina, 5; Belgium, 1; Benin, 1; Brazil, 19; Cameroon, 1; Canada, 1; Cape Verde, 2; Colombia, 10; Czech Republic, 1; Democratic Republic of the Congo, 3; Ecuador, 2; Germany, 4; India, 13; Indonesia, 7; Italy, 51; Ivory Coast, 2; Lebanon, 2; Mexico, 18; Mozambique, 4; Nigeria, 3; Peru, 6; Philippines, 6; Poland, 8; Republic of the Congo, 2; Romania, 2; Slovakia, 6; South Korea, 1; Spain, 2; Swaziland, 2; Togo, 2; Tonga, 1; Uganda, 4; Ukraine, 2; Zimbabwe, 3.

1.2. Continents

Africa 29; Asia 29; Europe 77; North America 19; Oceania 1; South America 42.

1.3. Canonical Status

Religious 148 (39 different religious communities are represented: 22 male and 17

female communities); Diocesan Priests 22 (from 21 different dioceses); lay people 27.

1.4. Students enrolled in institutes recognized by the Faculty

International Marian Research Institute (Dayton, Ohio, USA) incorporated to the «Marianum»:

Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) 25

Doctorate in Sacred Theology (STD) 13

Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose “Santa Maria di Monte Berico (Vicenza, Italy) linked to the Marianum

- Two-year specialization: 5

- “*Lauree magisteriali*” theses in Religious Studies: 8

- Masters’ theses: 8

- Religious culture: 54

Instituto Mariológico “Santa Maria de los Siervos” (Mexico) associated to the Marianum: 47

2. DIPLOMAS AWARDED IN THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

2.1. Doctorate in Theology with a Specialization in Mariology. Published theses:

KOŠIAR JÁN, SMOM

The title of Mary Coredemptrix, The different points of view among Slovak Bishops.

Moderator: professor Gianfrancesco Colzani, sd

OLIVERA CARLOS ALBERTO, SD

María nuestra Madre en el Plan Redentor de Dios Trinidad según las obras de San Luís María de Montfort. Moderator: professor Stefano De Fiores, smm

2.2 Doctorate in Theology with a Specialization in Mariology. Theses defended but not yet published:

NSOLO HABELL, OMI

Aux origines de la dimension mariale du charisme des Missionnaires Oblats de Marie Immaculée (1782-1861). Moderator: professor Stefano De Fiores, smm

PUGLISI PIETRO MARIO, SD

Maria di Nazareth sorella dei poveri nella realtà socio-religiosa della Calabria, oggi. Moderator: professor Stefano De Fiores, smm

2.3. Licentiate in Theology with a Specialization in Mariology

DÍAZ VALDEZ FRANCISCO, Ofmconv, *La Sacra Escritura en la Mariología de Kolbe.* Moderatori: proff. Aristide M. Serra, osm/Raffaele Di Muro, Ofmconv

DI STEFANO FRANCESCO, SD, *Il Santuario di Maria Santissima del Ponte a Caltagirone. Tra storia e pietà popolare*. Moderator: professor Silvano M. Maggiani, osm

ROGGIO GIAN MATTEO, MS, *Origine sviluppi e contenuti del "Sensus Fidelium" in ordine al dogma della Concezione Immacolata di Maria. Storia e teologia*. Moderator: professor Salvatore M. Perrella, osm.

2.4. Baccalaureate in Theology

Fallini Cinzia, akgb
Gonçalves Oldair José, osm
Herrera Rios Jehison Sneyder, lco
Luiz Ribeiro Fabio, osm
Mswane Sandile, osm
Scorrano Francesco, osm
Siteo Antonio Raúl, osm
Tagaba Fredrick, osm

2.5. Diploma in Mariology

Cabrera Jiménez Diógenes Manuel, sd
Celis Alexis de Jesús, osm
Cicarelli Cristina, lca
Ejago Emuly, po
Mungenga Kigwisiya Claudine
Ortelli Letizia, smg
Perido Maria Victoria, po
Rigoni Mariano, osm

