



# TOWER NOTES



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**Last Chance to Graduate in 2007** ☞ Students interested in graduating in May of 2007 have one last opportunity to do so by completing the necessary coursework. Those students who would like to graduate in 2007 are invited to register for one of two Institutes being offered in January of next year. The Institutes will be offered concurrently, one taught by Foundation President, Dr. John Morgan, and the other by Academic Dean, Rev. Dr. Joseph Baunoch. Details are available on the Foundation website at [www.gtfeducation.org](http://www.gtfeducation.org).

*Personal Meaning and Spiritual Wholeness* / January 8-12, 2007 / Faculty: Dr. John Morgan

A.M. Seminar: Beyond the Illusion: From Freud to Sartre

P.M. Seminar: Beyond the Interventionist God: From Heschel to Huxley

Description: This Institute is essentially Dr. Morgan's Oxford University course which is based on his latest books, *Being Human: Perspective on Meaning and Interpretation*; *Naturally Good: A Brief History of Moral Development*; and *In the Absence of God: Religious Humanism as Spiritual Journey*. This Institute is valued at two Units of Study and serves as a Non-Project Option (NPO). The Institute begins at 9 a.m. on January 8 and ends at 12 p.m. on January 12.

*Cognitive Restructuring and Pastoral Psychotherapy* / January 8-12, 2007 / Faculty: Dr. Joseph Baunoch

A.M. Seminar: Cognitive/Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy (C/REBT) and Pastoral Psychology

P.M. Seminar: Applications of Cognitive/Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy

Description: Albert E. Ellis and Aaron T. Beck are the key pioneers in developing cognitive approaches to psychotherapy. Their theories and therapies have been the most innovative in dealing with mental illness in the last half century. Dr. Baunoch will explore the philosophy, understanding and practice of this modality of treatment especially integrated with pastoral psychotherapy, illustrating cases and therapeutic interventions. This Institute will assist students in making practical application of C/REBT in their ministry. This Institute is valued at two Units of Study and serves as a Non-Project Option (NPO).

Each Institute requires a 7-10 page paper for each of the seminars (morning and afternoon). All papers are required by the Foundation by February 1, 2007, in order for participants to graduate in May. Papers are written each day for discussion and constitute the core of the finished papers. Interested persons may call or email for further information. The registration form may be downloaded from the website at [www.gtfeducation.org](http://www.gtfeducation.org).

**Bi-Yearly Student Reports Released** ☞ This autumn the Bi-Yearly Student Report will be issued to all current Foundation students. The report serves as an overview of academic and financial status, containing information regarding remaining financial obligations as well as courses and credits completed. Any errors students find on the report may be communicated to the Foundation via phone or email. As seen above, students are provided with the opportunity to attend Institutes in January of 2007 as a final opportunity to graduate next year. Students wishing to graduate in 2007 who are in need of a Non-Project Option (NPO) should register as soon as possible.

**Exciting Beginning for the SLIM Program** ☞ In September, the first class of the Spanish Language Institute for Ministries (SLIM) was given in San Antonio under the leadership of Dr. Antonio Ramírez, Director of the Program and the Bartolomé de Las Casas Professor of Hispanic Ministries. The President and the Academic Dean of the Foundation were both present for the festive occasion, and they gave the Orientation presentation to new students who had traveled from San Juan (Puerto Rico), North Carolina, California, New Mexico, and Texas. Dr. Ramírez taught the one-week Institute on the theme of Hispanic Ministries, specifically integral and fundamental evangelization, through which participants were able to earn two Units of Study. Three Spanish-language Institutes are scheduled for 2007, with two in San Antonio at the Mexican American Cultural Center and one in Indiana at the Foundation. The SLIM program is designed for Spanish-speaking ministry professionals. Through this program, students may complete all coursework in the Spanish language for the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at the Foundation. Details will soon be posted on the Foundation's website, giving exact dates and topics of upcoming Institutes.

One of the two sites for SLIM Institutes is the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC), a Catholic institute for multicultural pastoral training and language studies, located in San Antonio, Texas. The MACC is a Recognized and Endorsed affiliate of the Foundation and is headed by President Sr. María Elena González, RSM. Dr. Arturo Chávez is Programs Director and worked with the Foundation in establishing this relationship. Visit the Center's site at [www.maccsa.org](http://www.maccsa.org).

