

# COLLEGIUM AUGUSTINIANUM

Graduate School of Philosophy  
and Theology



## 2024-2025 Prospectus



## **Collegium Augustinianum Prospectus**

A 501(c) (3) nonprofit educational organization, the Collegium Augustinianum is an international research institute and Christian Ecumenical graduate school of philosophy, theology and classics. Inspired by the Augustinian tradition of “truth through love,” the Collegium Augustinianum is committed to the Christian ideal of love of others in welcoming students from all religious traditions. Authorized to grant ecclesiastical (canonical) degrees as a religious exempt institution of higher education by the Commission for Independent Education of the Florida State Department of Education, the Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy, Theology and Classics offers research degree programs in the sacred sciences of philosophy, theology, canon law and related disciplines for students seeking vocations in ministry and scholarship. The Board of Trustees of the Collegium Augustinianum is committed to the Tutorial system and the European approach to research degrees; therefore, it has not sought recognition from a U.S. accreditation agency.

### **Affirmative Action Policy**

The Collegium Augustinianum is an affirmative action institution, and it is the policy of our university not to discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability or any other basis prohibited by law.

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PROSPECTUS AND CATALOGUE

**2024-2025**

***“O quanta qualia sunt illa sabbata,  
Quae semper celebrat superna curia.”***

**(“O how great and glorious are those Sabbaths,  
Which the heavenly court for ever celebrates!”)**

**--Peter Abelard (1079-1142)  
*Hymnus Paraclitensis***





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## Christian, Ecumenical and Augustinian

The Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology committed to the Christian faith found in sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition, with an educational philosophy founded upon Augustine's passionate search for God.

The following faith traditions are represented at the Collegium Augustinianum:

Anglican Church of Canada  
Anglican Church of Nigeria  
Anglican Church of West Africa  
Baptist Church  
Church of England  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Episcopal Church USA  
Evangelical Christianity  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Greek Orthodox Church  
Italian National Catholic Church  
Methodist Church  
Old Catholic Church in the United States  
Orthodox Church in America  
Presbyterian Church USA  
Roman Catholic Church  
Russian Orthodox Church  
Syro-Malabar Church  
Unitarian Church  
United Church of Christ





EPISCOPI HIPONEN  
RIANVS INCIPIT FELICI

TRIOSISSIMAM CIVI

te in hoc temporis curia cum  
regnum ecclesie videret. Cuius  
fidei terra quam nunc exprobat  
in quodam usque vobis conuenit  
incepta de qua per hoc scriptum  
nam ad parentem per sedam hoc op  
mea ad te pro ditione debui del  
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relione Marcelline dicitur Magn  
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relione qua sit ut omnia terre  
in huiusmodi quibus facti sed et  
erit et videret eorum bonis  
in ditionem diuine legis aperit  
et aut deo gratiam. Hoc vero qu  
fidei omnia in inuoluntate dicit  
tunc de terra conuenit que cum  
deus in huiusmodi ditionem in no  
dicitur huiusmodi in no potestati  
dicitur que defendenda est deo ex  
erit eorum in huiusmodi facti deo  
chorum tamque mandata beneficia  
cum in huiusmodi in huiusmodi  
ultra de qua de per huiusmodi  
in huiusmodi sunt quibus propter deo  
typum deo et huiusmodi apothecis  
et huiusmodi huiusmodi. Hoc  
huiusmodi in huiusmodi huiusmodi illis d  
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et huiusmodi ad deo deo deo deo  
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## Classical and Cosmopolitan

The educational philosophy of the Collegium Augustinianum focuses on antiquity, and especially ancient texts, which can be studied from the point of view of history, or through a hermeneutical approach to modern texts that lead the reader back to ancient sources. Whether one takes the former path or the latter, ancient and modern languages are extremely important in order to properly engage the original text.

With an international College of Fellows and a global student body, writing and defending their theses and dissertations in many different modern languages, the Collegium Augustinianum is a cosmopolitan institution of higher learning unlike any other in the United States.



EPISCOPI HIPONEN  
 RIAMVS INCIPIT FELICI  
 ORIOSISSIMAM CIVI  
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 fidei eterne quam nunc copetia  
 an quod vly videri conuenit  
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 melius qui fit ut omnia verra  
 ex humanis epafite filii fit el  
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 et aut deo gratiam. Hoc vero qu  
 bellar amam in inuenerit dca  
 natus de verena conuenit que con  
 deo amant filio dno inuenit no  
 deper bonifopent rano pofitatio  
 dicitur quod deinde de dno et  
 riter eul vna fuit bonifopent  
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 a in feli fuit quibus propter deo  
 rponum dea et vly apoteleca  
 et fuit aliter rono pua. Hoc  
 inuenit rano dno fuit illis d  
 r extra vna loca pofitatio ne  
 a non habebat cui tamen rati  
 rati q ad loca dca veyebant ubi  
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“Athens, the eye of Greece, mother of arts  
And eloquence, native to famous wits  
Or hospitable, in her sweet recess,  
City or suburban, studious walks and shades;  
See there the olive grove of Academe,  
Plato’s retirement, where the Attic bird  
Trills her thick-warbled notes the summer long.”

**--John Milton (1608-1674)**  
***Paradise Found***



## GREETINGS FROM THE RECTOR

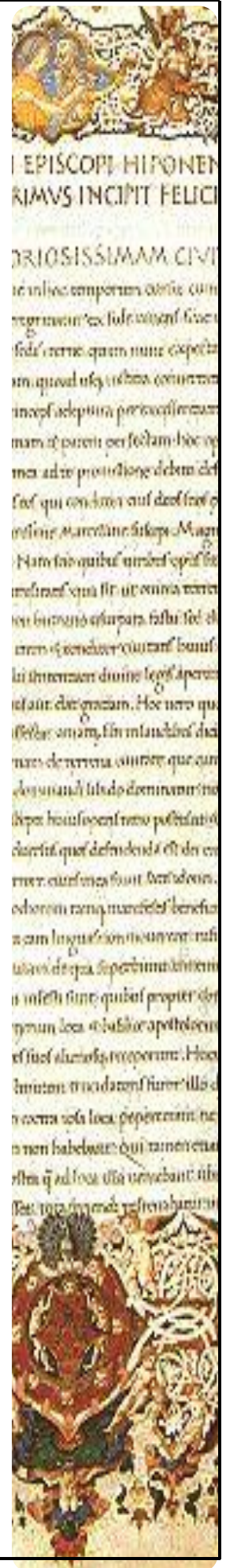
It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to embark upon a truly unique educational experience; inspired by the mind and heart of St. Augustine of Hippo, imbued with the desire for a more traditional way of study and dedicated to the noble, loving pursuit of Christian community. These are just a few of the qualities that distinguish the Collegium Augustinianum in its idealistic vision and mission.

