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## **Ave Maria University Academics Presenting at Rare International Thomastic Congress in Rome**

*AMU well-represented in Rome during historical theological conference*

**ROME, Sept. 22, 2022** – Faculty from Ave Maria University in Florida will be presenters at the 11th International Thomistic Congress, which is taking place in Rome September 19-26, 2022. The Congress is a rare event, with only ten of them having taken place since 1925. It is focused on pressing issues of faith and reason in the current culture and hosted and organized by the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas. The last one took place in 2003.

“We are more than honored to have the opportunity to attend and present at this rare, international Congress at the Angelicum in Rome,” said Roger Nutt, S.T.L., S.T.D. Provost, professor of theology at Ave Maria University in Florida. “AMU will be well-represented at the Congress and we are looking forward to sharing our insights into the theology of the great St. Thomas Aquinas.”

The presenters at the Congress from Ave Maria University are Daniel Lendman, Kara Logan, Steven Long, Nutt and Adam Van Wart. Additionally, one alumna from the AMU doctoral program, Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, is also presenting. To present at the Congress, you either have to be invited by the Academy or submit a proposal and have it approved by a review board.

AMU has the most presenters of any institution in North America. In addition to participation at this high level in the conference, the participants will also privately meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Thursday, September 22.

These are the [individual topics](#) each member of the AMU faculty and alumna will be presenting on at the 11th International Thomistic Congress:

- Kara Logan - St. Thomas Aquinas and Edith Stein on the Sexual Difference of Man and Woman
- Roger Nutt – The Theandric Operation of Christ as Divine Philanthrōpia: On St. Thomas’s Doctrine of the Instrumental Causality of Christ’s Human Nature and the Soteriological Implications of the Hypostatic Union
- Daniel Lendman - The Separated Soul as a Person In Virtut
- Steven Long - The Analogy of Being as the Metaphysical Framework for Sacra Doctrina
- Thomas Adam Van Wart - Aquinas and the Problem of Reason’s Preceding Contingency
- Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, OP – Sacramental Honesty in Aquinas

Most of the faculty at Ave Maria University will be available for media interviews pending their individual schedules of presentations at the International Thomistic Congress.

To learn more about the Congress, please visit the [website](#).

For more information about the event and AMU’s role, or to schedule an interview with Roger Nutt or any of the AMU faculty presenters, please contact Kevin Wandra (404-788-1276 or [kwandra@carmelcommunications.com](mailto:kwandra@carmelcommunications.com)) of Carmel Communications.

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Ave Maria University is a Catholic institution of higher learning located in Ave Maria, Florida. Ave Maria University was established in 2003 as a Catholic university, according to the guidelines of the Code of Canon Law by the Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. The recognition of Ave Maria University as a Catholic University is granted upon the university’s commitment to continue to be guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church and faithfulness to the apostolic constitution Ex Corde Ecclesiae. Ave Maria University is committed to helping its students develop the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life and grow in their appreciation of truth. The goal of AMU is simple: to build the foundation of a truly Catholic university that forms future generations of truly Catholic men and women faithful to the Magisterium of the Church. For more information about Ave Maria University, please visit [www.avemaria.edu](http://www.avemaria.edu).