

ANNUAL REPORT 2012

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1. Research and study at the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht*

In 2012 research at the Institute continued within the overall research program “Christian Identity in a Pluralistic Context – Continuity and Discontinuity” of Tilburg School of Catholic Theology. Within this overall program three members of the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* – Henk Schoot, Rudi te Velde and Harm Goris – are doing research into the ways in which Thomas Aquinas’ philosophy and theology order and formulate Christian identity and thereby constitute a principal source for subsequent tradition.

As in previous years the meetings of the research group ‘Onderzoeksgroep Thomas van Aquino’ were part of the curriculum of the Research Master Programme of Tilburg School of Catholic Theology (TST). The research master students participated in the meetings and discussions of the research group, which convened seven times in 2012 with dr. Henk Schoot, director of the Institute, as chair.

On 2 April Adam Eitel from Princeton University, currently studying at the ‘Institut S. Thomas d’Aquin pour la théologie et la culture’ of Fribourg University (CH), visited the research group to discuss his article ‘Making Motions in a Language we do not Understand: The Apophaticism of Thomas Aquinas and Victor Preller’. During the other meetings texts by Thomas Aquinas were read and discussed about as well as papers and articles by members of the Institute.

2. Morning of Study at the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht

On 27 January – on the eve of the feastday of Thomas Aquinas – the Institute organised a morning of study entitled ‘Thomas as Preacher’. Members of the Institute – Mark-Robin Hoogland c.p., Rudi te Velde and Henk Schoot – lectured about Thomas’s academic sermons, following the publication of Hoogland’s English translation of twenty sermons of Thomas Aquinas at The Catholic University of America Press (*Thomas Aquinas. The Academic Sermons. Translated by Mark-Robin Hoogland, C.P.* [The Fathers of the Church: Medieval Continuation, vol. 11] Washington DC 2010).

At the start of the morning the author of this publication gave a thorough introduction into Aquinas as preacher and several of the 20 sermons he had translated. Title of his lecture was: ‘Thomas the Preacher *Rediscovered*’. After that, Rudi te Velde presented a lecture about Thomas’s sermon *Puer Jesus* and the question of Jesus’ spiritual growth. The third contributor, Henk Schoot, talked about ‘patience’, as theme of Aquinas’ sermons on the Apostles’ Creed and for the feasts of the birth of Mary and *Germinet terra*.

55 people attended the morning of study. The contributions have been published in the *Jaarboek Thomas Instituut 2011* (2012).

3. Fourth International Conference 2013

In the course of 2012, preparations started for the fourth international conference that will be organised by the Thomas Instituut from 11 to 14 December 2013 at Utrecht/Netherlands. The theme of this conference will be ‘Faith, Hope and Love. Thomas Aquinas on Living by the Infused Virtues’. Keynote lectures will be given by: Eleonore Stump (Saint Louis University), Anna Williams (Cambridge University), Paul Waddell (St. Norbert’s College), Bruno Niederbacher

(University of Innsbruck) and Paul van Tongeren (Radboud University Nijmegen). Short lectures and papers will be given by (among others): Henk J.M. Schoot (Thomas Instituut te Utrecht), John O'Callaghan (University of Notre Dame), Michael Sherwin o.p. (University of Fribourg), Rudi te Velde (Thomas Instituut te Utrecht), Lambert Hendriks (Major Seminary Rolduc) and Herwi Rikhof (Thomas Instituut te Utrecht).

4. Chair for Theology of Thomas Aquinas

According to a decision reached in December 2011 on 1 May 2012 the Chair for Theology of Thomas Aquinas, which had been established in 2006, ceased to exist following several unavailing attempts for additional funding. Though dr. Henk Schoot will continue to act as director of the Institute, and is preparing several new initiatives, such as to establish bonds with potential new members of the Institute and the organization of the fourth international conference of the Institute in December 2013.

5. The Steering Committee of the Institute and the Board of the Thomas Foundation

The steering committee of the Institute – Director of the Institute, dr. Henk Schoot, the Secretary of Studies, dr. Cristina Pumplun, and dr. Harm Goris – convened on several occasions to discuss preparations for the upcoming fourth international conference in 2013 and the move of the Institute to a new location in the centre of Utrecht, the Institute being part of Tilburg School of Catholic Theology/Tilburg University.

