



AQUINAS CONFERENCE III

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FORUM
12TH LEONARDO LEGASPI, OP LECTURE

FEBRUARY 13-14, 2025

“St. Thomas Aquinas: Doctor of Humanity
Dialogues on Religion, Society, and
Becoming Human”

CALL FOR PAPERS



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In 1999, Pope St. John Paul II conferred a title on St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of Humanity, in recognition of the latter's receptivity to the values of other cultures. The title, Doctor of Humanity, discloses St. Thomas Aquinas' affirmative and congenial attitude to teachings and practices, which, though endemic in other cultures, are nonetheless open to the promotion of human flourishing and the spreading of the Gospel. As a fitting memorial of the 800th birth anniversary of the saintly doctor, this conference is organized to gather scholars, researchers, and academicians to commemorate the intellectual legacy of St. Thomas Aquinas vis-a-vis the contemporary issues and views that may pose very serious questions on what it means to become a human person. A consumerist economy, a culture of metrics, acceleration, scientism, post-humanism, terrorism, extremism, gender inequality, cancel culture, fake news, artificial intelligence, populism, massive poverty, and corruption in the government are issues and views that affect how we regard the human person. The goal of the conference is to engage these issues and views via an interface between the theories that support or are critical of them and the anthropological views of St. Thomas Aquinas. In this fashion, the conference becomes not only a platform of dialogue between St. Thomas Aquinas and the contemporary philosophic views but also an avenue of critical engagement, albeit in dialogic form, in the way by which St. Thomas himself did his own critical explorations.





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Interested presenters may send abstracts (about 300 words) focused on one of the themes set by the conference. Submissions must be sent to **aquinasconferences@ust.edu.ph** no later than November 30, 2024.

Those whose abstracts are accepted during the first round of review will be required to submit an extended abstract of about 3,000 words no later than January 15, 2025 as a condition for their inclusion in the final program.

There will be a limited slot for parallel session papers. Only those submitted before the deadline will be accommodated.

The Conference will not be charging any conference fees, but non-presenting participants are expected to bring their own provisions for their snacks and meals.





STREAMS FOR THE PARALLEL SESSIONS:

GOD AND RELIGION

- St. Thomas Aquinas and Interreligious Dialogue
- Contemporary Readings of the Five Ways
- St. Thomas and Post-Theological Thinking
- St. Thomas and the Christianization of the Philippines
- St. Thomas and the “Death of God”
- St. Thomas and the Non-Metaphysical Theologies





STREAMS FOR THE PARALLEL SESSIONS:

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

- St. Thomas and Politics
- St. Thomas and Law
- St. Thomas and Economic Perspectives
- St. Thomas and Social Critique
- St. Thomas Aquinas and Filipino Philosophizing
- Politics and Practical Reasoning
- Reason and Contemporary Politics
- Discourse and Citizenship Education
- Politics and Truth-telling





STREAMS FOR THE PARALLEL SESSIONS:

BECOMING HUMAN

- Thomistic Anthropology and Artificial Intelligence
- Thomistic Anthropology and Gender
- Virtues and Post-Humanism
- The Challenges of the New Humanism
- Technology and Ethical Education
- Contemporary Theological Anthropology





DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **November 30, 2024**
 - Deadline for the submission of Abstracts
- **December 16, 2024**
 - Notification of Acceptance
- **January 15, 2025**
 - Submission of the Extended Abstract (the final basis for inclusion in the program)