Sasso Neivan, osm
Scorrano Francesco, osm
Sibanda Stephen, osm
Tagaba Fredrick, osm

2.6. Diploma in Religious Studies

Castillo Cárdenas Yudith, ida
Kuttenthalil Thresia, smap
Lungu Oana, lca
Meza Cruz Yvona, ida
Pérez Pérez Maria Elena sgcs

2.7. Diploma in Servite History and Spirituality

Barros René Antonio, osm
Gonçalves Oldair, osm
Mswane Sandile Stanley, osm
Sibanda Stephen, osm
Tagaba Fredrick, osm

3. NEW MEMBERS OF OUR TEACHING BODY FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR: 2011-2012

- Professor ROCCO RONZANI, OSA, will replace Professor Juan Antonio Cabrera Montero OSA teaching *Pre-Nicene Patrology* to the first year of the Three-year Institutional Course of Theology;
- Professor MADZIAR IWONA, AKGB, will conduct a seminar on *Sin and Mercy in the Synoptic Gospels* for years II and III of the Three-year Institutional Course of Theology;
- Professor CRISTINA CARNICELLA will conduct a seminar-course on *Strategies and Techniques for Communicating the Gospel* for years II and III of the Three-year Institutional Course of Theology;

4. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

- 4.1. On April 19, 2011, Fra Ángel M. Ruiz Garnica, Great Chancellor of the Faculty, issued a decree naming as candidates for the presidency, Fra Luca M. Di Girolamo osm, Ordinary Professor of Dogmatic Theology; Fra Dilermando M. Ramos Vieira osm, Extraordinary Professor of Church History; Fra Ricardo Antonio M. Pérez Márquez osm, Extraordinary Professor of Sacred Scripture.
- 4.2. In a Decree dated June 1, 2011, Prot. 44/2011, the Congregation for Catholic Education appointed Professor Salvatore M. Perrella as President of the Faculty for a third term (2011-2014).

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CONGREGATIO
DE INSTITUTIONE CATHOLICA
(DE SEMINARIIS ATQUE STUDIORUM INSTITUTIS)

CONGREGATIO DE INSTITUTIONE CATHOLICA (de Seminariis atque Studiorum Institutis), attentis litteris commendatitiis Rev.mi Magni Cancellarii Pontificiæ Facultatis Theologicæ *Marianum* in Urbe legitime præsentantis; perpensis titulis dotibusque quibus candidatus qui probe præsit aptus demonstratur; cum compererit eundem legitime nominatum esse; ad normam peculiarium Statutorum necnon art. 18 Constitutionis Apostolicæ "Sapientia christiana"

Rev.dum P. Salvatorem PERRELLA

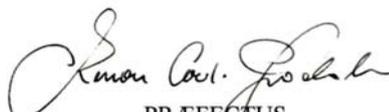
Ordinis Servorum Mariæ sodalem, Sacræ Theologiæ Doctorem

PRÆSIDEM

PONTIFICIÆ FACULTATIS THEOLOGICÆ *MARIANUM*

pro munere hoc Decreto ad triennium **nominat** atque **renuntiat**, omnibus ipsi agnitis iuribus officiisque huiusmodi muneri de more inhærentibus; ceteris servatis de iure servandis; contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.

Datum Romæ, ex ædibus eiusdem Congregationis, die I mensis Iunii, a. D. MMXI.


PRÆFECTUS

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A SECRETIS

4.3. The Faculty Council met on June 27th this year to reorganize the Faculty body for the next three years. The following people were elected

Vice-President

Professor Paolo M. Zannini

Presidential Board Councilors

Professor Luca M. Di Girolamo

Professor Silvano M. Maggiani

Professor Fabrizio M. Bosin

Officers

Sister Ornella Di Angelo, Secretary

Fra. Enrico M. Casini, Undersecretary

Fra. Silvano M. Danieli, Librarian

Course Coordinators

First Cycle, Professor Fabrizio M. Bosin

Second-Third Cycle, Professor Luca M. Di Girolamo

Two-year *Mariology* Diploma Course, Professor Denis M. Kulandaisamy S.