The Board of the Thomas Foundation convened on 10 April and 12 November 2012. The Board welcomed mgr. dr. H. van den Hende, bishop of Rotterdam, and dr. Henk Schoot, director of the Institute, as new members of the Board. During

the meeting on 12 November the Board of the Foundation said good-bye to drs. R.W. Brenninkmeijer. He has been member of the Board of the Thomas Foundation from the very beginning in 1993, when a new board was installed because of the need to organise fund-raising for the Institute in a professional way. The *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* owes Mr. Brenninkmeijer many thanks for all his work and good advice serving the Thomas Foundation and the Institute.

6. *Jaarboek Thomas Instituut te Utrecht*

The *Jaarboek Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 2011* was timely published in 2012. The Editorial Board convened on 12 April and 13 November. There were no personnel changes in the Editorial Board.

7. Translation series

Cooperation with the *Tiltenberg* (Centre for ecclesiastical education of the diocese Haarlem-Amsterdam) continued in 2012. Work has been done on the Dutch translation of Aquinas' *De articulis Fidei et Ecclesiae sacramentis* and of his *Collationes super Symbolum Apostolorum*. Publication of these translations is planned for the first half of 2013.

8. Members of the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* 31 December 2012

Tilburg School of Theology (Tilburg University)

Staff	Prof. dr. P. van Geest
	Dr. H.J.M.J. Goris
	Prof.dr. M. Sarot
	Dr. H.J.M. Schoot
	Prof. dr. R.A. te Velde
	(University of Amsterdam)
	Philosophy)

Dr. W.G.B.M. Valkenberg
(Catholic University of
America, USA)
Dr. A. Vos
(Protestant Theological
University, emeritus)
Prof. dr. J.B.M. Wissink
(Tilburg University, emeritus)

9. Research programmes and research projects in 2012

Tilburg School of Catholic Theology (Tilburg University): Ordering Christian Identity – Thomas Aquinas

At the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* research is done into the ways in which Thomas Aquinas's philosophy and theology order and formulate Christian identity and thereby constitute a principal source for subsequent tradition.

Thomas Aquinas has made important contributions to the formulation of Christian identity in at least three areas: the link he endeavors to establish between metaphysics and belief in God along the lines of being; the theological anthropology he develops, in which the relations between nature, grace and sin are directive; and the way in which his Christology situates salvation through the cross theologically and analyses it conceptually. The concept of 'ordering' is important since establishing links and negotiating approaches and topics constitute Aquinas's strength.

The questions this research program addresses, aim to build up a historically, philosophically and theologically sound interpretation of the thought of Thomas Aquinas in the areas mentioned, to put this interpretation in historical perspective, and to formulate its relevance for contemporary discussions on Christian identity.

An approach is chosen which builds on a more general and innovative interpretation of Thomas which was developed by the Institute during the years past. The program also constitutes a principal contribution to the research program of Tilburg School of Catholic Theology, since it will offer cross-sections of the historical, philosophical and theological development of thought on several topics that define Christian identity.

Nature and Grace. The relation between Nature and Grace in the Theological Anthropology of Thomas Aquinas

-H.J.M.J. Goris

Christology and Soteriology

-H.J.M. Schoot

Metaphysics and Subjectivity

-R.A. te Velde

PhD-projects carried out at the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht

Thomas Aquinas on John's Gospel. Christology and exegetical method

-S. Mangnus

God's Hidden Presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist

-F.A. Steijger

A Fighter for the Faith. The polemical writings of Ramón Martí (ca. 1220-1285)

-S. Wiersma

***Tilburg School of Humanities (Tilburg University) /
University of Humanistic Studies (Utrecht)***

The meaning of the term 'passion' (and its connotations) in handbooks of moral theology

-F.J.H. Vosman

Professional Loving Care in a General Hospital (Care in Contested Coherence) / The dynamics of hope in palliative care
-C.J.W. Leget

Individual projects

Augustin's evaluation of fear

-P. van Geest

Den Tod im Leben sehen. Martin Luthers Beitrag zu einem erneuerten Umgang mit Tod und Sterben

-S. Gradl

Current meaning of Aquinas' ethics

-K.-W. Merks

Trinity and Thomas

-H.W.M. Rikhof

(Re)actualizing catholic identity in advanced modernity

-M. Sarot

Theology and Christian-Muslim relations

-W.G.B.M. Valkenberg

The Project of a hermeneutic philosophy

-A.C.M. Vennix

Design of a Practical Ecclesiology

-J.B.M. Wissink

10. Publications in 2012

This list contains all publications by members of the *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* (Tilburg University) in so far as they include Thomas Aquinas as a topic or a topic in relation to his life and works. It also contains all publications by members who participate in the research programme 'Ordering Christian Identity - Thomas Aquinas' of the Tilburg School of Catholic Theology (Tilburg University).

