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The Bentall Lectures in Christian Theology

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Thomas Aquinas Speaks to the Church Today: His Continuing Relevance

Recent years have seen an upswing in interest in Aquinas, among Catholic and Protestants alike, and in particular in his expressly theological work. What accounts for this renewal of interest in the theology of Aquinas? And what in his theology is especially worth retrieving by Christians today? To suggest the abiding value of Aquinas the theologian, the lecture will reflect on the communal dimension of his theology, with its celebration of charity, showing how Aquinas' sense of community figures in the treatment of such discrete topics as the moral life; church; eucharist; and indeed the doing of theology itself.

Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:30pm
St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church
8944 Elbow Dr SW, Calgary

Jesus as True Human: Reflections on Aquinas' Pedagogical Strategies in Summa theologiae III

In advancing his incarnational Christology, Aquinas endeavors to do justice to three principal facets of the reality of Jesus Christ: his divine personhood, his full divinity, and his full humanity. The lecture will focus on *how* Aquinas renders Jesus as human in the third part of the *Summa theologiae*, through a consideration of Aquinas's principal pedagogical decisions in the construction of the treatise on Christ. What is the organization of the treatise on Christ? How does that further the proclamation of Christ as true human? What particular moves does Aquinas make to underscore that Jesus was fully human?

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 12:00 noon
Bianca Room, MacEwan Student Centre
University of Calgary

Dr. Joseph Wawrykow completed his PhD in Theology at Yale University in 1988. He earned his BA and MA at the University of Manitoba. He specializes in 13th-century Catholic theology. He is currently working on a book-length study of Thomas Aquinas's pedagogical and literary strategies in teaching Christ. His previous books include *The Westminster Handbook to Thomas Aquinas* (Louisville, 2005). He is co-editor of *The Theology of Thomas Aquinas* (Notre Dame, 2004).

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