We are a specialized graduate school driven by the resonant voice of St. Augustine as it echoes throughout the major epochs of the Western philosophical and theological tradition, leaving its mark on a great many movements ranging from medieval scholasticism and reformed theology to phenomenology and deconstruction. Hence, the research interests of both our scholars and students touch upon the various ways in which the Augustinian tradition has helped shape and mold the sacred sciences to this day. For example, one of our doctoral students is working on the application of Augustinian Just War Theory to the contemporary problem of terrorist insurgency; such research demonstrates not only the vast historical and conceptual scope of St. Augustine’s thought but also the great variety of scholarly interest welcomed at the Collegium.

We are quite proud of the scholarly achievements of our renowned faculty and the prominent role of our fellows in governing the academic direction of the Collegium. Our fellows are firmly dedicated to a reclamation of the professorial ideals of the medieval *studium generale*, promising a strong, unwavering commitment to educational excellence, as well as an old world mentoring relationship between professor and student, master and novice.

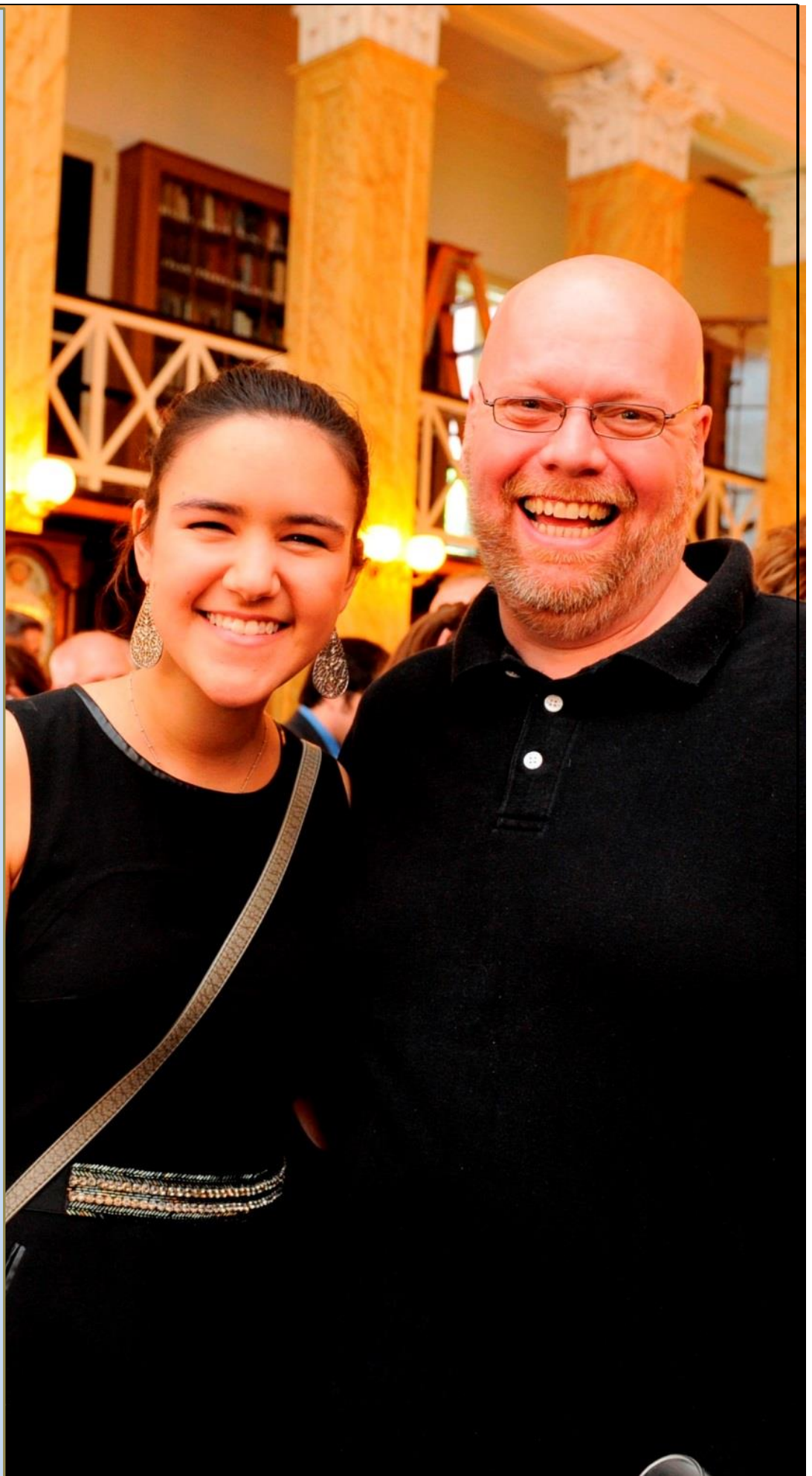
I therefore welcome you to enter into an educational ideal, a Christian community of scholars brought together by the common love of study for study’s sake and the unifying fellowship that forges one mind and heart out of many; or as St. Augustine so eloquently put it, *veritas per caritatem*.

Patrick A. Messina, Ph.D., S.T.D.  
*Rector and Professor of Philosophy and Theology*



## Collegium Augustinianum

We are also a community of Christian scholars—fellows, professors and students—studying together, worshipping together and dwelling together as lovers of wisdom. Come join our community and contribute to our conversation!



## ***Mission***

### ***An Independent University***

In 1999, the Collegium Augustinianum was chartered as an independent research institute in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In 2012, the College of Fellows established the Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy, Theology and Classics in order to promote a traditional and classical liberal arts education. Operating as a foreign corporation in Florida, the Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy, Theology and Classics is registered and licensed as a religious-exempt institution of higher education by the Commission for Independent Education of the Florida State Department of Education to grant ecclesiastical degrees for ordained and lay ministry within the Church pursuant to Florida Statute 1005.06. Since we are focused on the supervised research and writing of theses and dissertations following the European model of higher education, U.S. accrediting agencies do not have a mechanism in place for evaluating this traditional model of higher education founded upon the tutorial system and supervised independent research.

