

## ANNUAL REPORT 2004

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### **1. Study and research at the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht**

At the beginning of the year under review, i.e. on 16 January 2004, the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht organised a symposium on the occasion of the publication of dr. Mark-Robin Hoogland's thesis *God, Passion and Power. Thomas Aquinas on Christ Crucified and the Almightyness of God* (Publications of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 9, Leuven/Peeters 2003). Prof. dr. Jan Muis (University of Utrecht) responded to the author's introduction during this event, which was attended by 25 people. A lively discussion concluded this symposium.

On 23 June the theses of one of the members of the Thomas Instituut was subject of another symposium, which was attended by thirty people. Dr. Eric Luijten and prof.dr. Jozef Wissink discussed the topics of analogy and appropriation on the occasion of Luijten's publication *Sacramental Forgiveness as a Gift of God* (Publications of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht 8, Leuven/Peeters 2003).

Members of the research group *Onderzoeksgroep Thomas van Aquino* convened six times in 2004 on the first Monday of the month. Parts of dissertations by junior research fellows were discussed. A number of meetings were spent on reading texts by Thomas Aquinas.

On 28 May the research-group held a day of study at a convent in Meigen (NL) to discuss Kathryn Tanner's "brief systematic theology" *Jesus, Humanity and the Trinity* (2001).

In the second half of 2004, a new research programme for the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht was written, under the title: "De verborgen aanwezigheid Gods in Schrift en Sacrament in het licht van Thomas van Aquino" (The hidden presence of God in Scripture and Sacrament in the context of Thomas Aquinas). In the 2005 annual report, this programme, its structure and elements will further

be elaborated. The previous research programme – “The theology of Thomas Aquinas, its sources and its influence on subsequent theology” – was finished by the end of 2004. It appeared a very successful programme, within which three postdoc-projects and two PhD projects have been carried out and concluded. The new programme will be conducted from 2005 to 2010.

## **2. Conference 2005**

In the course of 2004, preparations were started for the third five-yearly conference that will be organised by the Thomas Instituut from 15 to 17 December 2005 at the ISVW conference centre in Leusden (NL). The theme of this conference will be “Divine transcendence and immanence in the thought of Thomas Aquinas”. Four speakers from abroad – Conor Cunningham (Nottingham), Gregory Rocca (Berkeley), Bruce Marshall (Dallas) and Hans-Christian Schmidbaur (Lugano) – will give key lectures. In addition to this, papers on related topics will be given by members of the Thomas Instituut – Rudi te Velde, Harm Goris, Henk Schoot and Herwi Rikhof – on the following topics: God, Creation, Grace and Life Eternal, as well as Christ and his Sacraments. Furthermore, a number of parallel sessions will be organised, in which brief papers will be given on the same four topics.

## **3. The Board of the Institute and the Foundation**

Most of the issues that have been mentioned were discussed in meetings of the Board of the institute, which convened on 3 February and on 28 October. There were no changes to the composition of the Board of the institute.

In 2004 professor Rikhof enjoyed a sabbatical leave to update his research after a three year term as chancellor of the Catholic Theological University of Utrecht. During his absence dr. Henk Schoot replaced him as acting director of the Thomas Instituut. This replacement was extended for an indefinite period, because professor Rikhof fell ill during his sabbatical and had to recover.

The Board of the Thomas Foundation convened on 5 April and on 9 November. Dr. Lodewijk Winkeler resigned by rotation as Hon. Treasurer and Secretary on 1 November. Since 1993 he has

conducted his activities with great attention to detail and with great enthusiasm. The Thomas Instituut te Utrecht is very grateful for his contributions. Dr. Carlo Leget has taken over as Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, while Mr. Paul van den Biggelaar has been appointed board member.

