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Greed as an Individual Vice

12-1 pm, November 30, 2021

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Abstract: This presentation addresses the vice of greed or avarice from the perspective of Aristotle and Aquinas. While discussions of greed often gravitate toward the general and institutional, such as corporate and national greed, from the above perspective it begins with the individual and involves a disproportionate attachment to material goods in general and money in particular. The most troubling aspect of greed is that it destroys the possibility of a proper love of persons. For both thinkers, the vice is countered by the virtue of liberality, which in turns becomes instrumental in safeguarding the possibility of interpersonal love

Bio: Dr. Anthony T. Flood is a Professor of Philosophy at NDSU, where he has taught for 18 years. His research focuses on the notions of love and friendship in the thought of Thomas Aquinas, with a particular emphasis on their applicability to associated contemporary discussions. He is the author of many journal articles and two monographs, including *The Metaphysical Foundations of Love*, 2018.

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