



LAY DOMINICANS GATHER IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, LA April 14, 2008 --- In early March, Lay Dominicans from across the Southeastern United States met at the Dominican Conference Center here for their Lay Provincial Council Meeting (LPC). Presently, this is the only assembly that allows the elected leadership of the 24 Lay Dominican Chapters in the St. Martin de Porres Province to meet face to face.

During these four days we took an honest look at the challenges facing the chapters and also a strong focus on our strengths. A more consistent and module-based formation program was a challenge we addressed and we decided that a Formation Committee will be formed to review the revised materials from the Eastern Province for compatibility with the approved topics for Inquiry and Candidacy from our Province. Another common challenge, attracting new candidates, was addressed by creating a vocations/media committee to develop a marketing kit for the lay province to increase our visibility. We will also

work on translating more of our material to Spanish. Discussions were held on implementing resolutions accepted by national and inter-national assemblies of Lay Dominicans. One such resolution addressed the issue of dual membership and states;

Because of the unique charism, spirit, and vocation of the Dominican Laity, we recommend that life professed members of other associations of the Christian faithful who share the spirit and are under the devotion of another religious institute or similar organization (whether called 3rd Order, secular, laity or some other name) not be permitted also to be members of the Dominican Laity.

We also adopted newly promulgated declarations by the Master of the Order which came about from the International assembly of Lay Dominicans held in Argentina. Some areas addressed by these declarations are:

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Our promoter for JPCC, Scott Farris, presented a JPCC Charter proposal to the LPC and, after some discussion, it was approved and will be implemented as a Provincial Justice and Peace program. Each group and/or chapter is called to provide one representative who will participate in a three year program designed to bring forth a list of issues that deserve attention. Once this list of opportunities is created, each group will discern which, if any, action(s) will become part of their Dominican "mission." We will also collectively discern one action that will become a provincial wide action.



Our hope as a commission is to become *prophetic*- to challenge unjust situations with the message of the Gospel,

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by word and by deed. We also hope to be *pragmatic*- to work in solidarity with others to transform those parts of our lives, our Church, our society and our world that do not contribute to the building of the Kingdom of justice, peace, and love. We will become involved in monitoring developments globally that affect us locally. Through utilization of the four pillars of Dominican life, we aim to conduct research, provide information, service, and support, and collaborate with others who serve the cause of Justice and Peace.

Beginning in April 2008, we will gather by teleconference monthly to study the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. This study will form the foundation of all our work as a commission. The second year (2009) will be spent discerning opportunities for peace and justice action in local areas. Year three (2010) will see the implementation of JPCC actions.

Ultimately, our work as a commission will result in accomplishing several goals:

1. We will create a body of work and accomplishment that will speak out against injustices in our province;
2. By relying on the four pillars, we will actively participate in the holy preaching of the Dominican charism;
3. We will create a greater sense of "community within a community";
4. We will make ourselves visible to others that may be discerning a vocation to lay Dominican life.

Sister Anne challenged us to "build bridges" among people and to ask ourselves repeatedly "Who is the God you preach?"

Our Provincial Promoter of the Dominican Laity, fr. John Lydon OP, gave a brief history of preaching including a doctrinal/dogmatic perspective, a focus on preaching about the human condition, and preaching based on Scripture. He emphasized Dominic as Preacher and many other historically noteworthy Dominican preachers as well. He also shared some of the methods and resources that he uses when preparing his homilies.

In many ways these four days could be considered a magnification and or intensification of a regular monthly chapter meeting. It was a unique formation experience for all who attended, filling us with overflowing hope and enthusiasm to share with the chapters we represent.

Source: Bruce Trigo, Lanie Leblanc, and Scott Farris
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DLIPC 2008

PLYMOUTH, MI – May 14, 2008--The Dominican Laity Inter Provincial Council (DLIPC) gathered in Plymouth, MI, April 10-13 for their biannual meeting.

The DLIPC meets every eighteen months to share concerns, to review procedures and documents with a view to some measure of uniformity, and to formulate any recommendations for the international council.

During the opening session, guest Dustyne Farnan, OP (Adrian) spoke to the group of the North American Justice Agenda. She shared the brochure produced by the promoters of Justice, Peace, and Care of Creation and invited comments. A lively discussion ensued in which several suggestions were made about the priorities in presentation of the issues.

Primary on the agenda at this meeting was review of a new translation of The Rule to reach agreement among the member provinces that a common text would be uniformly used in the USA and Canada. The delegates worked on the wording of the translation, referring to the original Latin in order to remain faithful to it, and delivered to the plenary a translation acceptable to all.

