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GENERAL INFORMATION

Newsletter: This latest edition of the DLSC Newsletter is published on the Feast Day of Saint Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, who spoke truth to power.

Dominican Women: In recent messages, fr. Bruno Cadore, O.P., Master of the Dominican Order, and fr. David Kammler, Promoter General of the Dominican Laity, have again drawn attention to the essential, central, and leading role of women in the Order's 's evangelical mission. In the many colleges and hospitals established by them, in secondary and elementary schools, in feeding the poor and taking care of the homeless and migrants, in prison ministry, in foreign missions, in providing spiritual guidance to men and women alike, in preaching, and increasingly in theological and biblical studies, Dominican women are giving the Order's charism the most far-reaching and profound expression it has ever received. Similar recognition and appreciation is absolutely due to Christian women in other religious and ecclesial communities.

Nairobi Chapter: The Lagrange Chapter of the DLSC in Kenya now has six members of whom three are Catholics and three are Anglicans. Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole, OP (President), Elizabeth Nyembo Aziza, OP, Aloo Mojola, Robert Carlson, Joyce Carlson, and Michelle Kimangou. Two of the chapter's founding members, Amelia Lutz, OP & David Lutz, OP, have relocated to the US where David accepted a teaching position at Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Indiana.

Reviews: The *Poverty and Morality* book, co-developed by the Ethikon Institute, the DLSC, and the Shalom Hartman Institute has received positive reviews in the Time Literary Supplement (September 23, 2011) and The International Journal of Social Welfare (March, 2012). Co-edited by William A. Galston, Brookings Institution, and Peter H. Hoffenberg, University of Hawaii, the book was published by Cambridge University Press.

Spirituality: Paul Murray, O.P. who teaches the literature of the mystical tradition at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome, has published an excellent book, entitled *The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality* (Continuum, 2006). Chapter three: "Eat the Book: Study in the Dominican Tradition" is especially relevant to the DLSC's mission. Murray has also published *T.S. Eliot and Mysticism* and four books of poetry, one of which was awarded the Poetry Ireland Choice.

GROUP MEETINGS

DLSC groups have discussed the following topics at quarterly meetings over the past 12 months: *Romans*, Chapters 1–5; "Circumcision and the Rape of Dinah" in *Genesis* 33:18-34:31; "Tipping the Balance" by Dannah Nolan Fewell and David M. Gunn; "Did Election Imply the Mistreatment of Non-Israelites?" by Joel S. Kaminsky; Muslim-Christian Relations in *Allah* by M. Volf; "The Paternoster as an Eschatological Prayer" by Raymond E. Brown; "The Lord's Prayer" by J.D. Crossan; "Eastern Orthodox Theology" by Rowan Williams; "Satan" from *Ancestral Sin* by John Romanides; "Cognitive Neuroscience, Moral Responsibility, and Punishment" by Nancey Murphy; Chapter two from *Religion in Human Evolution: From the Paleolithic to the Axial Age* by Robert N. Bellah; *Justice in Love* by Nicholas Wolterstorff; essays on "Temptation" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Bernard Haring; "Hell" by Adrian Hastings; "The Devil" from *Modernity on Endless Trial* by L. Kolakowski; *God is Back* by John

Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge; "Existence as a Dimension of Physical Reality" by David Geib; "Philosophy of the Evangelization of African Cultures" by David Lutz, "Cognitive Linguistics and Theological Categories" by Robert Carlson; "Thinking Theologically about Food" from *Food and Faith* by Norman Wirzba; "Plato, Hare, and Davidson on Akrasia" by C.C.W. Taylor.

BRIEF NOTES ON ACTIVITIES OF SOME MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Tom Angier: Tom has become an editor within Acumen's new series *The History of Evil* and will be editing and contributing to the first volume, covering the ancient period. He has also been appointed Assistant Editor for [Marxism and Philosophy: Reviews Online](#), based at the University of Kent. An article of his entitled "Alasdair MacIntyre's Analysis of Tradition" will be appearing this year in the [European Journal of Philosophy](#). He is also working on several articles on ethical and political theory, and will shortly be completing a review of Anthony Price's *Virtue and Reason in Plato and Aristotle* for the [Times Literary Supplement](#). Tom has also been working as a volunteer at the Samaritan Central London branch. The Samaritans take calls from people facing emotional crises, especially people with suicidal feelings. It was set up by the Rev. Chad Varah after the war.

