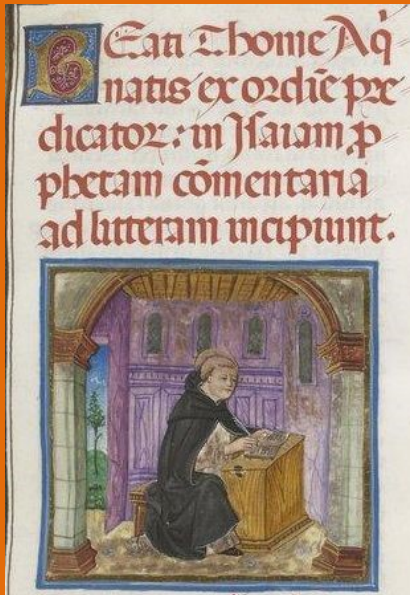


TOWARDS A BIBLICAL THOMISM



THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE RENEWAL OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

International Conference
Nicolaus Copernicus University,
Toruń (Poland)
April 24-26, 2017

CALL FOR PAPERS



For many years now, scholars have recognized the importance of Aquinas' biblical commentaries and exegetical methods for understanding Aquinas' integral thought as well as advancing contemporary theology, biblical studies and ecumenical dialogue.

Meanwhile, contemporary biblical theology is striving toward an integration of the historical-critical method with the patristic-medieval exegetical approach.

The aim of this conference is to develop our understanding of Aquinas' biblical exegesis, its influence on modern and contemporary exegetical approaches and explore ways in which Aquinas' thought and contemporary biblical exegesis can mutually enrich each other towards an integration of biblical exegesis and speculative theology with special reference to recent magisterial documents .

Possible topics to be treated (among many others) are:

* From an historical perspective: the relation of Aquinas' exegetical approach compared to his predecessors; the influence of this approach on the history of exegesis and theology.

* From a systematical perspective: the relation between the theological doctrine of Aquinas and his biblical exegesis; the relation between exegesis and preaching; the contemporary relevance for ecumenical dialogue; differences and similarities between Aquinas' exegesis and recent magisterial documents (e.g. the Pontifical Biblical Commission), in particular the reception of the PBC's document "The Bible and Morality" (2008) from the perspective of Aquinas' thought (esp. natural law, conscience, personhood)

Papers may be given preferably in English and the presentation should take 25 minutes. **To submit a proposal**, please send an abstract of approximately 300 words (along with your name, academic affiliation and contact information) to piotroszak@umk.pl by **January 31, 2017**. Notification of acceptance will be given by the end of February 2017.

The **keynote** and other **main lectures** will be given by Michael Sherwin O.P. (University of Fribourg, Switzerland), Matthew Levering (Mundelein Seminary, United States), Enrique Alarcon (University of Pamplona, Spain), Giuseppe De Virgilio (Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome), Stefano Zamboni SCJ (Alphonsianum, Rome) and Michele Mazzeo OFM (Antonianum, Rome).

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