Scientific publications

- Geest, P.J.J. van [with. V. Hunink] - Met zachte hand. Augustinus over dwang in kerk en maatschappij (brief 185) - Damon/Budel (2012)
- Geest, P.J.J. van - *Ante omnia igitur opus est Dei timore converti* (doctr. chr. 2.7.9). Augustine's Evaluation of Fear - A. Dupont, G. Partoens, M. Lamberigts (eds.), *Ministerium Sermonis. Philological, Historical, and Theological Studies on Augustine's Sermones ad Populum (Instrumenta Patristica et Medievalia. Research on the Inheritance of Early and Medieval Christianity 65)* - Louvain (2012) 443-464
- Goris, H.J.M.J - Angelic knowledge in Aquinas and Bonaventure - T. Hoffmann (ed.), *A companion to angels in medieval philosophy (Brill's companions to the Christian tradition, 1871-6377)* - Brill/Leiden (2012) 149-185
- Goris, H.J.M.J - Thomas Aquinas on Dreams - B.J. Koet (ed.), *Dreams as Divine Communication in Christianity: From Hermas to Aquinas (Studies in the History and Anthropology of Religion 3)* - Peeters/Leuven (2012) 255-276
- Hoogland, M.R. - Thomas the Preacher *rediscovered* - Jaarboek 2011 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 31 (2012) 11-45
- Merks, K.-W. - Thomas von Aquin (1225-1274) - K. Hilpert (Hg.), *Christliche Ethik im Porträt. Leben und Werk bedeutender Moraltheologen* - Herder/Freiburg i.B. (2012) 221-259

- Merks, K.-W. - Grundlinien einer interkulturellen Ethik. Moral zwischen Pluralismus und Universalität (Studien zur theologischen Ethik 132) - Academic Press Fribourg-Verlag Herder/Fribourg-Freiburg (2012)
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - De weg van de theologie bij Piet Schoonenberg - Bijdragen. International Journal in Philosophy and Theology 73/4 (2012) 353-370
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Liebe *und* Geduld. Sakramentale Fragmente - Aldegonde Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn, Klaus Demmer (Hg.), Das Herz spricht zum Herze, Reflexionen über die Ehe - Herder/Freiburg (2012) 67-77
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - De dogmatische constitutie *Lumen Gentium* - Lezingen symposium 12 oktober 2012. Vijftig jaar Vaticanum II en start Jaar van het Geloof - Kerkelijke Documentatie nr. 3 (2012) 23-37
- Sarot, M. - Beyond Kenoticism: Why the Suffering God had to Become Man - Dutch Reformed Theological Journal 52/ suppl. 3 (2012) 100-112
- Sarot, M. - Theologie: Een dwaze wetenschap? - Nederduitse Gereformeerde Theologische Tydskrif 53/3-4 (2012) 284-301
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Kerk en Credietcrisis. Contra 'woeker en wanhoop' - Staf Hellemans, Jan van den Eijnden en Piet Rentinck (red.), Een katholieke kerk met toekomst (Theologische Perspectieven VIII) - 2vm/Bergambacht (2012) 45-54

- Schoot, F.J.M. - Geduld. Thomas van Aquino over het duldzame lijden van Christus - Jaarboek 2011 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 31 (2012) 47-67
- Schoot, F.J.M. - Methoden in de katholieke systematische theologie, aan de hand van reflecties op de verrijzenis van Christus - Archibald L.H.M. van Wieringen (red.), Theologie & methode (Theologische Perspectieven Supplement Series 4) - 2vm/Bergambacht (2012) 173-207
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - The Hizmet Movement in the Dialogue between Muslim and Christian Religious Traditions - Sophia Pandya, Nancy Gallagher (ed.), The Gülen Hizmet Movement and its Transnational Activities: Case Studies of Altruistic Activism in Contemporary Islam - Brown Walker Press/Boca Raton FL (2012) 35-54
- Velde, R.A. te - Binding en vrijheid: over de ethische zin van instituties - Edith Brugmans (red.), Instituties in beweging - Valkhof Pers/Nijmegen (2012) 31-45
- Velde, R.A. te - Jezus in de puberteit. De christologische paradox naar aanleiding van de preek *Puer Jesus* - Jaarboek 2011 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 31 (2012) 69-84
- Velde, R.A. te - Over de jonge Jezus, vertaling van *Sermo Puer Jesus*, van Thomas van Aquino - Jaarboek 2011 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 31 (2012) 85-104
- Velde, R.A. te - Lemma 'Plato' - Gary Banham, Dennis Schulting, Nigel Hems (eds.), The Continuum Companion to Kant - Continuum/London (2012) 139-141