Two-year *Religious Studies* Course: Professor Denis M. Kulandaisamy S.

Servite History and Spirituality: Professor Dilermando M. Ramos Vieira.

Director of the Marianum review and the Faculty's Learned Collections

Professor Silvano M. Maggiani

Director of the Marianum Notizie/News: Fra Enrico M. Casini

5. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

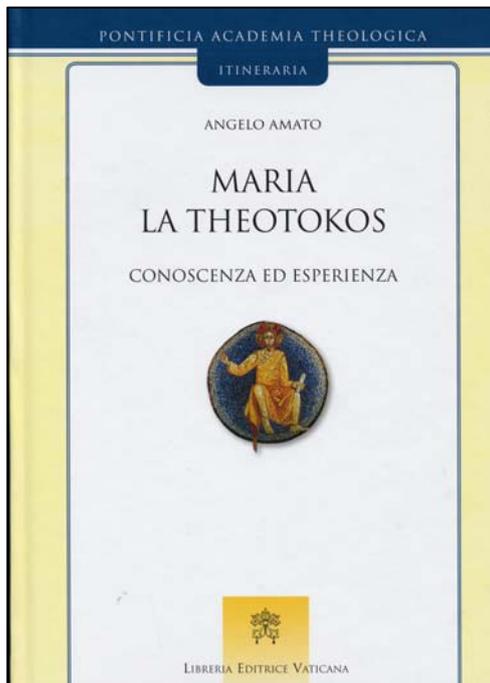
On Sunday, April 17, 2011, the Accademia Musicale Romana in collaboration with the Faculty presented its Annual Easter Concert at Santa Giuliana Falconieri Church in Rome. The event was sponsored by the Banco Desio Lazio. Music of Beethoven and Schumann was featured; Maestro Giuseppe Martone was at the piano and Maestro Corrado Stocchi was the violinist.

6. INFORMATION

- * The Office re-opens for the enrolment in the courses on Monday, 5th September.
- The Library re-opens to the public on Monday, 12th September.
- * The Course on the *History and Spirituality OSM* begins on Monday, 12th September
- Thursday, 22nd September at 4.00 pm **“Repetite Fontes” X Edition.**
Fr. Angel M. Ruiz Garnica, Prior General and Grand Chancellor will preside over the meeting. Fr. Franco M. Azzalli, Director of *Studi Storici OSM* .will moderate the session.
- * Saturday, 1st October, Guided Visit to Nepi (VT).
- 4 - 7 October - **XVIII International Mariological Symposium.**

- * The Three-year Theology Course will begin on Monday, 10th October.
 - The Two-year Licentiate Course will begin on Tuesday, 11th October.
 - * The Two-year diploma Course on Mariology will begin on Wednesday, 12th October.
 - The Two-year diploma Course on Religious Science will begin on Saturday, 15th October.
- Wednesday, 26th October, at 4.00 pm, **Official Inauguration of the Academic Year 2011-2012.**

PUBLICATIONS



ANGELO AMATO, *Maria la Theotokos, Conoscenza ed esperienza*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Roma 2011, 498 p.

This volume is a genuine manual of Mariology. Among the most sensitive Marian topics considered are: inculturation, the dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption, the Magisterium and Marian spirituality. In Chapter XIX there is mention of our Faculty. In the introduction the author writes: “This closing chapter is intended as recognition of the praiseworthy work of research, teaching and publication by the Marianum Pontifical Theological Faculty. The Marianum is a genuine, international laboratory of Marian study. This study is not a closed ghetto but a wide open field. Effective interdisciplinary dialogue is creating new approaches to our understanding of Mary’s role and work in the context of the Trinity and the Church.” This is the sixth volume in the series *Itineraria* sponsored by the *Pontificia Accademia Teologica*. It will be of particular interest to Mariologists and students of theological faculties.