#### **4. *Jaarboek Thomas Instituut te Utrecht***

The *Jaarboek 2003 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* was timely published in 2004. The editorial board convened on 5 April and 2 November. Dr. Ad Vennix had to step down from the editorial board due to other engagements. Dr. Lodewijk Winkeler also resigned as an editor after having been a member of the editorial board for 23 years. The Thomas Instituut thanks both gentlemen for their contributions. Prof. dr. Rudi te Velde and Stefan Mangnus were appointed members of the editorial board.

#### **5. *Series of Publications***

In the year under review the tenth volume was published in the series of the institute: Stefan Gradl, *Deus Beatitudo Homini. Eine evangelische Annäherung an die Glückslehre des Thomas von Aquin*, Publications of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht, Volume X, 404 pp.

#### **6. *Members of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht***

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*Catholic Theological University Utrecht*  
Staff

Prof. dr. P. van Geest  
Dr. H.J.M.J. Goris  
Prof. dr. H.W.M. Rikhof  
Dr. H.J.M. Schoot  
Dr. A.M.G. Van den  
Bossche  
Prof. dr. F.J.H. Vosman  
Prof. dr. J.B.M. Wissink

Candidates for a  
Doctorate

B. Lee-Goddard s.s.t.t.  
Drs. Tj. Jansen s.j.  
Drs. S. Mangnus  
Drs. F.A. Steijger  
Drs. S. Wiersma

*Tilburg Faculty of Theology*  
Staff

Prof. dr. K.-W. Merks  
Prof. dr. R.A. te Velde  
(University of  
Amsterdam, Philosophy)

*Catholic University of Nijmegen*  
Staff

Dr. P.J.J.M. Bakker  
(Philosophy)  
Prof. dr. H.A.G.  
Braakhuis (Philosophy)  
Dr. C.J.W. Leget  
(University Medical  
Centre St. Radboud,  
Ethics)  
Prof. dr. P.J.M. van  
Tongeren (Philosophy)  
Prof. dr. P.G.J.M. Raedts  
(History)  
Dr. W.G.B.M.  
Valkenberg (Theology)  
Dr. A.C.M. Vennix  
(Philosophy)  
Prof. dr. mr. B.P.M.  
Vermeulen (Law)

*Utrecht University*  
Staff

Dr. A. Vos (Theology)  
Prof. dr. A. Orbán (Arts/  
Late Latin)

<i>Other members of the institute</i>	Prof. dr. F.J.A. de Grijs (Catholic Theological University of Utrecht, emeritus) Dr. S. Gradl Dr. M.-R. Hoogland c.p. Dr. F.G.B. Luijten Drs. J.W.C.M. van Reisen (Augustinian Institute, Eindhoven) Drs. P.L. van Veldhuijsen
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#### **7. Research programmes and research projects in 2004**

The projects referred to are carried out by members of the institute. The research programmes consist of several projects.

***The theology of Thomas Aquinas, its sources and its influence on subsequent theology***

(Catholic Theological University of Utrecht)

*Gabriel Biel, a devout theologian. Research into the interrelatedness of spirituality of the Devotio Moderna and academic theology in the work of Gabriel Biel*

-P. van Geest

*Simplicitas Dei. The reception of Aquinas' doctrine of God in the theology of the 14th and 15th century*

-H.J.M.J. Goris

*Embodying grace. An analysis of the texts of the feast of Corpus Christi*

-Tj. Jansen (H.W.M. Rikhof, A.H.C. van Eijk)

*"Ut credentes vitam habeatis". Faith in Thomas Aquinas' In Ioannem*

-S. Mangnus

*Trinity in Thomas Aquinas*

-H.W.M. Rikhof

*Christologia Recepta. On the reception of Aquinas' christology 1400-1700 by several commentators*

-H.J.M. Schoot

*God's hidden presence in the sacrament*

-F.A. Steijger

*The status of the sacramental structure: in the Thomistic-tridentine tradition and in the actual context of thinking radical difference*