**Islamic Center Hosts Foundation President** ☺ In early September, the Foundation's President delivered an address at the Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago entitled, "Ethnic Identity and National Loyalty: Islamic Prospects in a Troubled America." Dr. Morgan addressed the present crisis generated by the papal statements about Islam. He focused his attention upon the theme, "The Hope of Islam is the Hope of America – Hope for a better world, caring communities and loving families." "Faith," he argued, "is the mediating arbiter between ethnic identity and national loyalty and this reality empowers American Muslims to remain true to their faith while making a major contribution to American society. Avoiding the dangers of marginalization and abandonment of their faith tradition, Muslims must embrace the promises offered through engagement, creative convergence, and education." Hosted by the Women's Group at the Center, the event included an evening meal with one hundred guests in attendance.

Dr. Ismail Koushanpour is the Executive Director of the Center and is to receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the Foundation at the May, 2007, graduation in recognition of his leadership of the Islamic community in greater Chicago. Imam Senad Agic, D.Min., Ph.D., is the Imam for the Center and the newly appointed Professor of Islamic Studies at the Foundation. Beginning next year, the Center will begin offering courses in Islamic Studies validated by the Foundation for our degree programs.

**Germany Extends an Invitation** ☺ The Foundation's Academic Dean, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Baunoch, will travel this month to the Johann-Adam-Möhlner Institute of Ecumenics at Paderborn University in Germany to finalize arrangements for Foundation students to attend a one-week Institute in October of 2007. The Möhlner Institute has specialized faculty and library facilities addressing various aspects of inter-religious dialogue such as systematic ecumenics, the theology and history of the Ecumenical Movement, Reformation history, Lutheran and Reformed Churches, Anglicanism, Free Churches, Old Catholicism, Eastern Churches and research in the works of the theologian Johann Adam Möhler. This Catholic Institute dedicated to ecumenical studies is attractive in that it provides a wide range of courses in the English language for all branches of the Christian faith. Details regarding costs, dates, and course topics will be included in the February issue of *Foundation Footnotes* and will be posted on the website.

**President and Provost Meet with VIIPS Students** ☺ In early November, the President, Provost, and Director of Student Services of the Foundation will be hosted by the Vietnamese International Institute for Pastoral Studies in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for the Orientation at the beginning of the residential week of studies for the Foundation Institutes. The VIIPS program is the only Vietnamese-language based degree program outside of Vietnam and is designed for ministry professionals – clergy, religious, and laity – seeking degrees in ministry at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels of study. The program is hosted in the Chancery building of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles and directed by The Rev. Dr. Peter Ngo, Associate Dean of the Foundation. Assisting with the direction of the VIIPS Program is Assistant Director, Sr. Thuy Nguyen, FSP, D.Min., who also serves as Professor of Pastoral Studies at the Foundation.

**Logotherapy Now Fully Endorsed by the Foundation** ☺ The Foundation has endorsed the Diplomate of the Viktor Frankl Institute for Logotherapy to be used in partial or complete fulfillment of residency requirements for the degrees of Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Psychology, or Doctor of Philosophy. The Frankl Institute validates courses of the Foundation's Institutes in Indiana taught by Dr. Ann Graber, Professor of Logotherapy/Existential Analysis at the Foundation, to fulfill the Frankl Institute's requirements for the earning of the Diplomate, the highest certification offered by the VFIL. This new endorsement and relationship is explained further on the Foundation's website at [www.gtfeducation.org](http://www.gtfeducation.org). Interested students should visit the Frankl Institute website at [www.logotherapyinstitute.org](http://www.logotherapyinstitute.org).

**Oxford Alumni/ae Club President Visits Foundation** ☺ In late September, the Foundation was pleased to host The Rev. Dr. Jill Morley, President of the Oxford Alumni/ae Club, during her visit to the Foundation in South Bend, Indiana. She has served a three year term (2003-2006) as President of the Club. Born in Johannesburg but hailing from Durban, South Africa, Dr. Morley gained her training in theology in Johannesburg and Oxford, England, before earning the D.Min. from the Foundation. She was one of the first women to be ordained priest in South Africa in early 1993. It was a pleasure for the administration to host Dr. Morley during her visit to the Foundation. Membership in the Oxford Alumni/ae Club is open to any student who has attended the Oxford Summer Programme in Theology.

**Oxford University Official Visits Foundation** ☺ Mid-October at the Foundation saw the welcomed visit of Mr. Chris Day, Assistant Director (Academic) of International Programmes at the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education (OUDCE). Mr. Day oversees academic issues of the international programs of the OUDCE which include the Oxford Summer Programme in Theology at Christ Church College, Oxford. He works under Dr. Angus Hawkins, Director of International Programmes, and closely with Ms. Liza Denny, Assistant Director (Administrative) of International Programmes. Mr. Day is also a member of the history faculty at Kellogg College, Oxford University.