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Each year, the St. Thomas Aquinas Theological & Catechetical Forum offers a weekend of intensive study of a particular area of theological interest. Led by Aquinas College faculty members and other distinguished scholars, the Forum unites academic study, discussion, and the liturgy of the Church. Attendance can be counted toward hours needed for diocesan catechist certification programs.

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Truth and Tolerance

Peter Kreeft, Ph.D.

Have you ever been accused of being intolerant, simply because you've claimed something is true? Are truth and tolerance inevitably enemies? In our modern society, relativism is often disguised as openness and compassion. In this talk, Dr. Kreeft will discuss the meaning of tolerance and the repercussions of relativism in modern society.

Values and Feelings

Peter Kreeft, Ph.D.

In his famous work, *Back to Virtue*, Dr. Kreeft warned against modern society's rejection of virtue and reduction of values to feelings. Can I say that my values are true? Or would this be judgmental, implying that some values are wrong? Are values a matter of individual taste? This talk will explore these questions, their implications, and their consequences in our modern society.

How Can We Say 'Jesus is Lord'?

Alan Schreck, Ph.D.

Continuing our exploration of the relationship between faith and reason, Dr. Schreck will highlight the theological virtue of faith and our ability to be confident in the truth it brings us. He will also examine the need for the Holy Spirit to give us the grace to live in faith and truth. As St. Paul tells us, "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 12:3).

St. Thomas on Truth, Goodness & Beauty

John Cuddeback, Ph.D.

Is beauty in the eye of the beholder? The common discussions regarding truth, beauty and goodness often stem from very subjective opinions and end with an "agree to disagree" resolution. But should they? In his presentation Dr. Cuddeback will raise the questions: What is beauty? What is truth? What is goodness? Who decides? Does it matter? Drawing from the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas, Dr. Cuddeback will pursue the relationships between truth, beauty and goodness especially as they refer to moral goodness and contemplation.

A Universe of Reason, Faith, and the Question of God

Peter Pagan, Ph.D.

Pope Benedict's momentous 2006 Regensburg Lecture created a storm of controversy. Lost in the uproar was the true significance of his address concerning the indispensable role of reason within the Church's life of faith. The Regensburg Lecture expresses the Holy Father's concern regarding "the call for a dehellenization of Christianity," the separation of Christian faith from the deep insights of classical Greek thought. Why does that matter? What response does he seek to promote? This talk will explore these questions and the broader significance of the Holy Father's Regensburg Lecture.

The Intellect and Will in Pursuit of the True and Good

Sister Mary Angelica, O.P.

We live in an age that fails to grasp the nature of the relationship between faith and reason. Could this be the result of compounding misunderstandings regarding the relationship between the intellect and the will? With St. Thomas Aquinas as her guide, Sister Mary Angelica, offers deep insight into the nature of the intellect and will and demonstrates how these two noble faculties of the soul are connaturally oriented to Ultimate Truth and Good.

PETER KREEFT is a professor of philosophy at Boston College and the King's College in New York. A former Calvinist, he received his bachelor of arts from Calvin College and his master's degree and doctorate from Fordham University. Dr. Kreeft is a well-known speaker and writer, authoring more than forty books, including *Back to Virtue*, *Fundamentals of the Faith*, and *Catholic Christianity*. A taste of his work can be found at www.peterkreeft.com.



ALAN SCHRECK is a professor of theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He received his doctorate in theology from the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto. He is a frequent guest on EWTN and hosted the series "The Catholic Challenge: Vatican II and You."

Dr. Schreck is the author of several books, including *The Essential Catholic Catechism*, *Catholic and Christian for Young Adults*, and *Your Life in the Holy Spirit*. He and his wife Nancy have five children and reside in Steubenville, Ohio.



JOHN CUDEBACK is a professor of philosophy at Christendom College. He received his doctorate in philosophy from The Catholic University of America and writes and lectures on various topics including virtue, culture, natural law, contemplation, and friendship. His book *Friendship: The Art of Happiness*

was published in 2003 and republished in 2010 as *Friendship: Where Virtue Becomes Happiness*. Dr. Cuddeback is a lay Dominican and lives with his wife and five children in the Shenandoah Valley.



PETER PAGAN is a professor of philosophy at Aquinas College. He received his bachelor of arts from University of California, Berkeley, and his master's and doctorate in philosophy from Fordham University. Dr. Pagan has presented across the country and has published articles in *The Thomist*,

National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly, and in publications of the American Maritain Association. He co-edited the book *The Human Person and a Culture of Freedom* with Sister Terese Auer, O.P.



SISTER MARY ANGELICA, O.P. is a theology instructor at Aquinas College and a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation in Nashville, Tennessee. She received her bachelor's degree in art from Belmont University and her licentiate in moral theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. While completing doctoral studies in theology, she studied the nature of the will according to St. Thomas Aquinas and Servais Pinckaers.

REGISTRATION

Please complete this form and return with payment to Aquinas College Office of Catechetics. Registration fee includes session materials and continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Please note that this year's scholarship dinner is priced separately from registration.

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REGISTRATION
Friday & Saturday (\$80 before 12/2/11) _____ x \$95 = \$ _____

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER
with Peter Kreeft _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

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Saturday only (\$60 each before 12/2/11) _____ x \$70 = \$ _____

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SCHEDULE

Friday, February 3

- 12:30 Check-in
- 1:00 Introduction
- 1:15 "A Universe of Reason, Faith, and the Question of God" by Dr. Peter Pagan
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 "St. Thomas on Truth, Goodness & Beauty" by Dr. John Cuddeback
- 4:00 Break
- 4:30 Holy Hour & Confessions
- 5:15 Vespers

Friday, February 3 Scholarship Dinner (Please note that this year's scholarship dinner is priced separately from registration.)

- 5:30 Dinner served
- 6:30 "Truth & Tolerance" by Dr. Peter Kreeft
- 7:30 Conclusion

Saturday, February 4

- 9:00 Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- 9:45 Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 Welcome
- 10:15 "Values & Feelings" by Dr. Peter Kreeft
- 11:30 Break
- 11:45 "The Intellect and Will in Pursuit of the True and Good" by Sister Mary Angelica, O.P.
- 1:00 Lunch
- 1:45 "How Can We Say 'Jesus is Lord'?" by Dr. Alan Schreck
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Q & A with presenters
- 4:30 Departure

LOCATION

St. Cecilia Motherhouse

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Early registration until December 2, 2011



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