### ***Christian and Ecumenical***

The Collegium Augustinianum was founded in order to establish an ecumenical community of scholars dedicated to the advancement of the thought of St. Augustine of Hippo and his great Christian tradition of “faith seeking understanding.” As such, the Collegium views Augustine’s writings as a theological vehicle for an authentic ecumenism rooted in the Early Church and Patristic theology. Our community of scholars is also interested in Augustine’s influence throughout the ages—on medieval theology, Reformation theology and Contemporary Continental philosophy—and most especially on existentialism and phenomenology.

### ***Classical and Cosmopolitan***

The Collegium was founded upon an international “College of Fellows”—scholars of the highest caliber, colleagues with a common love for Augustine, whose intellectual life and accomplishments would attract serious students. Thus, our college would be founded upon idealism and the idea that the core of a university resides among the fellows and faculty themselves and particularly in the relationship between the student and the teacher. The Collegium deeply values the importance of the *professor’s personal mentoring of the student* and his or her critical thinking and writing about those texts that have shaped our world. Further, like the great universities that appeared during the middle ages, our *collegium* would be cosmopolitan in nature, with professors and students from around the world. As such, we value the importance of ancient and modern languages so that our students can analyze texts in the original languages and engage scholars globally. In fact, our students may write and defend their dissertations in several modern languages, including English, Italian, French, Spanish, German or Dutch. With such an accomplished and internationally-renowned faculty, themselves educated at some of the most prestigious universities in the world like Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, Rome, Louvain and Dublin, our students will have the benefit of a world-class education.



## **SUMMER CLASSICS INSTITUTE**

**The Collegium Augustinianum offers courses in ancient Greek and Latin in addition to tutorials by our residential Fellows for undergraduate and graduate students on the following topics:**

**Summer 2024**

**Greek 101**

**Latin 101**

**Homer's *Iliad***

**Homer's *Odyssey***



### **Our Intellectual Heritage and Foundation**

Beginning in 1849 with the scholarly legacy of Mgr. Henri-Nicolas Sylvestre Guillon, Père Armand-Benjamin Caillau and Père Jacques Paul Migne, the Collegium Augustinianum began as a community of scholars dedicated to the thought of St. Augustine, the Bishop of Hippo and Father of the Church.

The Collegium Augustinianum was refounded in 1999 by some of the leading Augustinian scholars who formed a College of Fellows to continue this great intellectual legacy and advance the thought of St. Augustine of Hippo and the venerable Augustinian tradition in Western philosophy and theology. The College of Fellows of the Collegium Augustinianum established research centers in Europe and in the United States, which originally included Tarcisius Van Bavel, O.S.A. (Leuven), Frederick Van Fleteren (Villanova), Roland J. Teske, S.J. (Marquette) and Vincent Zarini (Paris).

With headquarters in Forneaux, France, the College of Fellows incorporated the Collegium Augustinianum as a research institute in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and by February 2013, our Graduate School of Philosophy, Theology and Classics was established with three graduate students in Florida.

In 2013, the College of Fellows of the Collegium Augustinianum also became shareholders of the historic Athenaeum of Philadelphia on Washington Square in Society Hill of Philadelphia, where the Bandy Collection of Classical Greek, Latin and Byzantine Studies was established as a permanent Collection in memory of our late Fellow, Anastasius Bandy, who was an eminent Greek and Latin scholar.

Thus, despite our new foundation as a graduate school, our students enjoy a venerable intellectual lineage through our fellows, faculty and scholars that connects them with Augustinian luminaries like Tarcisius van Bavel, John J. O'Meara, Pierre Courcelle, Jacques Paul Migne in addition to Wilhelmus Luijpen and John Macquarrie who were among the first to engage Christian (Augustinian) theology and modernity. The Collegium Augustinianum has conferred honorary degrees upon Carlo Maria Cardinal



Martini, S.J., the late scholarly Archbishop of Milan in addition to Catholic theologian, Dr. Hans Küng and Archbishop Dr. Rowan Williams. Having a world-renowned faculty in philosophy and theology, our graduate school has already been recognized for its accomplishments in education by official proclamation of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



## Philosophy of Education

Inspired by ancient and medieval pedagogy, the Collegium Augustinianum is committed to a classical, liberal arts education founded upon dialectical questioning in order to elicit innate wonder and philosophic speculation rooted in the Great Books of the ancient Greco-Roman world and the middle ages.

Our faculty puts great emphasis on primary works (especially ancient texts) and the importance of the original language of the text. We firmly believe that in order to understand a text, our hermeneutical approach first attempts to situate the work within its historical, philosophical, philological and cultural context. With this in mind, we endeavor to reach the conceptual origins of the text and its ideas by a critical examination of its terms, structure and propositions as we seek to discover the authentic meaning of the text and to understand its conceptual construction and philosophical genealogy.

On all levels of study, from the baccalaureate to the doctorate, our pedagogy is founded upon the mentoring relationship between the teacher and the student, as derived from ancient tradition. Thus, the professor leads the student or small group of students in the reading of the text at hand, through questioning, engaging the student to dive more deeply into the text. This ancient method of the tutorial, is the *modus operandi* whether the tutorial is conducted in person or via Skype conversation. In this way, the student and the professor not only form a bond in their common love of learning and of the works they study; but the student grows into becoming a colleague with the professor and his or her peers, by not only by entering into a deeper conversation with one another but also with the great thinkers of Western civilization.

Since most of our degrees are, in fact, traditional research degrees that generally do not have a residency requirement, our degree programs require independent research under the supervision of one's moderating professor who will also direct and guide the student in his or her Master's thesis or Doctoral dissertation.

As such, our students are from around the world, and we have a highly accomplished and renowned faculty who can direct research degrees from anywhere, making the Collegium Augustinianum a truly global university. Our professors have earned their degrees at the some of the finest and most ancient universities in Europe, providing our students with all of the benefits of a cosmopolitan education and a venerable academic pedigree at our institution.



