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A NEEDED AND NEW CONVERSATION ON "VOCATION"

Edward P. Hahnenberg, Ph.D. will be the featured speaker at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry (AGPIM). Members will gather in San Antonio February 24 - 26 to discuss "The Ecology of Calling: The Role of Community in Vocation and Discernment." Prof. Hahnenberg recently published his study on the question of vocation. He embarked on the study to explore the meaning of "vocation" in relation to lay ecclesial ministers. Fr. Wayne has been reading his book with Susan Northway, Director of Lay Ministry Formation for the Salt Lake City Diocese, and looks forward to the AGPIM conversation.

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CHRISTMAS BRINGS NEW FRIENDS

The vision of the Congar Institute is relational. We are convinced that we can accomplish much more together than we can separately. For those who share our passion for building up the Body of Christ where we are weakest, there are many different ways to join in our effort to make new resources available for equipping lay leaders for pastoral ministry. One important way to participate is through financial support, which makes our ministry possible. Although our Christmas Appeal was a modest beginning, we are happy to report a strong response to our request for help. We are strengthened and encouraged by your support.

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MORE THAN A PRESENCE

These days it is fair to say that if you don't have a presence on the internet, in many people's minds, you don't exist. For this reason, one of our earliest goals was to create a basic website that at least proclaimed: We are here! Now, it is time to move beyond a mere presence. We want our website to become an interactive destination of choice and a real resource for those who share our vision and mission. We are excited to be in conversation with creative web designers who are committed to helping us to achieve this goal. We can't wait to announce our new website to you in a few months! Stay tuned.

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STUDY WEEK 2011 (SWLC) The Southwest Liturgical Conference held its annual week of study in Salt Lake City February 2 to 5. On behalf of the Congar Institute, I presented a keynote, "Catechesis and Liturgy in the Formation of Faith" and two workshops: "Lay Ministers in the Service of the Word" and "Catechesis and Liturgy, a Symbiotic Relationship." The aim of the keynote was to describe the profound relationship between these two church practices and their implications for the ministry of catechists and liturgists. The first workshop explored how the example of Lay Delegates of the Word in Honduras can help Hispanics in the U.S. The second was a continuation of the keynote theme. A large and enthusiastic group of many of the laity attending our lay ecclesial ministry formation program in Salt Lake City participated in both the workshops and the plenary session. P. Luis Aguilar, OP **FOURTH SESSION IN**

BEAUMONT Conflict, whether between individuals, groups, or organizations constantly threatens the effectiveness of our ministry. When managed well, however, it is a time of growth that strengthens group cohesion. On February 12, Fr. Luis Roberto offered participants in the Beaumont Diocese course on Pastoral Skills Development, some tools to manage conflict. These lay leaders, as always, showed great interest and strong participation. This excellent group shows signs of growth every time we meet. P. Luis Aguilar, OP

FAITHFUL SERVANT AWARD Our great friend and collaborator, Maria Cruz-Grey, Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Salt Lake City, was justly honored by the Southwest Liturgical Conference. The award was presented at a special banquet on February 4 during the 2011 Study Week . Bishop Wester spoke with great affection and admiration for Maria's tireless work. With her natural humility, Maria addressed those present to acknowledge the honor of receiving this recognition. Well done, faithful servant! God bless you and your ministry. P. Luis Aguilar, OP