-A.M.G. Van den Bossche

*The Concept of Trinity and Reconstruction of Identity in Christian Theology of Interreligious Dialogue* (also part of the research programme of the Faculty of Theology at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, entitled: "Religious identity interactions in a plural and secularized society")

-W.G.B.M. Valkenberg

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

-F.J.H. Vosman

*The Pugio Fidei by Raimundus Martini (1220-1284)*

-S. Wiersma

### ***Transcendence and Transcendentals***

(Tilburg Faculty of Theology)

*Current meaning of Aquinas' ethics*

-K.-W. Merks

*Metaphysics in Aquinas and the Thomist tradition*

-R.A. te Velde

### ***Individual projects***

*Auf dem Weg zu einer heutigen ars moriendi. Martin Luthers Beitrag zum Umgang mit Tod und Sterben in unserer Gesellschaft*

-S. Gradl

*The Crucial Almightyness of God*

-M.-R. Hoogland [concluded]

*Capacitas Dei*

-B. Lee-Goddard

*Life is always a good*

-C.J.W. Leget

*Forgiveness as gift of the spirit. Thomas on the sacrament of confession*

-F.G.B. Luijten [concluded]

*Subject and normativity (programme)*

-P.J.M. van Tongeren

*The question of the eternity of the world in Thomas Aquinas, Bonaventure, Siger of Brabant and Boethius of Dacia*

-P.L. van Veldhuijsen

## 8. Publications in 2004

This list contains all publications by members of the Thomas Instituut 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 whose research has been located at the Thomas Instituut.

### *Scientific publications*

Geest, P.J.J. van - Stoic against his will? Augustine on the good life in *De beata vita* and the *Praeceptum* - B. Bruning, J. Lam Cong Quy (eds.), *Mélanges offerts à T.J. van Bavel à l'occasion de son 80<sup>e</sup> anniversaire*, Louvain 2004 - *Augustiniana* 54 (2004) 332-350

Geest, P.J.J. van - *Omnis scriptura legi debet eo spiritu quo facta est...* On the hermeneutics of Wilhelm Dilthey and Albert Deblaere - R. Faesen (ed.), *Albert Deblaere S.J. (1916-1994). Essays on mystical literature-Essais sur la littérature mystique-Saggi sulla letteratura mistica* - Louvain (2004) 427-442

Geest, P.J.J. van - [with G.P. Freeman] The birthpangs of a discipline? Notes on Kees Waaijman's *Spirituality. Forms, Foundations, Methods* - *Bijdragen. International Journal in Philosophy and Theology* 65 (2004) 345-363

Goris, H.J.M.J. - [e.a.] Thomas over wonderen - *Jaarboek 2003 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* 23 (2004) 31-55

- Gradl, S. - *Deus Beatitudo Hominis*. Eine evangelische Annäherung an die Glückslehre des Thomas von Aquin - Publications of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht. New Series 10 - Peeters/Leuven (2004)
- Leget, C. - Als de dood... Theologische overwegingen bij de omgang met angst voor het levenseinde - H. Geerts, C. Leget (eds.), *Reacties op verlegenheid en toewijding II. Impulsen vanuit de theologie* - Mathesis/Den Bosch (2004) 73-88
- Luijten, E. - Vergeving als gave van de Geest. De ontmoeting met God in het sacrament van boete en verzoening aan de hand van Thomas van Aquino - *Communio* 29/2 (2004) 101-117
- Mangnus, S. - When Thomas Reads a Story... Aquinas on Jn 4,43-54 and its Implications for Reading his Biblical Commentaries - *Jaarboek 2003 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht* 23 (2004) 9-29
- Merks, K.W. - Den Menschen als Maß ernst nehmen. Göttliches Recht, menschliches Recht, Menschenrechte - *KNA, Ökumenische Information* 18 - Beilage/Dokumentation 3 (4 May 2004) 1-12
- Merks, K.W. - Göttliches Recht, menschliches Recht, Menschenrechte. Die Menschlichkeit des *Ius divinum* - *Bijdragen. International Journal in Philosophy and Theology* 65 (2004) 257-282
- Merks, K.W. - Minimalmoral oder Strukturmodell interkultureller Ethik? - H.R. Yousefi, K. Fischer e.a. (eds.), *Interkulturelle Orientierung. Grundlegung des Toleranz-Dialogs, Teil II. Angewandte Interkulturalität* - Bautz/Nordhausen (2004) 223-244
- Merks, K.W. - Sittliche Autonomie. Wissenssoziologische Studie zu Genese und Bedeutsamkeit eines Begriffs - A. Autiero, St. Goertz, M. Striet (eds.), *Endliche Autonomie. Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf ein theologisch-ethisches Programm* - LIT/Münster (2004) 11-48