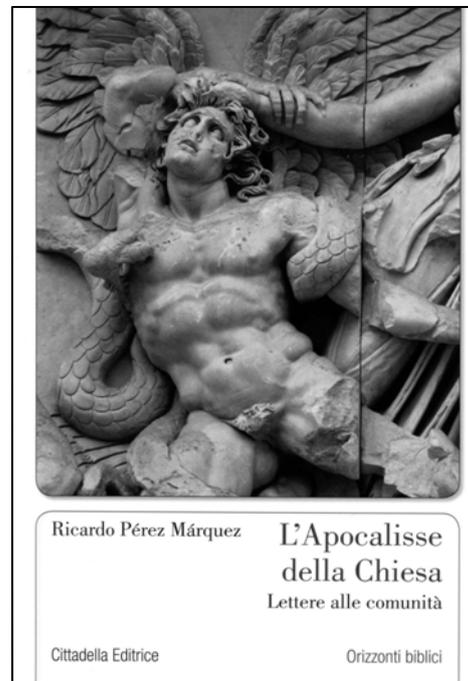


MAURIZIO ALOISE, STEFANO DE FIORES, ENRICO VIDAU (a cura di), *Maria segno e modello della nuova umanità riconciliata in Cristo*. Atti del 24° Colloquio Internazionale di Mariologia, Torre di Ruggiero, 10-13 maggio 2007, AMI, Roma 2010, 368 p.

This is a collection of the papers delivered at the international colloquium organized by AMI (*Associazione Mariologica Italiana*) marking the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the Marian Sanctuary at Torre di Ruggiero. Catholic, Orthodox and Muslim scholars took part.

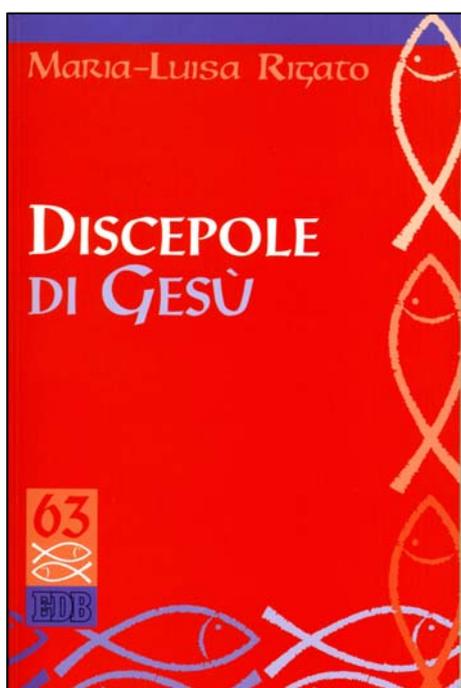
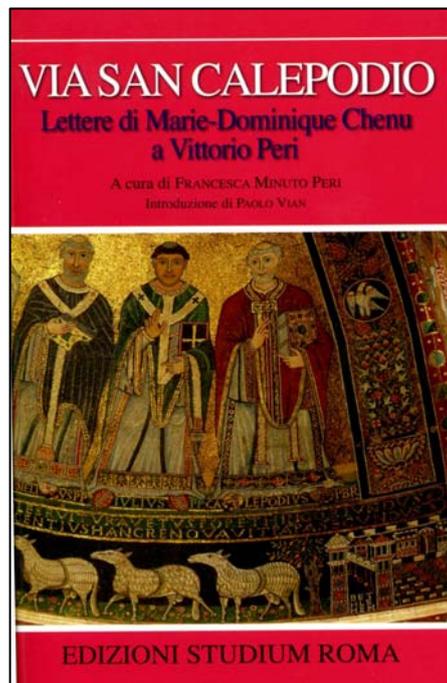
RICARDO PÉREZ MÁRQUEZ, *L'Apocalisse della Chiesa*, Cittadella Editrice, Assisi 2011, 168 p.

This text, the work of our young Scripture professor, will help us see what in the Apocalypse is relevant today some 2,000 years later. The Churches John is addressing reflect different ways to be Church today.



FRANCESCA MINUTO PERI (a cura di),
Via San Calepodio - Lettere di Marie-Dominique Chenu a Vittorio Peri,
Studium, Roma 2011, 206 p.

