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WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH IN ATLANTA

The Aquinas Center of Theology was established by the Southern Dominican Province to be both a Catholic Institution of teaching and research based at Emory University, a major, historically Methodist University in Atlanta, GA and simultaneously to provide pastoral formation to Catholics in the local church. Catholics are a small but growing minority in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. As the Aquinas Center explores possibilities for its work, my goal as a member of the Board is to find ways that the Congar Institute for Ministry Development and the Aquinas Center can collaborate in pastoral formation in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

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HOW WILL THEY SUPPORT US IF THEY DO NOT KNOW US?

How will they support us if they do not know us? This is the question directing the present San Antonio-based activities of our Development Committee. The assumption is that when people get to know the important mission in which we are engaged, they want to support us. One of the places we are least known is where our base of operations is--San Antonio--since most of our efforts reach out beyond the Archdiocese. Believing, nonetheless, that there are many mission-minded folks in the area who will understand the importance of our mission for the future of the church, we are embarking on a public relations campaign to make ourselves better known. The culmination of this campaign will be an event in 2012 that will bring together those who value our mission of ensuring well-prepared pastoral leaders for the church in under-resourced areas.

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NEW MEMBER ON THE BOARD (First of a Series)

Attending his first meeting of the Congar Institute Board this March, Fr. Jorge Presmanes, OP, DMin., is a Dominican Friar of the Province of St. Martin de Porres. He is Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the Institute for Hispanic/Latino Theology and Ministry at Barry University in Miami, FL. Before teaching at Barry University, Fr. Jorge served as Pastor of St. Dominic Church in Miami, FL, for 9 years and as a professor at the Southeast Pastoral Institute in Miami for many years. Fr. Jorge's main professional interests are in practical theology, U.S. Hispanic/Latino Theology, theology of preaching, and the education of lay ecclesial ministers. He is the co-editor of *Preaching and Culture in Latino Congregations* (Chicago: LTP, 2000).

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EMAÚS: THIRD SESSION

On February 25-27, I presented one more session of the formation plan Emaús in Salt Lake City. With a large and enthusiastic support, we studied the cultural, religious, economic and historical Palestine in the first century. The idea was to provide some basic data to introduce the reading of the New Testament. We also developed themes such as "The Gospel and the Gospels" and "Pauline Letters and Revelation".

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EMAÚS: INTERMEDIATE SESSION

The ministerial formation we are offering in Salt Lake City covers several areas: theological, spiritual, pastoral and human. So, the intermediate session on Saturday March 19th, was devoted to "knowing and accepting ourselves". Using the "Enneagram" (personality test), we try to deepen the knowledge of ourselves and the best way to strengthen the positive and negative control, of our way of being.

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