Robert N. Bellah: The main event of last year for Bob was the publication last September of his book *Religion in Human Evolution: From the Paleolithic to the Axial Age*, thirteen years in preparation. He has spent much of the time since engaged with responses to the book. There was a large symposium on his book at the AAR meeting in San Francisco toward the end of November, with Wendy Doniger, Luke Timothy Johnson, and Jonathan Z. Smith serving as commentators. Their comments and Bob's response plus a great many other comments can be found on the [SSRC Immanent Frame Blog](#). Bob went to China earlier in November and again in December for lectures and discussions and has visited a number of campuses in the US in the early months of this year, including an endowed lecture at the Graduate Theological Union and a discussion of his book with the faculty of JSTB. Later this year he will go to Japan, Germany, and several more places in the United States. He reports that all of this is very interesting but keeps him from working on his next book.

Robert Bordley: Despite an unexpected illness from which he has thankfully recovered, Bob played an important role in the rescue of General Motors and the US automobile industry. Bob has also been named a Fellow of the Society of Decisional Professionals.

Samuel Bray: Sam teaches at the UCLA School of Law. His interests lie primarily in legal remedies, primarily remedies that are non-monetary. Sam is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, where he was book review editor for the [University of Chicago Law Review](#). He clerked for Judge Michael W. McConnell on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. After practicing law at Mayer Brown LLP, he was an associate-in-law at Columbia Law School and then the executive director of the Constitutional Law Center at Stanford Law School. He is a co-author of *The Constitution of the United States* (2010) with Professors Paulsen, Calabresi, and McConnell. He has a new article, "Announcing Remedies," on the circumstances in which remedies should be determined in advance instead of decided case by case, and it will be published this spring in the [Cornell Law Review](#). This is Sam's first year at UCLA. He and his wife Abigail have a little baby, Theodore, who is 10 months old.

Robert Carlson has authored a number of papers: "The grammaticization of "go" as an intensifier in Supyire," presented at "Societas Linguistica Europaea" (Logroño, Spain; September 8-11, 2011). This paper will be published in a volume on the grammaticization of "come" and "go" verbs in the world's languages (Mouton de Gruyter); "Some Supyire constructions borrowed from Bambara/Jula;" presented at the "Conference on Mande Languages" (Paris, France; September 14-17, 2011). Conference papers developed for 2012 include "Conceptual blending in Supyire healing and protection spells," for the 11th

Conference on Conceptual Structure, Discourse, and Language (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; May 17-20); "Knowledge that sticks: conceptual integration in a spell to make learning medicine;" to be presented at the 4th UK Cognitive Linguistics Conference (London, England; July 10-12); and "Proto-Senufo noun phrase syntax and noun morphology," to be presented at Niger-Congo International Congress (Paris, France; September 19-21).

Patrick Coleman: Patrick Coleman has contributed introductions to two English translations of works by Balzac, *The Wild Ass's Skin* and *The Girl with the Golden Eyes and Other Stories*, both forthcoming from *Oxford World's Classics* in 2012. He has recently become a licenced reader in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

John Connelly: In March 2012, Harvard University Press published John's' new book, *From Enemy to Brother: The Revolution in Catholic Teaching on the Jews, 1933-1965*. He is now completing a book on East Central Europe in the 20th Century, with a comparative focus. He also contributed a chapter on "Catholic missions to the Jews (historically)" in *After Vatican II, Trajectories and Hermeneutics* eds. James Heft and John O'Malley (Eerdmans, 2012). Next year he plans to teach undergraduate and graduate courses on the question of nationalism in East Central Europe in the modern period.