Velde, R.A. te - Het innerlijk als plaats van de waarheid - B. Blans (red.), De ontdekking van het innerlijk - Valkhof Pers/Nijmegen (2012) 106-124

Professional and/or popular publications

Geest, P.J.J. van - Augustinus en de ontdekking van de vrije en gebonden wil - F. van der Meché, H. Commandeur, H. de Man (eds.), De vrije wil, Vertrouwen (Management en Organisatie 66-6) - Kluwer/Deventer (2012) 40-49

Geest, P.J.J. van - Geordend is de politiek. Het christendom als fundament voor politiek handelen volgens Augustinus - in: E. Borgman, P.J. Dijkman, P. van Geest (eds.), Dood of wederopstanding? Over het christelijke in de Nederlandse politiek (CD Verkenningen 2012-3) - Boom/Meppel (2012) 40-47

Geest, P.J.J. van - [Review:] Maximilian von Habsburg, *Imitatione Christi* 1425-1650. From Late Medieval Classic to Early Modern Bestseller (Farnham-Burlington 2012) - Bijdragen. International Journal in Philosophy and Theology 73 (2012) 106-107

Rikhof, H.W.M. - De Heilige Kerk? - Jacques Haars, Geertjan Zuidwegt (red.), Is de Kerk nog heilig? - Halewijn/Antwerpen (2012) 25-38

Rikhof, H.W.M. - De nederdaling ter helle. De verbeelding van Albrecht Dürer / Het Laatste Oordeel. Michelangelo's meesterwerk - Frank G. Bosman (red.), Hemel en hel. Beelden van het hiernamaals in het westers christendom - Uitgeverij van de Abdij van Berne/Berne (2012) 123-139 / 141-159

- Rikhof, H.W.M. - De liturgie van Pinksteren: leerschool voor de 'gewone' Heilige Geest - Vieren. Tijdschrift voor liturgie en spiritualiteit (2012) nr. 14-18
- Schoot, H.J.M. - In memory of Ferdinand J.A. de Grijs. Founder of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht - Jaarboek 2011 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 31 (2012) 9-10
- Velde, R.A. te - Meister Eckhart over de christelijke ziel - Joke J. Hermsen (red.), Armada. Tijdschrift voor wereldliteratuur. Jrg. 18. Themanummer: Letter en Ziel. Een literair-filosofische verkenning (maart 2012) 83-88

Lectures

- Geest, P.J.J. van - On Augustine's *De libero arbitrio* and *De gratia et libero arbitrio* - Two lectures at Erasmus School of Accounting and Assurance: Executive Program 'Het brein kan het niet alleen', Rotterdam, 20 January 2012
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Augustinus over vrees. Willibord-Lecture - Lecture at the Seminary 'De Tiltenberg', Vogelenzang 2 April 2012
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Augustinus' levenskunst - Lecture at the International School of Philosophy, Leusden, 14 April 2012
- Geest, P.J.J.van - Augustinus' verhouding tot de joden - Lecture at the symposium of the Hieronymus Foundation on the occasion of the farewell lecture of prof. dr. A. Bodar, Utrecht, 27 April 2012

- Geest, P.J.J. van - Coercion as a Signal for Dialogue? Augustine and the Donatists - Lecture at the International Donatist Studies Symposium, Louvain, 17 May 2012
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Ambitie en arrogantie: mededogen en betrokkenheid. Twee leiderschapsprofielen uit de laat antieke oudheid - Lecture at the Symposium 'Effective Governance in de boardroom. Van hard controls naar soft controls' of Erasmus School of Accounting and Assurance, Rotterdam, 7 September 2012
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Direct en Indirect vrouwelijk leiderschap in de eerste eeuwen: kansen en gevaren - Lecture during ESAA Erasmus Executive Programs at Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, 1 November 2012
- Geest, P.J.J. van - 'Hij onderwees anderen wat hij zelf zou doen en deed wat hij had onderwezen'. Over Augustinus - Lecture at the farewell symposium for Kees Boele, member of the board of Wageningen University, Ede, 21 November 2012
- Geest, P.J.J. van - Het verstandshuwelijk van Gabriel Biel en de Moderne Devotie - Lecture during the expert meeting 'In de ogen van anderen. De Moderne devotie in Duitsland en de Nederlanden - beïnvloeding en toe-eigening' of the interfaculty studygroup 'Culture, Religion, Memory', Radboud University, Nijmegen, 30 November 2012
- Goris, H.J.M.J. - Gods voorzienigheid. Een actuele vraag - Lecture at the Day of Studies 'Gods zorg voor de wereld' of the Augustinian Institute, Utrecht, 27 January 2012

