

the Pontifical Academy of Saint Thomas Aquinas



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Minneapolis, MN, USA, 24 February 1929 - Notre Dame, IN, USA, 29 January 2010

Appointment to the Academy: 25 November 1987

Scientific discipline: Philosophy

Academic title: Michael P. Grace Professor of Medieval Studies and Director Emeritus of the Jacques Maritain Center at the

University of Notre Dame

Academic awards and distinctions

Recipient of various fellowships Fulbright, NEH and NEA – he is a fellow of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas, past president of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, the American Metaphysical Society, and the American Catholic Philosophical Association. He delivered the Gifford Lectures at the University of Glasgow in 1999-2000. He is a member of President George Bush's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. The Thomas International University established the Ralph McInerny Center for Thomistic Studies in 2005.

Current scientific research

A three-volume translation of the works of Charles DeKoninck, Laval University, Quebec.

Main publications

The Logic of Analogy (1961); Thomism in an Age of Renewal (1966); St Thomas Aquinas (1977); Ethica Thomistica (1982); A First Glance at St. Thomas Aquinas: A Handbook for Peeping Thomists (1990); Boethius and Aquinas (1990); Aquinas Against the Averroists (1993); Aquinas and Analogy (1996); Thomas Aquinas (1998); What Went Wrong With Vatican II (1998); Defamation of Pius XII (2001); Characters in Search of Their Authors: the Gifford Lectures 1999-2000 (2001); Very Rich Hours of Jacques Maritain (2003); Aquinas (2004); praeambula fidei (2005). He is also a novelist, author of these most recent titles: the Andrew Broom mysteries Heirs and Parents (2000); the Father Dowling mysteries Prudence of the Flesh (2006); and the Mysteries Set at the University of Notre Dame The Letter Killeth (2007). He is past editor of The New Scholasticism/Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly; The Catholic Dossier, four volumes of the Works of Jacques Maritain and six volumes of Aquinas's Commentaries on Aristotle.