

ernism, neither would this concession lessen the universality of the papal mandate regarding the teaching of St. Thomas.¹⁷

This observation brings us to the close of our discussion, for it is not our task to determine who are right, and who are wrong. Until such time as our Holy Mother the Church may see fit to settle the controversy one way or another, we must form our own consciences, guided not by passion or by motives of self-interest, but by a sincere desire of compliance with the will of the Holy See. It would be a great pity if these papal pronouncements, issued with an eye to fostering the Thomistic renaissance, should by reason of the unhealthy spirit of rivalry provoked, be the occasion of a return to the suicidal disorders of former ages. It was the wont of St. Thomas when he had set forth his opinion once or twice, and others refused to accept it, to remain modestly silent. If the Prince of Theologians acted thus, why should not his disciples show the same moderation? They who attempt to foist or force their views upon others show themselves wanting in true humility, and easily wound charity, which, above all, should everywhere and always be observed.

¹⁷ cf. Szabo, *op. cit.*, p. 143.

BIRTHDAY GREETING

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Just a wish that,
Blest with love and gifts,
This one may be the best of all thy natal days;
That through the years to come,
No sorrow dim your eye with tears;
That love of Christ the way with thee abide,
And breezes soft of friendship,
O'er the tide of life full swelling,
Urge thy straining sail, till port is won
Beyond the close-kept veil
Where loved ones meet at even, face to face,
And thou, in Mother-arms hold fast embrace.