Michael Dodds, O.P. In September, 2011, Fr. Michael Dodds, O.P., lectured in Krakow and Kiev, Ukraine. In Krakow, he spoke on "Science, Language, and the God of Life" for the opening of the academic year at the Dominican College of Philosophy and Theology, and then gave a two-week course on "Thomas Aquinas and Contemporary Science." In Kiev, he lectured on "Minds, Brains, and Human Wholeness" at the Superior Institute of Religious Sciences of St. Thomas Aquinas, and then gave an abbreviated version of the course offered in Krakow. The courses and lectures included material from his forthcoming book, *Unlocking Divine Action: Contemporary Science and Thomas Aquinas*, which will be published by The Catholic University of America Press in October 2012.

Charles Donahue was elected a fellow of the Medieval Academy of America and inducted on March 24 at the MAA's annual meeting in St. Louis. At Harvard, Charlie serves on the Committee on Medieval Studies of the Faculty of Arts and Science. Charlie's most recent book, *Law, Marriage, and Society in the Later Middle Ages: Arguments about Marriage in Five Courts* is a legal and social history that explores a series of decisions by Pope Alexander III (1159-1181) that became the basis of marriage law in Western Europe for the next three centuries. A past president of the American Society for Legal History, a life member of the American Law Institute, and a fellow of the Royal Historical Society (UK), Charlie received an honorary doctorate from the Université de Paris II: Panthéon-Assas in 2009.

Scott Fitzgibbon, a faculty member of the Boston College Law School, is editor-in-chief of The International Journal of the Jurisprudence of the Family, a new journal that fosters the scholarly discussion of the foundations of family life and family law. Published both online and (later) in hard copy, it includes scholarly articles that reflect a wide variety of cultures, legal systems, religions, and schools of jurisprudence. The Journal has thus far published two volumes. Scott's own contribution to Volume Two is "That Man is You! – The Juristic Person and Faithful Love."

Daniel Howe whose book *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848* won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2008, has contributed an essay on "The Context of Early Mormonism" to *The Oxford Handbook of Mormonism*, ed. Terryl Givens and Philip Barlow (NY, OUP), and an essay on "The Victorian Period of American History" to *The Victorian World*, ed. Martin Hewitt (London, Routledge). Dan serves on the Vestry of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Los Angeles.

Rod Kiewiet: Rod has returned to his former position as Dean of Undergraduate Students at Cal Tech. In a series of previous incarnations, Rod also served as Cal Tech's Dean of Graduate Students for both the Institute as a whole and later for its Social Sciences Division. In addition to his administrative posts, Rod continues to teach political science at Cal Tech. One of the DLSC's earliest members and the first chair of its General Council, Rod has missed only a single quarterly meeting in the past 10 years, and he blames that shocking omission on a scheduling error.

Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole has published two essays: 2011a. "Let's Translate the Scripture from the Best Sources." *The Bible Translator/ Practical Papers* 62/2, 74-84; and 2011b. "Paul and Africa?" *HTS Theologiese Studies/Theological Studies* 67 (1) 1-11. Art. # 888, 11 pages. DOI: 10.4102/hts.v 67/1.888. He also checked the bible translation Alur Bible, Beembe New Testament, Blin New Testament, Lari Bible, Lendu Bible, Swahili-Congo Bible, and conducted a seminar on Intercultural Studies of the Scriptures (Hekima College/University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi)

Richard Madsen spent the fall semester at the Chinese University of Hong Kong on a Fulbright fellowship. While there he participated in a number of meetings and consultations about religious developments in China. With the help of knowledge gained from his stay in Hong Kong, he continues to participate in interfaith and cross-cultural dialogues about global religious and ethical issues. He has recently given invited lectures at Boston University, Harvard, Stanford, and the University of Virginia on such topics as "Religion and Democracy" and "Globalization and the Common Good. "

Giuseppe Mazzotta has finished another book (his third) on Dante's theology and poetry. It is provisionally called *Questions at the Frontier* and will be sent to the University Press within weeks. In addition, he has done more than his share of lecturing at various universities and scholarly conferences (more recently at Toronto University and Assumption College).

Stephen Munzer published articles on stem cell products and legal philosophy as well as two articles dealing with religion: "Purity of Heart," *The Way* (April 2011) and "Bodily Inscriptions as Signs in Medieval Christian Piety and Aztec Rituals," *Journal of Ritual Studies* (no. 2, 2011). He refereed articles for academic journals and spoke at four conferences. On the ecclesial side, he served as a Session member of Westwood Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles.