## College of Fellows

**Very Rev. Professor Anastasius C. Bandy, Ph.D. †**  
*Professor Emeritus of Greek and Roman Classics, U. of California Riverside  
Distinguished Fellow in Classical and Byzantine Studies*

**The Rev. Professor Thomas D. Carroll, Ph.D., D.D.**  
*Distinguished Fellow in Philosophy and Theology*

**The Rev. Professor Demetrios J. Constantelos, Ph.D., D.D. †**  
*Charles Cooper Townsend, Sr. Distinguished Professor Emeritus  
of History and Religion, Richard Stockton College  
Distinguished Fellow in Byzantine Studies*

**Professor Craig J. N. de Paulo, Ph.D.**  
*Distinguished Fellow in the History of Philosophy and Humanities*

**The Rev. Professor Reginald Foster, O.Carm., Ph.D.**  
*Professor Emeritus of Latin, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome  
Honorary Distinguished Fellow in Latin Letters*

**The Rev. Canon William J. Geisler, D.Min.**  
*Honorary Fellow in Pastoral Ministry*

**Professor George Johns, M.A.**  
*Fellow in German*

**Professor Geoffrey Kelly, Ph.D., S.T.D., LL.D.**  
*Professor of Theology, La Salle University  
Distinguished Fellow in Theology*

**The Right Rev. Archimandrite Athanasy Mastalski, D.D. . †**  
*Lecturer in Liturgy, St. Tikhon's Seminary/Distinguished Fellow in Christian Liturgy*

**The Rev. Canon Thomas L. McClellan, M.Div., D.D.**  
*Honorary Distinguished Fellow in Christian Liturgy*

**Professor Patrick A. Messina, Ph.D.**  
*Fellow in Philosophy*

**The Rev. Professor Roland J. Teske, S.J., Ph.D. †**  
*Donald J. Schuenke Chair Emeritus of Philosophy, Marquette University  
Distinguished Fellow in Medieval Studies*

**Professor Jonathan D. Teubner, Ph.D.**  
*Honorary Fellow*

**The Rev. Professor Tarcisius van Bavel, O.S.A., S.T.D., Ph.D. †**  
*Professor Emeritus of Patristic Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium  
Distinguished Fellow in Augustinian Studies*

**Professor Frederick Van Fleteren, Ph.D.**  
*Distinguished Fellow in Medieval Philosophy*

**Professor Vincent Zarini, Ph.D.**  
*President, l'Institut d'Etudes Augustiniennes, Paris  
Honorary Distinguished Fellow*

## College of Fellows

Unlike other colleges and universities in the United States, the Collegium Augustinianum is governed by an international College of Fellows, which includes some of the world's leading scholars in philosophy and theology, and especially in Augustine of Hippo and Augustinian thought. As peers, the Fellows elect one another to its Body and to the Board of Trustees. All of the officers, professorial appointments, honorees and the acceptance of students into our *collegium* are decided by the College of Fellows.

Thus, the Collegium Augustinianum has restored the original nature of the College and the authority of the professorate to govern over itself, which has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives.

The College of Fellows affirms that the integrity of our institution is measured by the academic credentials of the faculty, our affiliations and the accomplishments of our students and alumni.



## *Officers and Administration*

**Professor Patrick A. Messina, Ph.D., S.T.D.**

*Rector and Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology*

Ph.D., Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo, Rome; Ph.L., Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome; M.A., St. Charles Borromeo Theological Seminary; B.A., La Salle University; S.T.D. (ad eundem), Fellow, Collegium Augustinianum.

**Mr. Thomas R. Hileman, C.P.A., CGMA**

*Vice Rector for Financial Affairs*

B.S., Pennsylvania State University.

**The Rev. Professor Thomas D. Carroll, Ph.D., D.D.**

*Acting Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Professor of Philosophy and Theology*

Ph.D., Ph.L., M.R.Sc., B.A., Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium; M.A., University of Sydney, Australia; M.Ed., Australian Catholic University; Grad.Dip.Ed.Stud., Sydney Catholic College of Education, Strathfield, NSW, Australia; S.T.B., Dip.th., Catholic Institute of Sydney, Manly, Australia; Dip.Ph., St. Columba's College, Springwood, NSW, Australia; D.D., h.c. and Fellow, Collegium Augustinianum.

**The Rev. Canon William J. Geisler, D.Min.**

*Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology*

S.T.M. (ad eundem), Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology; D.Min., Trinity School of Ministry; M.A., M.Div., Pontifical College Josephinum; B.A., LaRoche College; Fellow, Collegium Augustinianum.



# *Faculty*

**Col. William P. Boswell, J.D., LL.D., U.S.A.F. (Judge Advocate Corps, Retired)**

*Professor of Jurisprudence*

LL.D., Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology; J.D., University of Virginia; B.A., Catholic University of America; Diplomas from the National Defense University and the Air War College.

**The Rev. Professor Thomas D. Carroll, Ph.D., D.D.**

*Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Professor of Philosophy and Theology*

Ph.D., Ph.L., M.R.Sc., B.A., Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium; M.A., University of Sydney, Australia; M.Ed., Australian Catholic University; Grad.Dip.Ed.Stud., Sydney Catholic College of Education, Strathfield, NSW, Australia; S.T.B., Dip.th., Catholic Institute of Sydney, Manly, Australia; Dip.Ph., St. Columba's College, Springwood, NSW, Australia; Dist. Fellow, D.D., h.c., Collegium Augustinianum.

**Professor Craig J. N. de Paulo, Ph.D.**

*Professor of Philosophy, Theology and Humanities*

Ph.D., Ph.L., Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome; M.A., Villanova University; B.A., La Salle University; Doctoral Research, Higher Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium; Cert. d'Etudes, Université de Fribourg, Switzerland; Dist. Fellow, Collegium Augustinianum.

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*Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology*

Ph.D., Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo, Rome; Ph.L., Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome; M.A., St. Charles Borromeo Theological Seminary; B.A., La Salle University; S.T.D. (*ad eundem*) Fellow, Collegium Augustinianum.

**The Right Rev. Rodney R. Michel, D.D.**

*Chancellor Emeritus and Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Canon Law*

D.D., Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology; D.D., Seabury Western Theological Seminary; M.Div., Seabury Western Theological Seminary; MS.Ed., B.S.Ed., University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

**Professor Frederick Van Fleteren, Ph.D.**

*Chair of St. Augustine and Distinguished Professor of Patristic and Medieval Philosophy*

Ph.D., National University of Ireland, University College, Dublin; M.A., B.A., Villanova University; Dist. Fellow, Collegium Augustinianum.



