

FACT SHEET



HONORING
TWO EXTRAORDINARY PREACHERS

Reverend Harry Byrne, OP

Professor Emeritus, Aquinas Institute of Theology

AND

Reverend Jude Siciliano, OP

Itinerant Preacher & Founder of the Preacher Exchange

Because the Preaching must go on...
in this time of COVID-19, the Aquinas
community will gather at a virtual celebration

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

7pm Central / 8pm Eastern

WHAT:

Established in 1995, the Great Preacher Award is presented to individuals who embody the “Holy Preaching” which Dominicans understand as a comprehensive and dynamic response to God’s presence in our lives and in the world. We honor preachers who proclaim, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the coming and presence of the reign of God.

WHY:

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Aquinas Scholarship Fund which enables Aquinas Institute to offer financial aid to future preachers, teachers, and Church leaders, many of whom would be otherwise unable to pursue theological studies.

WHEN:**VIRTUAL EVENT ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

7:00 pm Central Time / 8:00 pm Eastern
(Link will be sent in advance of the event)

Our program will feature live segments and a video produced by Bob Berkowitz, President of the award-winning Multivision productions.

We encourage our guests to organize:

- ✦ Zoom cocktail parties with your family and friends prior to the or after the event.
- ✦ Or to gather with your “bubble” to watch the award ceremonies together.

PRESENTING THE GREAT PREACHER RAFFLE!

As a small token of our appreciation for your support of Aquinas Institute during this difficult time, we are pleased to offer three fantastic raffle prizes to our sponsors and all those who purchase tickets. Drawing will be held after the Award presentations at our event on November 18, 2020.

THIRD PRIZE: A pair of beautifully framed woodcuts from the renowned Dominican artist, Albert Carpentier, OP

SECOND PRIZE: Start making your post-COVID travel plans to your favorite destination when you win 200,000 American Airlines miles

FIRST PRIZE: A vacation get-away at your choice of the beach, the mountains, or the big City. One week stay for up to six people at your choice of one the following locations:

- ✦ In the mountains of Highlands, North Carolina
- ✦ At the beach at the exclusive Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Florida
- ✦ On the Upper East Side of New York City

Our Honorees

Reverend Harry Byrne, OP Professor Emeritus, Aquinas Institute of Theology

Fr. Harry M. Byrne, OP is a Dominican friar in the Central Province of St. Albert the Great. He is Professor Emeritus at Aquinas Institute of Theology where he taught for 34 years. During his tenure at Aquinas Institute, Fr. Harry taught pastoral theology and counseling, ministerial formation, and spiritual direction. He served as the Director of the Certificate Program in Spiritual Direction for 16 years and was instrumental in launching Aquinas Institute's online spiritual direction certificate program. Over three decades, Fr. Harry has been much loved and respected by his students and his lasting legacy at Aquinas Institute includes the training of an entire generation of spiritual directors.



Fr. Harry was an Assistant Professor at Saint Louis University in the Department of Public Health and taught in the Graduate Program in Pastoral Health Care. He has lectured widely in academic and ministerial settings and written extensively on spirituality, pastoral care and counseling and spiritual direction. In addition to his academic ministry, Fr. Harry has extensive experience in pastoral care at parishes and educational institutions and is well-known and much appreciated as a wise spiritual director and pastoral counselor.

Reverend Jude Siciliano, OP Itinerant Preacher & Founder of the Preacher Exchange

Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP is a Dominican friar in the Southern Province of St. Martin de Porres where he has devoted his life to building the Order's preaching charism. He has been an itinerant preacher for over forty years, traveling throughout the country giving preaching workshops to ordained and lay preachers. Fr. Jude, working in partnership with Dominican women, gives dozens of retreats each year in parish settings and for priests, religious, deacons and laity. He was a professor of Homiletics at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California for fourteen years where he taught preaching to students from many different religious traditions.



In 1984, Fr. Jude founded the Preacher Exchange, an internationally recognized web-based resource dedicated to building up the ministry of preaching within the Christian community. With over 8,000 subscribers, it has a broad and diverse audience of preachers and laity, offered free of charge to all. For the last thirty-six years, Fr. Jude has faithfully written a weekly column entitled "First Impressions" to assist preachers in homily preparation. Fr. Jude currently lives at the Southern Province Novitiate in Irving, Texas, where he serves as Prior of the community.