- Goris, H.J.M.J. - Bijnadoodervaringen: medisch bewijs voor een onsterfelijke ziel? - Lecture at the Tilburg University Day of Studies 'Hersenen en Geloof', Tilburg, 1 June 2012
- Goris, H.J.M.J. - *Contra Pontificios*: de controverse van de *Synopsis Purioris Theologiae* (1625) met roomse theologen - Lecture at the seminar 'Synergie en synopsis. De winst van interdisciplinaire samenwerking in het project *Synopsis Purioris Theologiae* (1625)' of the Netherlands School for Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion (NOSTER), Kampen, 28 November 2012
- Goris, H.J.M.J. - *Verbum* in Thomas Aquinas - Lecture at the conference 'Thomas Problematicus' of the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Freiburg i.Brsg, 16 June 2012
- Hoogland, M.R. - Thomas de prediker *herontdekt* - Lecture at the day of studies of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht (Tilburg University), Utrecht, 27 Januari 2012
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Psalm 51 - Lecture at the Study day of the Ariëns Instituut, Utrecht, 24 March 2012
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - De heilige kerk? - Lecture at the 'Logos congress', Louvain, 7 May 2012
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - De geloofsbelijdenis - Lecture for the Chapter of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Dijnselburg, 7 June 2011

- Rikhof, H.W.M. - De weerbarstigheid van onze geloofsbelijdenis. Een bijdrage aan het jaar van het geloof - Lecture for a group of young monks, Bocholt, 18 July 2012
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Inleiding tot het Jaar van het Geloof - Lecture for the committee of priests of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Den Bosch, 30 August 2012
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - De dogmatische constitutie *Lumen Gentium* - Lecture at the symposium 'Vijftig Jaar Vaticanum II', Utrecht, 12 October 2012
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - De geloofsbelijdenis - Lecture for the Willibrordsociety, Nijmegen, 1 November 2012
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Wat is een concilie, wat voor concilie is het Tweede Vaticaans Concilie geweest? / De constitutie *Sacrosanctum Concilium* / De dogmatische constitutie *Lumen Gentium* - Three lectures concerning Vatican II, H. Landstichting, 8-28 November 2012
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Het Tweede Vaticaans Concilie - Lecture for Deanery Nijmegen, 21 November 2012
- Rikhof, H.W.M. - Geloof en geloofsbelijdenis: overwegingen in het kader van het Jaar van het Geloof - Lecture at Maarsen Priory, 10 November 2012
- Sarot, M. - Niet echt gebeurd maar wel waar? Een analyse van de verschillen tussen propositionele en non-propositionele benaderingen van de theologie - Lecture on the occasion of the retirement of prof.dr. A.F. Sanders, Groningen University, 22 June 2012

- Sarot, M. - Theologie: Een dwaze wetenschap? - Opening lecture of the Theological University Kampen, Kampen 3 September 2012
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Geduld, identiteit en Thomas-onderzoek - Lecture at the Research Group Christian Identity, Tilburg School of Catholic Theology, Utrecht, 13 January 2012
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Geduld. Thomas over menselijke deugden en het lijden van Christus in de preek *Germinet terra* en de preken over de geloofsbelijdenis - Lecture at the day of studies of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht (Tilburg University), Utrecht, 27 Januari 2012
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Thomas van Aquino over God en het kwaad - Lecture at the farewell symposium for prof. dr. Marcel Sarot, Utrecht University, 19 September 2012
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Inleiding over het permanente diaconaat vijftig jaar na de opening van het Tweede Vaticaans Concilie - Lecture for deacons of the diocese Utrecht, 29 November 2012
- Velde, R.A. te - Jezus in de puberteit. - Lecture at the day of studies of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht (Tilburg University), Utrecht, 27 January 2012
- Velde, R.A. te - God and Prayer in Modern Culture - Lecture at the Aquinas Seminar, Blackfriars, Oxford, 2-3 March 2012