Nancey Murphy will be in Turin to speak at a conference on "Matter, Life, and Spirit," sponsored by the Centro Evangelico di Cultura. Her paper is entitled "Neuroscience, Theology, and Philosophy in Dialogue." In June she will participate in a meeting in London associated with a research project called "God's Order, Nature's Order, and Man's Order," organized by Nancy Cartwright of the London School of Economics. This will be a planning session for a book that provides an overview of the findings of the project to date. From there Nancey will go to the University of Navarra for a consultation on a future research project involving neuroscientists and philosophers that would be sponsored by the University and involve an international group of scholars.

Colville Smythe is frequently invited to preach and lead services for parish priests who need a Sunday supply sub., a ministry that he loves. He also continues to teach 'Literature of the Bible' at Citrus College in Glendora, with 42 student in his class this semester. The Episcopal Church Pension Fund sends 5,000 nationwide retirees a monthly newsletter, including a story account of ministry, before or after retirement, by a retired priest (like Colville) or spouse. The May issue, coming out in 3 weeks, will include 'Adventures in Teaching,' Colville's account of the learning curve in his retirement career as professor of biblical literature in a community college.

Glen Stassen wrote *A Thicker Jesus: Incarnational Discipleship in A Secular Age*, which is a response to Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*, and was assisted in two places by DLSC member, Patrick Coleman. He also delivered the Nordenhaug Lectures in Prague, which will be published in Europe; and co-edited *Interfaith Just Peacemaking* (Palgrave-McMillan) and *Formation for Just Peacemaking* (forthcoming from Wipf and Stock). He just returned from Japan in response to requests to help in theological responses to the tsunami, whose devastation was much worse than he had realized.

Eleonore Stump was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in April 2012. Over the past year, she co-edited *The Oxford Handbook of Aquinas* (Oxford University Press, 2012) with Brian Davies, O.P. Her other publications include: "The Problem of Suffering: A Thomistic Approach," in *Thomas Aquinas: Teacher and Scholar*, James McEvoy, Michael Dunne, and Julia Hynes (eds.) (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2012), pp. 101-119; "Atonement and the Cry of Dereliction from the Cross," *European Journal of Philosophy of Religion* 4.1 (Spring 2012), pp. 1-17; "The Nature of the Atonement," in *Reason, Metaphysics, and Mind: New Essays on the Philosophy of Alvin Plantinga*, Kelly James Clark and Michael Rea, eds. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 128-144 and "President's Research Grant," Saint Louis University (2011) with Dr. Jeffrey Bishop.

William Sullivan has been continuing field work on a study of the Lilly Endowment's programs on undergraduate vocation at 88 American colleges and universities. He has also been carrying forward a project sponsored by the Aspen Institute's "Business and Society Program" that is promoting the incorporation of the principles of liberal learning, including ethical concerns, into 30 undergraduate business programs, including three in Europe. This project has received coverage in the Wall Street Journal, and Bloomberg Business Week.

Owen C. Thomas has been working on a book entitled *Essays on Soren Kierkegaard by Howard A. Johnson*. Johnson was Owen's first theological--philosophical mentor and Owen worked with him at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square in Washington across from the White House. In March, Owen spent a month visiting his youngest son and his family in Brasilia. All family members there are fluent in four languages and all work in the city in various capacities. In October, Owen will celebrate his ninetieth birthday and shows no signs of slowing down.

Philip Valera: In his role as president of the Ethikon Institute, Phil is presently organizing a dialogue-publication project on *The Management of Intramural Dissent on Core Beliefs*. Perspectives to be considered on the topic include Buddhism, Christianity, Classical Liberalism, Confucianism, Feminism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Liberal-egalitarianism, Marxism, and Natural Law.

Antoninus Wall, O.P. Tony's principal activity over the past year has been to proclaim the good news by way of parish missions, retreats, days of recollection, limited writing on spiritual themes, and a month-long daily presence at a huge shopping mall in Portland, Oregon, available to anyone seeking information about the Christian faith and God's role in their lives. These activities have taken place in California, Alaska, Virginia, and Arizona, and included a two week teaching exercise with Mother Teresa's sisters in Calcutta, India.