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Reverend Jeffrey H. Goeckner
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Reverend Matthew O'Toole
2019 Very Reverend Charles E. Bouchard, OP &
Reverend Craig Holway

† Deceased

Sponsorship Opportunities and Tickets

Sponsorships:

FRIENDS OF DOMINIC – \$10,000

- ♦ Twenty tickets to the November 18th Virtual Celebration
- ♦ Twenty chances to win the Great Preacher Raffle
- ♦ Wine delivery to your home and virtual cocktail party with the honorees
- ♦ Sponsor name and logo acknowledged on all electronic marketing materials and Aquinas Institute website, and on the production video

FRIENDS OF CATHERINE OF SIENA – \$5,000

- ♦ Fifteen tickets to the November 18th Virtual Celebration
- ♦ Fifteen chances to win the Great Preacher Raffle
- ♦ Sponsor name and logo acknowledged on all electronic marketing materials, on the Aquinas Institute website and on the production video

FRIENDS OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT – \$2,500

- ♦ Ten tickets to November 18th Virtual Celebration
- ♦ Ten chances to win the Great Preacher raffle
- ♦ Sponsor name and logo acknowledged on all electronic marketing materials, on the Aquinas Institute website and on the production video

PREACHER CIRCLE – \$1,000

In lieu of buying a table at the event, we ask you to consider joining the Preacher Circle and buy a “virtual table” which includes:

- ♦ Five tickets to the November 18th Virtual Celebration
- ♦ Five chances to win the Great Preacher Raffle

Some ideas for Preacher Circle Sponsors:

- ♦ Host a Zoom cocktail party with your family and friends prior to or after the event.
- ♦ Invite your “bubble” for a cocktails or dinner and watch the award ceremonies together.
- ♦ Give your family and friends tickets to attend the Great Preacher Award.

Individual Tickets:

FRIEND OF THOMAS AQUINAS – \$250

- ♦ One ticket to the November 18th Virtual Celebration
- ♦ Three chances to win the Great Preacher Raffle

FRIEND OF ROSE OF LIMA – \$100

- ♦ One ticket to the November 18th Virtual Celebration
- ♦ Two chances to win the Great Preacher Raffle

FRIEND OF MARTIN DE PORRES – \$50

- ♦ One ticket to the November 18th Virtual Celebration
- ♦ One chance to win the Great Preacher Raffle

This ticket price has been made available to ensure all are able to attend. If your circumstances allow, we would be grateful if you are able to purchase a higher price ticket.

For general event information:

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The Aquinas Way

Founded in 1925, Aquinas Institute of Theology is a Catholic graduate school of theology. Sponsored by the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great, we are firmly rooted in the rich intellectual tradition of the 800-year old Order of Preachers.

At the heart of all our programs is the unique Dominican approach to education that holds as its primary purpose a search for Veritas, the One who is Truth himself, our Lord Jesus, whom we seek to encounter in all our programs, coursework and campus life.

Aquinas Institute is a Center for Institutional Studies, designated by the Order of Preachers to form Dominican friars in order to carry out its mission of preaching the gospel for the salvation of every person. We serve two distinct, complementary constituencies: Dominican student brothers preparing for ordination to the priesthood and pastoral ministry, as well as priests, religious sisters, and lay men and women preparing for careers in service to the Christian community or advanced academic studies. We welcome diversity and those of other faith traditions. We offer multiple graduate degrees and certificate programs in a variety of formats to accommodate the needs of our students, and we are known for our signature programs in Health Care Mission and our Doctor of Ministry in Preaching.

Our life at Aquinas Institute is organized around what Dominicans call the “Holy Preaching.” We place our theological study at the service of the ministry of preaching, which is understood in a very broad sense, not as a discrete experience confined to a few minutes from the pulpit, but rather as an expression of our shared life where as a community, we seek to make a comprehensive and dynamic response to God’s presence in our lives and in the world. Aquinas is a close-knit community, where professors and students learn from one another and we seek God, engage in dialogue, and share life together; all leading towards our primary goal of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and in deed.

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