- Schoot, H.J.M. - [with W.G.B.M. Valkenberg] Thomas Aquinas and Judaism - *Modern Theology* 20/1 (2004) 51-70
- Schoot, H.J.M. - [with W.G.B.M. Valkenberg] Thomas Aquinas and Judaism - J. Fodor, F.C. Bauerschmidt (eds.), *Aquinas in Dialogue: Thomas for the twenty-first century* - Blackwell/Oxford (2004) 47-66
- Tongeren, P. van - Waarden, normen en deugden. N.a.v. het WRR-rapport over 'Waarden, normen en de last van het gedrag'- *Filosofie en Praktijk* 25 (2004) 17-25
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - The Future of Religion: From Interreligious Dialogue to Multiple Religious Identity? - *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 14 (2004) 95-107
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - [with Henk Schoot] Thomas Aquinas and Judaism - *Modern Theology* 20/1 (2004) 51-70
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - Interreligious Dialogue as Polemical Conversation - J. Haers en P. de Mey (eds.), *Theology and Conversation: Towards a Relational Theology* - Peeters/Leuven (2004) 475-485
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - [with Henk Schoot] Thomas Aquinas and Judaism - J. Fodor, F.C. Bauerschmidt (eds.), *Aquinas in Dialogue: Thomas for the twenty-first century* - Blackwell/Oxford (2004) 47-66
- Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - A Possible Present for Theology. Theological Implications of Jean-Luc Marion's Phenomenology of Givenness - *Bijdragen. International Journal in Philosophy and Theology* 65 (2004), 55-78

Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - Experience and Knowledge of God Through Ignatian 'Discernment of Spirits' - L. Boeve, L.P. Hemmings (eds.), *Divinising Experience. Essays in the History of Religious Experience from Origen to Ricoeur* (Studies in Philosophical Theology, 23) - Leuven-Paris-Dudley MA (2004) 75-88

***Professional and/or popular publications***

Geest, P.J.J. van - De eerste brief aan de Tessalonicenzen: Waakzaam - F. Maas, J. Maas, K. Spronk (eds.), *De bijbel spiritueel. Bronnen van geestelijk leven in de bijbelse geschriften* - Meinema/Zoetermeer (2004) 679-686

Geest, P.J.J. van - [met Richard van de Loo] Naar de bronnen van broederlijkheid: Augustinus van Hippo en Franciscus van Assisi - R. van de Loo (ed.), *Geroepen tot spiritualiteit, broederlijkheid en caritas. De ridderlijke orde van het Heilig Graf 1954-2004* - Nijmegen (2004) 36-55

Geest, P.J.J. van - Inleiding / De geestelijke weg van Augustinus - G. Bergmans e.a., *Augustinus: wij zijn de tijden* - Heeswijk (2004) 2-3; 12-17

Geest, P.J.J. van - Augustinus over schoonheid: wie liefheeft, die is mooi - *Friesch Dagblad* (2 augustus 2004) 2

Geest, P.J.J. van - Augustinus over het geluk: wij willen gelukkig zijn! - *Friesch Dagblad* (10 augustus 2004) 2

Geest, P.J.J. van - Augustinus en de kracht van de liefde - *Friesch Dagblad* (17 augustus 2004) 2

