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2010–2011 ATS Lilly Theological Research Grants Recipients Named

(Pittsburgh, PA, March 24, 2010) The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) has announced its recipients for the Lilly Theological Research Grants for 2010–2011. Supported by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the ATS Lilly Theological Research Grants program is in its thirteenth year. There are four types of grants—Faculty Fellowships (grants of \$30,000 during a leave), Theological Scholars Grants (grants up to \$12,000 each for research apart from formal research leave), Research Expense Grants (grants up to \$5,000 for those engaged in research projects), and Collaborative Research Grants (grants up to \$16,000 to support research by teams of scholars). A total of twenty grants were awarded.

Research Expense Grant:

Jaroslav Z. Skira, Regis College
Associate Professor of Historical Theology

The Second Vatican Council Diaries of the Ukrainian Eastern Catholic Metropolitan Maxim Hermaniuk

Prof. Skira's research will lead to the publication of an annotated transcription and translation of Metropolitan Maxim Hermaniuk's (+1996) personal diaries from the Second Vatican Council. Hermaniuk, an Ukrainian Eastern Catholic bishop of Winnipeg, Canada, was the senior-most primate of the Ukrainian Catholic Church at the Council and a member of the important and influential Secretariat for Christian Unity. The project includes archival research of these diaries and their translation, as well as producing publications, focusing on three main themes: ecumenism; the theology of the church; and the church in Canada. For ecumenism, Prof. Skira will deal with Hermaniuk's comments, council interventions, and contributions in the relations with the Orthodox churches. Hermaniuk had many contacts with the Eastern Orthodox, though was often critical of Rome's Ostpolitik with Moscow and the Russian Orthodox Church. In terms of the theology of the church, according to Prof. Skira there is a central theme, Hermaniuk's proposal for the establishment of a permanent and universal synod of bishops for the Catholic Church. Finally, Prof. Skira maintains, the diaries show Hermaniuk's work in establishing Catholic schools in Canada, relations with other Canadian bishops, and his activities in the wider Canadian cultural context.