This book is a collection of the letters written by Father Chenu (1985-1990) to Professor Vittorio Peri (1932-2006). Professor Peri's wife, Francesca, compiled this collection for us. The Peri family has long been a friend of our Faculty. The reader will find interesting this insight into the period immediately before Vatican II and the Council's reception. It is a singular and precious witness that is both public and private, personal and ecclesial. San Calepodio is the name of the street in Rome where the Peri family lives.

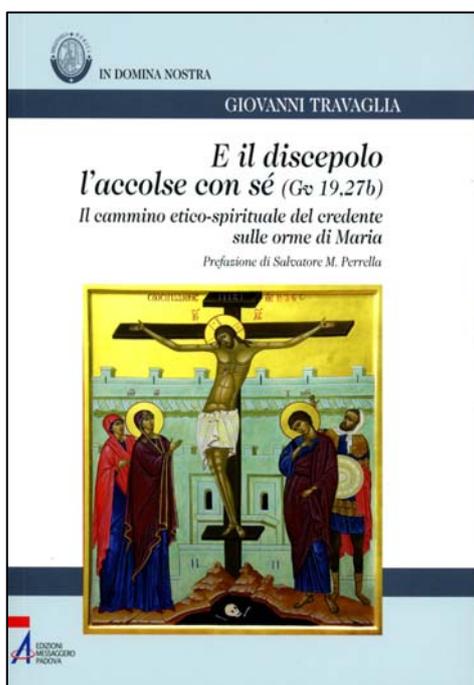
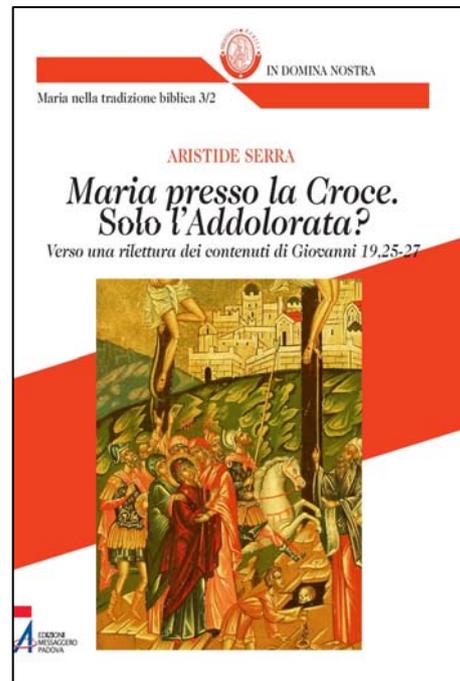


MARIA LUISA RIGATO,
Discepolo di Gesù,
Dehoniane, Bologna
2011, 144 p.

The author of this work teaches Scripture at our Faculty. The basic thrust of the book is a demonstration of how Jesus interacted with women in the Gospels and how there is a genuine basis for the equal dignity of his male and female disciples.

ARISTIDE SERRA, *Maria presso la croce. Solo l'Addolorata? Verso una rilettura dei contenuti di Giovanni 19,25-27*, Messaggero, Padova 2011, 512 p.

The author, our Scripture professor, is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. In this book he focuses on the relationship Jesus established between his mother and the disciple he loved. This is the thrust of this book. The Marian perspective in no way detracts from the role of the Beloved Disciple nor from that of Peter. There is no rivalry of charisms, rather an inclusive communion. All in service to the unity of the Church, the new community established by Christ.



GIOVANNI TRAVAGLIA, *E il discepolo l'accolse con sé (Gv 19-27b)*, Messaggero, Padova, 2011, 474 p.

This book was published only shortly before the author died (February 9, 2011). He was the former director of the *Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose Santa Maria di Monte Berico* [the Santa Maria di Monte Berico Higher Institute of Religious Studies]. The Gospel words quoted in the title refer not just to the fact that the Beloved Disciple took Mary to himself but also to how believers are called to take her to themselves. This is a guiding principle for the ethical and spiritual dimensions of the Christian experience.