Geest, P.J.J. van - De zuivere van hart kent de waarheid. Augustinus over de schepping - *Friesch Dagblad* (23 augustus 2004) 2

Geest, P.J.J. van - Eerlijkheid als krachtbron van christelijk leven. Augustinus' *sermones* 148 en 355-56 - *Herademing. Tijdschrift voor spiritualiteit en mystiek* 12 (2004) 28-31

- Goris, H.J.M.J. - Fundamentalisme betekent breuk met theologisch denken - Centraal Weekblad (2 juli 2004) 8-9
- Goris, H.J.M.J. - Het fundament van het christelijk geloof. Theologische kanttekeningen bij een fundamentalistische bijbellezing - Roodkoper. Tijdschrift voor cultuur, religie en politiek 9 (2004/3) 46-50
- Hoogland, M.-R. - God almachtig - Het Teken 76 (maart 2004) 235-239
- Hoogland, M.-R. - Liefde die alles verandert - Tussenbeide 31 (December 2004) 5
- Leget, C. - Innerlijke ruimte en stervenskunst. De ars moriendi-traditie als nieuwe benadering van spirituele zorg - J. van den Bout e.a., Handboek Sterven, Uitvaart, Rouw - Elsevier/Maarssen (1999-) II 1.1-1-18
- Leget, C. - Exodus 20: Gehoorzamen - F. Maas, J. Maas, K. Spronk (eds.), De bijbel spiritueel. Bronnen van geestelijk leven in de bijbelse geschriften - Meinema/Zoetermeer (2004) 87-93
- Leget, C. - Katholieke theologen over dood, angst en verrijzenis in relatie tot hedendaagse praktijken - Tijdschrift voor Theologie 44 (2004) 178
- Merks, K.W. - De eenvoudige en de grotere gerechtigheid - M. Baltussen, H. Crijns, J. Schrauwen e.a., Waarden en sociale samenhang. Een studie in sociale ethiek in vervolg op de 1 mei conferentie 2003 - Amsterdam (2004) 123-130
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Christus de unieke dienaar. Christelijke identiteit en interreligieuze dialoog - Benedictijns Tijdschrift (2004) 167-179
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Over het gebruik van de Nieuwe Bijbelvertaling in de liturgie - Op Tocht (december 2004)

- Tongeren, P. van - Rust en ethiek - *Streven* 71 (2004) 910-920
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - Voorlopers in de vrede - *De Cascade. Opinieblad van Stichting Cosmicus* 1/1 (2004) 10-13
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - [met E. Alasag, G. Idema, J. Teunissen en C. Robertson, (eds.)] *In de voetsporen van Abraham - Damon/Budel* (2004)
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - Abraham als teken van eenheid en van tegenspraak - P. Valkenberg e.a. (eds.), *In de voetsporen van Abraham, Damon/Budel* (2004) 125-140
- Valkenberg, W.G.B.M. - [met E. Erdem en T. Marx] Ter inleiding: verder trekken in de voetsporen van Abraham - P. Valkenberg e.a. (eds.), *In de voetsporen van Abraham, Damon/Budel* (2004) 7
- Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - Zijn is van de Ander zijn. Het leven als vindplaats van het Mysterie en het Mysterie als vindplaats van leven in *Secrets and Lies* (M. Leigh) - J. de Tavernier (red.), *De bijbel en andere heilige boeken: verhalen om van te leven?* - Leuven/Voorburg (2004) 169-189
- Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - Het huwelijk: instituut en sacrament van de hoogste betekenis - L. Verstricht (red.), *Liefde is... Een reuzensprong van geloof* - Antwerpen (2004) 71-82
- Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - Onderscheiding van geesten bij Ignatius van Loyola - *Herademing. Tijdschrift voor spiritualiteit en mystiek* 44 (2004) 37- 40
- Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - Crisis duurt, vernieuwing daagt - *Tertio* 216 (31/03/04) 12
- Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - Discipline in de liturgie - *Tertio* 224 (26/05/2004) 15

Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - Liturgie: meer uitvoering dan compositie - Tertio 248 (10/11/2004) 12

*Academic lectures*

Goris, H.J.M.J. - De relevantie van de godsleer van Thomas van Aquino nu - Lecture at the conference of the Société Internationale de l'Étude de S. Thomas / Dutch section at Rolduc, 25 September 2004

Hoogland, M.-R. - Thomas Aquinas: a theologian for our time? - Lectures at the CTU in Chicago, spring 2004

Hoogland, M.-R. - Thomas Aquinas: a practical theologian for today - Lectures at the CTU in Chicago, spring 2004

Mangnus, S. - Thomas Aquinas as Commentator of Holy Scripture - Lecture at the university of Erlangen (Germany), 26 July 2004

Rikhof, H.W.M. - Thomas over de sacramenten - Three lectures at the post-graduate course 'Theologische Tekstlezing Thomas van Aquino', Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, 12-14 January 2004

Rikhof, H.W.M. - Thomas. Eine Einführung - Lecture at the Faculty of Theology of the university of Erlangen (Germany), 4 May 2004

Rikhof, H.W.M. - Trinität bei Thomas (*Summa Theologiae* quaestio 43) - Lecture at the Faculty of Theology of the university of Erlangen (Germany), 4 May 2004

Schoot, H.J.M. - Waarom is het gepast dat het Woord van God geleden heeft en gestorven is? Thomas van Aquino beantwoordt bezwaren vanuit de Islam - Two public lectures at the Abdij St. Benedictusberg, Vaals, 27-28 January 2004

- Schoot, H.J.M. - Rond de put van Jacob. Priesterlijke identiteiten en dialoog - Lecture at the *dies natalis* of the Ariënskonvikt, Utrecht, 30 June 2004
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Kerkbetrokkenheid en sacramentaliteit - Two introductions at a day of study for pastoral ministers in Groningen and Drenthe, Groningen, 9 November 2004
- Schoot, H.J.M. - Kerk door de tijd - Introduction at the Lions Club at Houten, 21 December 2004
- Tongeren, P. van - Reacties op commentaren - Symposium on P. van Tongeren's *Deugdelijk leven* at Nijmegen, 8 January 2004 and conference at Leusden (ISVW), 9 and 10 January 2004
- Tongeren, P. van - Virtuosoos leven - Day of Studies about virtue ethics at the Centrum Initiatives of Change in The Hague, 13 March 2004
- Tongeren, P. van - Catholic Charity Today. Empowering catholic leaders to live up to their vocation - Key-note lecture at the Porticus Conference in Apeldoorn, 21-24 April 2004
- Tongeren, P. van - Deugdethiek - Introduction, debate and presentation at the International School of Philosophy (ISVW), Leusden, 29-30 October 2004
- Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - The New Visibility of Religion in European Democratic Culture, a Statement - Short paper at the Network on The New Visibility of Religion in Europe, University of Manchester, Faculty of Arts, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Manchester, 18-21 March 2004

- Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - Möglicherweise kommt Gott uns retten... Jean-Luc Marion als de filosofische wraakengel van de theologie op het nihilisme - Paper at the symposium 'God, van huisbaas tot waakhond. De ommezwaai van de fenomenologie', Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam and Radboudstichting, Rotterdam, 4 May 2004
- Van den Bossche, A.M.G. - Four lectures as visiting professor at the Fifth International Intams Seminar: 'What is Marital Spirituality. An Interdisciplinary Investigation', Sint-Genesius-Rode, 22-27 August 2004
- Wissink, J.B.M. - Vreemden bij elkaar over de vloer. Over symboolpastoraat aan dementerenden en Thomas van Aquino - Lecture at the conference of the Société Internationale de l'Étude de S. Thomas / Dutch section at Rolduc, 25 September 2004