

A Letter from Francis about:

— A CHANGE OF EPOCH —



A *motu proprio* is an apostolic letter personally signed by the pope indicating his special interest in the subject. In this *motu proprio* Pope Francis approved new statutes for the Pontifical Academy of Theology.
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If theology is to be enhanced in the future,
it is not enough to repeat the formulae and acts
that derive from the thinking of past times.

Its vocation is located in the present time
in order to interpret prophetically
and in new ways which look forward into the future.

Beneath the light of Revelation,
theology has to face the profound cultural changes
[of our time], conscious that:

‘What we are living through
is not simply a time of change, but a change of epoch.’¹

Franciscus