## *Honorary and Visiting Faculty*

**His Grace, The Most Rev. Lamido A. Buba, Th.D., Ph.D., D.D.**

Former Dean of the Church of Nigeria and Archbishop Emeritus of Kaduna Province and Bishop Emeritus of Wusasa, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**His Grace, The Most Rev. Daniel Y. Sarfo, Ph.D., D.D.**

*Primate and Archbishop Emeritus, Church of the Province of West Africa (Anglican Communion)*

*Honorary Professor of Theology and Anglican Studies*

## *Adjunct Faculty*

**Catherine Conroy de Paulo, M.A., S.T.M.**

*Lecturer in Theology*

S.T.M., Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology;

M.A., Villanova University; B.A., La Salle University; Latin Studies,

School of Latin Letters, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome.

**George Johns, M.A.**

*Fellow and Lecturer in German /Director, Dresden, Germany Study Abroad Program*

M.A., West Virginia University; B.A., La Salle University



## Graduate Faculty Biographies



### **Thomas D. Carroll**

**Areas of specialization:** *Max Scheler; Max Scheler's Augustinianism; St. Thomas Aquinas; Thomism; Moral Theology*

Professor Carroll wrote his doctoral dissertation on the Augustinian element in the German philosopher, Max Scheler's magnum opus, *On the Eternal in Man*, at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. Professor Carroll is a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



### **Craig J. N. de Paulo**

**Areas of specialization:** *Augustine of Hippo; Augustine's influence on Medieval philosophy and theology; Augustine's influence on phenomenology, especially Martin Heidegger; History of philosophy and theology; phenomenology of religion; hermeneutics of ambiguity; Christian Existential phenomenology; Augustinian phenomenology.*

Professor de Paulo has published many articles and books, including *Being and Conversion* (2002), *Ambiguity in the Western Mind* (2005), *The Influence of Augustine on Heidegger: The Emergence of an Augustinian Phenomenology* (2006), *Confessions of Love: The Ambiguity of Greek Eros and Latin Caritas* (2011) and *Augustinian Just War Theory and the Wars in*

*Afghanistan and Iraq: Confessions, Contentions and the Lust for Power* (2011). He has also held many professorial appointments over the last twenty years at the Gregorian University, Boston College and Temple University. Professor de Paulo has received several Orders of Knighthood in recognition of his work.



### **William J. Geisler**

**Areas of specialization:** *Pastoral Theology; Social Theology; Theology of Work; Anglican Theology; Priestly Formation*

Professor Geisler is currently Canon for Formation in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and Rector of St. Peter's Church in Brentwood. Father Geisler is a nationally-known Christian speaker and advocate for Worker's Rights.



### **Patrick Messina**

**Areas of specialization:** *Augustine; Ancient and Medieval philosophy; St. Thomas Aquinas' moral theology.*

Currently Associate Professor of Philosophy at Gwynedd Mercy University, Professor Messina's 2007 doctoral dissertation entitled "The Significance of Silence in St. Augustine" examined the hermeneutical significance of silence and its importance for understanding the *Confessions* as a whole. With Professor de Paulo, he co-edited *Ambiguity in the Western Mind*, *Confessions of Love: The Ambiguity of Greek Eros and Latin Caritas* and *Augustinian Just War*

*Theory and the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq: Confessions, Contentions and the Lust for Power.*



### **Frederick Van Fleteren**

**Areas of Specialization:** *Augustine of Hippo, Augustinian tradition, Medieval Philosophy; Anselm of Canterbury; Philosophy of Religion; Ethics*

A renowned scholar of St. Augustine of Hippo, Professor Van Fleteren has published countless articles, book reviews and books. A student of the renowned John J. O'Meara, Professor Van Fleteren taught for many years at Villanova University. A life Member of Clare Hall of the University of Cambridge, he is professor of philosophy at La Salle University. Currently,

Professor Van Fleteren is working on his translation of the third volume of *La Vie de Saint Augustin: The Pelagian Crisis*. Some of Professor Van Fleteren's other publications include the several volumes of the *Collectanea Augustiniana* of which he is the General Editor.





## ***Office of the Chair of St. Augustine***

The Chair of St. Augustine is the highest award by the Collegium Augustinianum, recognizing the scholarly achievements of the professor who holds this prestigious Chair. As the Chair of St. Augustine, the professor delivers an annual lecture, which is published by the Collegium Augustinianum. The current Chair of St. Augustine is Professor Frederick Van Fleteren, one of the most renowned scholars of Augustine and Augustinianism in the world, who has published countless books and articles. As the Chair of St. Augustine, Professor Van Fleteren is available for directing master's theses and doctoral dissertations concerning Augustine and the Augustinian tradition. Having studied himself as a doctoral student under the famous John J. O'Meara, Professor Van Fleteren's students will gain an impressive pedigree.



The *Annual Lecture of the Chair of St. Augustine* is held in October, at our Institute in Philadelphia. At this time, the Chair usually announces the doctoral students that he has accepted to mentor in directing their dissertations.



**Prof. Frederick Van Fleteren**

The Office of the Chair of St. Augustine also awards scholarships to those worthy students with outstanding academic achievement with a doctoral proposal personally accepted by Professor Van Fleteren. If a student is interested in submitting a proposal to Professor Van Fleteren, the student must first make formal application to the doctoral program of the Collegium Augustinianum. Once accepted, the student may submit a proposal to the Chair of St. Augustine.

Prospective graduate students should contact the respective Dean in order to make application to the either the master's or doctoral program. If the student wishes to write his or her thesis or dissertation under the Chair of St. Augustine, please mention this in the application.





## COLLEGIUM AUGUSTINIANUM France

In Paris, students may spend a semester, a year or two in one of the greatest cities of the world, working on Latin and French in addition to pursuing doctoral scholarship. While in Paris, our students enjoy library privileges at the celebrated *Institut d'Etudes*

*Augustiniennes of the Institut Catholique de Paris.* Our Doctoral students in residence at our Institute in Paris also have the option of defending their doctoral dissertations there. In Paris, dissertations may be submitted in French or English.

Our Institute also assists our students in obtaining the required visas and permits for residence in France as well as housing arrangements with families or in an apartment. At the present time, only doctoral students of the



Collegium Augustinianum may participate in this program. In order to be accepted, the student must demonstrate a proficiency in French and advanced knowledge of Latin.

Beginning in the summer of 2020, our students worldwide will have the option of spending a month during the summers in Paris for an Intensive Course in French. Graduates of the summer French program will

be issued a Certificate in French from the Collegium Augustinianum. The summer program will cost \$10,300.00 (including round-trip flight, intensive French course and housing in Paris.)



