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**Jesus meets Aristotle Lecture – Honoring all of our mothers
and fathers on the occasion of Mother's/Father's Days
celebrater this month, Thursday, May 30, 2024 @ 7PM
Topic: Aquinas Re – discovered.**

**Welcome, Dear Friends, and thank you again for joining
our evening of good food, fellowship and lectures of
Philosophy and Catholicism. It is our second lecture here at
OL of Assumption of our critical analysis over nice *ál olio*
and *vino*. Tonight, we would attempt to RE – DISCOVER in
some – might I improvise – contemporary ways – the real
Genius of the Middle Ages, a Saint of our Catholic Church,
Angelic Doctor, but most of all a humble son of the Order of
Preachers (OP- the Dominicans) St. Thomas of Aquino (
1225 – 1274).**

**That's right, he was only 50 when he died, and after all –
this year is the seven hundred and fifty anniversary of His
passing - the 750 years of ups and downs of His system –
known as Thomism – in addition to the Scholastic Method of
Study – in my humble opinion – today more than ever the
West needs to re – thing and make a good use of Aquinas'
philosophical and theological ideas.**

**In short, I would like to propose the following for
tonight's reflection:**

- To show the transition from antiquity to Middle Ages**

- To place Thomas within the frame of Scholasticism
- To attempt to explain the following:
 - : *Fides Quaerens intellectum* – why Anselm of Aosta, Italy(Canterbury then) is important to understand Thomas Aquinas?
 - : *Philosophia ancilla theologiae* – no real conflict
- To explain the difference between 2 Summas (contra Gentiles, and Theologiae)
- INCENTIVE to read Aquinas' *De Ente et Essentia*
- Via Negativa: Why *Quinque Viae*?
- To point onto contemporary schools of THOMISM

Ok then, , to quote a very important – not so very famous – especially in the English - speaking lands opening sentence of *De Ente et Essentia* (On Being and Essence) – a short booklet by St. Thomas Aquinas, in which the Doctor Angelicus (Angelic Doctor - with the title Doctor meaning teacher) himself quotes the Philosopher (as Aquinas calls Greek Philosopher Aristotle): “ Quia parvus error in principio magnus est in fine (...)” – A small error in the beginning becomes huge error (mistake) in the end” to avoid such a colossal failure please allow me to sketch some framework and prepare a canvas for our deeper and better of who Thomas was, who He still is, and why – within the framework of his times and place – we as Catholics should feel nothing short of being proud to have such intellectual and a spiritual giant as one of the Saints of our Holy Church.

