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Foreword

The essays contained in this issue derive from the Blackfriars Aquinas Institute's annual seminar series, held at Oxford, UK, in Trinity Term 2022.

Founded in 2004 under the directorship of Fergus Kerr OP, the Aquinas Institute is a research centre tasked with promoting the study of St Thomas Aquinas within the University of Oxford. Alongside the classical questions of philosophy and theology, the Institute is concerned to promote inter-disciplinary engagement with Aquinas's thought, particularly in the fields of law, psychology, and science-engaged theology. The Institute's approach to Aquinas seeks to embody the virtues of Thomas's own method: historically conscious and responsive to contemporary questions. In the present academic year, the Institute is also hosting a Templeton-funded project, 'Truth, Aquinas and the Theological Turn in Continental Philosophy', which seeks to use Aquinas's texts to mediate a discussion between analytic and continental philosophers on a range of questions related to truth and truthfulness.

The Institute and its members are engaged in teaching graduate and undergraduate students within the University. It also organises an annual programme of events including public lectures, research seminars, reading classes, and day colloquia. The Institute welcomes visiting scholars and junior researchers from across the world and provides a range of online resources for the general public.

The Trinity 2022 Term seminar from which the articles that follow derive sought to examine a number of philosophical and theological questions raised by Aquinas's account of the person and work of Christ. Michael Gorman's paper was originally given at the Institute's inaugural workshop for Emerging Scholars in Thomistic philosophy and theology, which was also held in Trinity Term 2022, and was made possible through the generous support of the McDonald-Agape foundation.

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