Above: L'Institut Catholique de Paris, France  
Left: Specialized Research Library at the Institut Catholique







Above: The Hon. Glen Cook, being vested as a “Doctor of Laws” by Vice Chancellor William P. Boswell and Bishop Rodney Michel, Chancellor Emeritus, at the 2014 Honors Convocation.



## THE REV. PROF. AND MRS. ANASTASIOS C. BANDY COLLECTION OF CLASSICAL GREEK, LATIN AND BYZANTINE STUDIES



Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Anastasia Bandy, the Fellows, faculty, students and visiting scholars of the Collegium Augustinianum enjoy privileges to the former private library of The Very Rev. Prof. Dr. Anastasios C. Bandy, a protopresbyter of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and renowned scholar of ancient Greek Christian inscriptions and Byzantine manuscripts.

The Collection includes several volumes on ancient Greek and Latin grammar, philology, literature, ancient Greek Christian inscriptions, volumes and manuscripts concerning Late Roman and Early Byzantine antiquarian scholarship, and especially that from the Sixth century scholar, Ioannes Lydus, Byzantine hymnology in addition to several volumes on orthodox Christian theology and philosophy.

Professor Bandy's library was contributed to the Athenaeum of Philadelphia along with a supporting financial contribution for the benefit of the members of the institution and the fellows, faculty and students of the Collegium Augustinianum, which is committed to assisting in maintaining the Collection. In association with the Athenaeum of Philadelphia, the Collegium Augustinianum will host an annual memorial lecture concerning Professor Bandy's scholarship and related fields in order to promote classical and byzantine studies and to raise funds for the maintenance of the Collection.

The Bandy Collection is an invaluable resource especially for our students pursuing research and specialized studies in Greek and Roman Classics, Byzantine studies and the Humanities.

On behalf of the College of Fellows and Trustees of the Collegium Augustinianum, we offer our heartfelt and our sincere gratitude to Mrs. Anastasia Bandy for this extraordinary gift.



## Research Degree Programs

The Collegium Augustinianum offers non-residential, research degrees based upon the European model of higher education, focused on individual research toward the thesis or dissertation directed by a professor in the respective field.

### The Master's Degree

In the Second Cycle, for the Master's degree, the student is generally required to complete a minimum of one year of research followed by one year of writing the thesis under the supervision of a professor. Generally, the student is required to submit a research proposal to the respective faculty, school or institute at the time of application to the second cycle. The Second Cycle requires the successful completion of a thesis with a minimum of fifty pages, written under the supervision of a professor. Generally, when a thesis has been accepted by the supervisor, student is required to be examined on his or her thesis by a tribunal of professors who grade it.

Prior to the submission of the thesis, students in the second cycle are required to demonstrate competency in the original language and scholarly languages of their research, by successfully passing a language examination or by passing a course in the respective languages.

In some programs, or at the discretion of the Dean, students in the second cycle may be required to successfully pass a comprehensive examination, in written and oral parts, concerning various areas of one's discipline. Each faculty provides a basic reading list to assist the student in preparing for the comprehension exam.

## The Doctoral Degree

*The doctoral program*, essentially involves research and the writing of the dissertation under the supervision of a directing professor. At the time of application to any one of our doctoral programs, the student is required to submit a research proposal. In accordance with university statutes, the doctoral student must present a formal research proposal to the Rector within two months of acceptance into the doctoral program that must receive approval by the supervising professor and the Dean of the respective Faculty.

Although none of our research degrees require residency, students are encouraged to visit with their tutors or supervising professors at least once a year during the summer for one week.

Prior to the conclusion of the third cycle, the doctoral student is required to demonstrate competency in at least two languages, including one ancient language and one modern language relevant to the student's research. At the discretion of the Dean of the respective Faculty, the student may also pass a language course in lieu of an examination. The Dean of the respective Faculty may also dispense the student from this requirement in circumstances of scholarly achievement.

Upon completion of the dissertation, and with the approval of the supervising professor and the Dean, the student may submit his or her doctoral "argumentum" to the Rector, outlining one's thesis, or theses, indicating one's original contribution to the respective science. Upon approval from the Rector, the doctoral student may register for the defense, which involves a tribunal of three professors including the director of the dissertation. Once the dissertation has been accepted for defense, the Rector and the Dean could invite a recognized scholar to participate as a guest Reader on the defense tribunal if necessary. At this stage, the doctoral candidate will schedule his or her doctoral defense in consultation with the Dean of the respective Faculty or Institute.

Upon successful completion of the doctoral defense, the defense is graded by the respective professors of the doctoral tribunal. Finally, with the publication of at least an excerpt of the dissertation, the doctoral degree is conferred. If applicable, the doctoral degree may be conferred with honors.



# Faculty of Philosophy

The Faculty of Philosophy at the Collegium Augustinianum specialize in the history of philosophy, Ancient philosophy, Medieval philosophy and Existential phenomenology. The Faculty accepts theses written in English, Italian, French, Spanish, German or Dutch depending upon the competency and permission of the supervising professor. All students are required to demonstrate competency with the original language of the primary text(s) focused upon in the research area and respective thesis. The Faculty of Philosophy offers the following research degrees:

## **The Master of Philosophy (Ph.M.) degree in Philosophy**

This Master of Philosophy degree is intended for those students who wish to continue for the doctorate at another institution, but may require development in research and writing skills. The Ph.M. degree also prepares students for canonical requirements for teaching at a seminary or other ecclesiastical institution. The student is encouraged to choose from one of the four specializations for this degree: 1) Patristic and Medieval Studies, 2) St. Augustine and Augustinian Studies, 3) History of Philosophy, or 4) Christian Existential Philosophy.

While the Ph.M. generally involves a year of supervised research followed by a year dedicated to the writing of a thesis under the supervision of a professor, this degree can sometimes be completed in a one year when a student is accepted in advanced standing, by dispensation, or by examination. Nevertheless, generally when a thesis has been accepted by the supervisor, student is required to be examined on his or her thesis by a tribunal of professors who grade it.





# Faculty of Theology

## **The Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) degree in Christian Theology**

The doctoral dissertation may be on any topic in theology; however, since we have a highly specialized faculty dedicated to the thought of Augustine, the Augustinian tradition and the influence of Augustine on philosophy and theology, the student is encouraged to either focus on Augustine of Hippo, or make some connection with Augustine and the Augustinian tradition. The dissertation written may be in English, Italian, French, Spanish, German or Dutch depending upon the competency and permission of the supervising professor. The doctoral program usually takes between two and four years to complete, depending upon the student. As with most of our degrees, the doctoral program in theology is a non-residential, research degree under the supervision of a directing professor.

