

GIVING LIFE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

SERVANT OF GOD FATHER TOMAS TYN, OP (1950-1990)



FREEDOM DETACHED FROM THE TRUTH IS NO FREEDOM BUT A FORM OF SATANISM

Fr. Tomas Tyn was a saintly theologian endowed with a solid Thomistic formation centered on non-negotiable values of a dogmatic and moral character, and animated by an intense priestly and consecrated life and a typically Dominican zeal to preach the truth. The cause of his beatification was opened in 2006 and is now under way.

Born in Brno, Czech Republic, and educated in the Czech Republic, France, Germany and Italy, Fr. Tyn spent most of his life at St. Dominic's in Bologna, which hosts the relics of the Dominicans' founder. He taught moral theology at the Dominican *studium* and was inexhaustible in his sacramental ministry (including the celebration of the Tridentine Mass), preaching and apostolate. A regular participant in learned discussions among scientists, philosophers and theologians, Fr. Tyn authored numerous philosophical and theological writings. Among these is a significant scholarly contribution to metaphysics, in which he discussed the notion of "person" and stressed the full dignity of the embryos, the mentally disabled and the dying even when they have only a partial or diminished capacity to relate to the others.

At his priestly ordination in Rome by Pope Paul VI, on June 29, 1975 (in the same ceremony in which Raymond Cardinal Burke too was ordained), he offered his life for Church freedom in the then Czechoslovakia. The time of excruciating pain that would lead to his death of cancer coincided with the time of the "velvet revolution" that brought freedom to his native country. The day he died, on January 1, 1990, was the very day when the Czech Dominicans were first allowed to dress up as Dominicans in public, after decades of persecution.

*The official web site of the cause of beatification is at <www.studiodomenicano.com>. A profile of Fr. Tomas Tyn, in English, was published in the third (supplementary) volume of the *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy* (2012). For additional information, please contact Fr. Giovanni Cavalcoli, OP, Vice-Postulator of the cause of beatification, either directly at <padrecavalcoli@gmail.com>, or through Drs. Maurizio and Grazia Ragazzi (Washington, DC), at <inveritate@yahoo.com>.*