## **The Master of Theology (Th.M.) degree in Christian Theology**

This degree has three specializations: 1) Historical Theology, 2) Patristic Theology and 3) Systematic Theology, which normally requires two years, a year of supervised research followed by a year dedicated to the writing of the thesis.

While the Licentiate generally involves a year of supervised research followed by a year dedicated to the writing of a thesis under the supervision of a professor, this degree can sometimes be completed in a one year when a student is accepted in advanced standing, by dispensation, or by examination. Nevertheless, generally when a thesis has been accepted by the supervisor, student is required to be examined on his or her thesis by a tribunal of professors who grade it.



Catholic theologian, Hans Küng, holding his Collegium Augustinianum diploma conferring an honorary doctorate in theology.

# Institute of Classical and Christian Humanities

The Institute concentrates on the study of the ancient Greco-Roman world, history, literature and culture and its intersection with ancient Christian sources, including patristic and byzantine texts. The student may also pursue connections between Christian theology and the humanities, such as literature, history, art history, music, film and liturgy among other disciplines of interest to the faculty and the student.







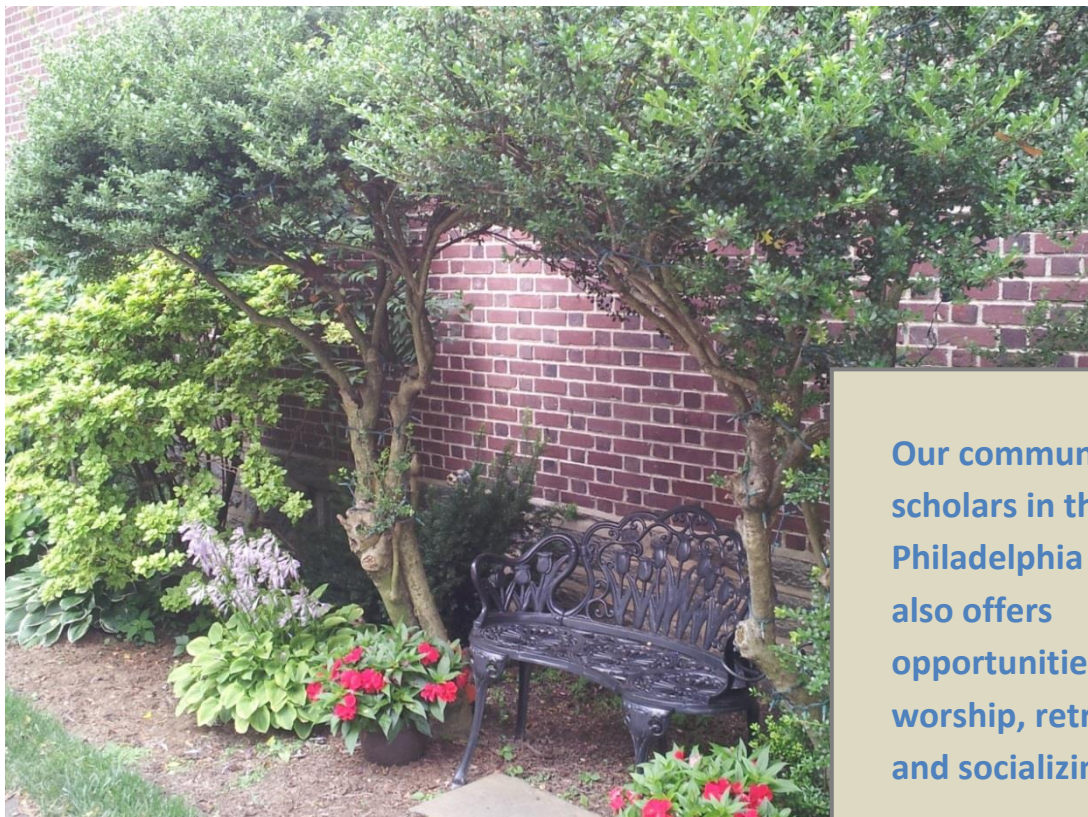








**Residential students and fellows meet for tutorials and colloquia at our site in Bala Cynwyd, a beautiful suburb of Philadelphia.**



**Our community of scholars in the Philadelphia area also offers opportunities for worship, retreats and socializing.**



## Dresden, Germany

### Study Abroad Program

Our new Study Abroad program in Dresden, Germany is available for all Collegium Augustinianum students as well as visiting undergraduate and graduate students alike. During an academic semester or year, the student can design his or her own Study Abroad program, which can

either focus on 1) German Language and Culture or 2) Philosophy and Theology (taught in German) at any one of our affiliate universities or theological institutes in Dresden, Germany. Our highly-capable and distinguished Director, George Johns, who holds a Master's degree in German from West Virginia University, has been living and teaching in Germany for almost twenty years. George picks up our students at the airport, immediately takes the new group on a three-day tour of Germany, then assists all of the students with their housing arrangements, visas, permits, registration at the university, etc., and he is available to our students for whatever assistance they may require during their residence abroad. George is also the Director of our



Institute for German Language and Culture, and he conducts our German language classes at TU Dresden that range from beginner to advanced. For students of the Collegium Augustinianum, all of the credits earned abroad are transferable, which will appear on the transcript as "Work completed at TU Dresden."

The Collegium Augustinianum will also assist visiting students who participate in our Dresden Study Abroad program in communicating and translating their transcripts for credit at their home institutions. Otherwise, the Collegium Augustinianum will award its own Certificate in German Studies or Certificate in Philosophical and Theological Studies along with our own transcript if the

student so desires.

The current total cost of a semester abroad is \$12,500.00, which includes round-trip flight, housing (usually a room in a German family's home) German language courses, university registration, guided tour of Germany and whatever assistance our Director abroad can provide. The total cost of an academic year abroad is \$24,000.00, which includes all of the above.

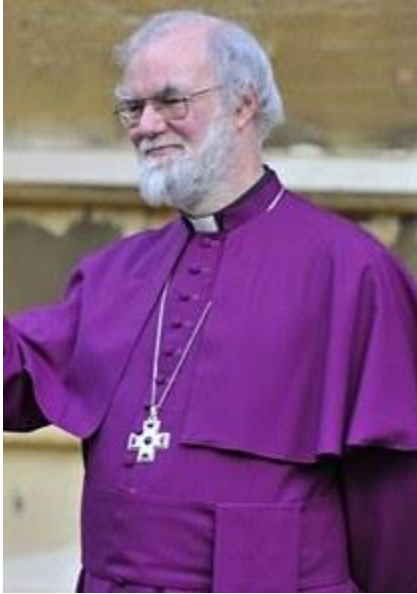
If you are interested in the Study Abroad program, please contact the Study Abroad Office at the Collegium Augustinianum at 1-800-248-1836 or email us at [studyabroad@augustinianum.us](mailto:studyabroad@augustinianum.us).



**Prof. George Johns**  
Director, Study Abroad



## A FEW OF OUR ILLUSTRIOUS HONORARY ALUMNI



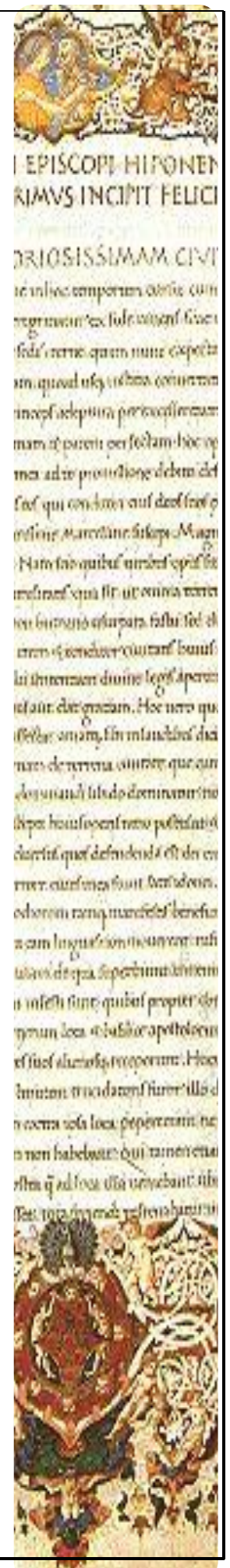
Archbishop Dr. Rowan D. Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and renowned Anglican theologian. Currently, Lord Williams of Oystermouth is the Master of Magdalene College at Cambridge University. Archbishop Williams holds the Doctor Divinitatis degree, honoris causa, from the Collegium Augustinianum.

The Rev. Prof. Dr. Hans Küng is a Swiss Roman Catholic priest and renowned theologian. He is President of the *Foundation for a Global Ethic (Stiftung Weltethos)*. He is perhaps most notable for his rejection of the doctrine of papal infallibility and his calls for reform of the Church. Professor Küng holds the Doctor Divinitatis degree, honoris causa, from the Collegium Augustinianum.



The late Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, S.J., former Archbishop of Milan and renowned theologian, Scripture scholar and former Rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, was also highly regarded for his pastoral achievements and his ardent concern for justice. Cardinal Martini holds the Doctor Divinitatis degree from the Collegium Augustinianum.

# Select Publications by Our Fellows and Faculty





## Scholarships and Graduate Assistantships

### Full and Partial Tuition Remission

Scholarships are available for students with financial need.

In some instances, professors are seeking graduate assistants for research, which are announced annually, for tuition remission scholarships.

Students may also make monthly and quarterly payment arrangements with the Bursar.

## 2024-2025 Tuition and Fees

The Board of the Trustees and the Fellows of the Collegium Augustinianum are committed to keeping our degree programs affordable since we firmly believe that one's financial state should not prevent the furtherance of one's education, especially in the sacred sciences of philosophy and theology. Therefore, based upon financial need and academic excellence, the Collegium Augustinianum will also award tuition remission scholarships, graduate assistantships and work-study scholarships. Tuition and fees are subject to change according to the most current publication of the prospectus. All fees are non-refundable.

### Full Academic Year

<b>Annual Tuition (Degree Programs)=</b>	\$11,000.00 <sup>1</sup>
Per Each Summer Session =	\$1,500.00
Per Course only (Philosophy or Theology Faculty) =	\$900.00 <sup>2</sup>
Per Course only (School of Continuing Education) =	\$700.00 <sup>3</sup>
Per Course only (Institute for Liturgical Studies) =	\$500.00
Application fee (for all programs and courses)=	\$50.00

### Registration and Other fees

1) Certificate Programs =	\$35.00
2) Graduate Diploma in Theology =	\$45.00
3) Bachelor Degree Programs Registration fee =	\$45.00
4) Master/Licentiate Degree Programs Registration fee =	\$45.00
5) Doctoral Programs Registration fee =	\$100.00
6) University of Pennsylvania annual library fee =	\$950.00 <sup>4</sup>
7) Germany Study Abroad Program =	\$45.00
8) Language Course =	\$25.00
9) ID Card fee =	\$15.00
10) Transcripts=	\$5.00
11) Late Fee=	\$50.00
12) Payment Plan fee=	\$350.00

### Bachelor, Master and Licentiate Degree Graduation Fees

1) Language Exam fee=	\$150.00
2) Comprehensive Exam fee=	\$250.00
3) Graduation fee =	\$175.00 <sup>5</sup>
4) Diploma fee=	\$350.00

### Doctoral Degree Graduation Fees

1) Doctoral Defense fee=	\$350.00 <sup>6</sup>
2) Doctoral Graduation fee =	\$175.00 <sup>7</sup>
3) Doctoral Diploma fee=	\$450.00

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<sup>1</sup> Clergy, Religious and full-time teachers of theology receive a 15% discount of annual tuition. The annual program tuition covers the full academic year in which the student is matriculated only. Students receiving a tuition scholarship are not eligible to also take the discount for clergy or teachers of theology. Applicant Fees are non-refundable. For Tuition refund policy, please consult the current Student Handbook.

<sup>2</sup> This fee is for auditors only.

<sup>3</sup> This fee is for the cost of individual courses (including Language courses and tutorials) through the School of Continuing Education.

<sup>4</sup> This provides the student with research and lending privileges at all of the libraries of the University of Pennsylvania. Not required for Philadelphia area students, but recommended.

<sup>5</sup> This fee includes the cost of rental graduate academic regalia. Regalia can be purchased through the College Bookstore.

<sup>6</sup> The Doctoral Defense may incur more fees when a guest (external) reader is invited to participate in the tribunal and if the defense were to take place in Paris, France.

<sup>7</sup> Includes the cost of rental doctoral academic regalia.



Hon. George J. Marlin speaking at the 2013 Convocation where he received the degree of Legum Doctor, *honoris causa*.





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