That document will be reviewed by all members after adjournment and comments returned to Alvin Gallanosa for final determination. After that, the new translation will be submitted to the provincial councils for adoption by each province.

Other discussions revolved around the mobility of Lay Dominicans, both within and among the provinces. Agreement was reached in general to provide relocating or itinerant Lay Dominicans with a letter of introduction in order to ease their transitions. Formation practices were another topic, along with matters of finance.

The next meeting of the DLIPC will be October 1-4, 2009 in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.



The Council members present included

Standing, Above: Dominic Luyen Truong, President, Vietnamese Vicariate (No. California region); Arvin Gallanosa, Delegate, Eastern Province; Dorothy Murphy, President, Eastern Province; Cathy Neugebauer, Delegate, Canadian Province; Teresa Lippingwell, President, Canadian Province; Doris Stukes, North American Delegate to the international council of Lay Dominicans; Bruce Trigo, President, Southern Province; fr David Kammler, Promoter General of Dominican Laity and member of the Curia; Karen Woods, President, Western Province; Gary Sims, Delegate, Western Province; fr Joseph Tran, Promoter, Lay Dominicans of the Vietnamese Vicariate;

Seated, Above: fr John Lydon, Provincial Promoter, Southern Province; Norman Laurendeau, Delegate, Central Province; Scott Farris, Delegate, Southern Province; fr Jim Motl, Provincial Promoter, Central Province; Ruth Kummer, President, Central Province; and taking the picture, Cynthia Ricard who served as recording secretary.

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WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Southern Province Dominican Laity	http://www.southerndominicanlaity.org
Eastern Province Dominican Laity	http://www.3op.org
Western Province Dominican Laity	http://www.laydominicanswest.org
Parable Conference	http://www.parableconference.org
DomLife	http://www.domlife.org
fr. Paul Hinnebusch	http://www.frpaulhinnebusch.org
fr. Matt Robinson	http://www.unbornperson.org
Southern Province of St. Martin de Porres	http://www.opsouth.org
LUMINARIA	http://luminaria.infodat-llc.com
Eastern Province Bookstore	http://www.dominicanbookstore.com

FROM THE PROVINCIAL MODERATOR'S PEN

MORE ON THE DLIPC CONFERENCE



*Mr. Bruce Trigo, OP,
Provincial Moderator*

Laity,

In April of this year the Dominican Laity Inter-Provincial Council (DLIPC), hosted by the Central Province, met in Detroit, Michigan. Similar to our own LPC meetings we discussed issues pertaining to the Dominican Laity and this year a focus on the reality of the increasing mobility among Lay Dominicans was a central theme. With greater frequency Lay Dominicans are finding themselves moving away from their chapters and Provinces of birth. In addition to the normal stresses associated with moving a Lay Dominican has the added concern of; will there be a Lay Chapter where I am going? If I join another chapter will I have to go through formation again? If I leave the Chapter/Province do I have to officially transfer or can I remain connected to the previous Chapter/Province?

Ready made answers for these questions, besides being outside the scope of the DLIPC, are impossible to formulate as the circumstances of each situation can vary significantly. What we can do, and did, was to create recommendations that will foster a spirit of cooperation. Toward this end the following resolution was passed unanimously.

Because of the increasing mobility of lay Dominicans, the DLIPC recommends that, when requested by any lay Dominican who wishes to associate temporarily with another chapter, the president/moderator of member's chapter should provide a letter of introduction for that lay Dominican so that he or she can be reliably received with hospitality as a welcome guest by the receiving chapter. The letter of introduction should include level of profession, his or her activity as a lay op and other information relevant to community life.

We also discussed the variations in the English translations of the rule found among the 5 North American Provinces and ultimately a resolution to create a common English translation was passed. A subcommittee was formed which eventually made a proposal to the DLIPC for a common English translation of the Latin rule for use among the 5 North American Provinces. The DLIPC accepted this translation and recommends its use by each North American Province.

Anticipating questions on this matter I will give further clarification. First the rule itself was not changed. What changed was the English translation of the approved Latin rule. The changes were slight and had to remain faithful to the spirit and intent of the Latin text. This re-translation had the support and encouragement of Fr. David Kammler; our promoter general, who gave the following explanation. The original Latin rule is the only rule that Rome has approved and Rome will not approve other translations. It is the responsibility of the Prior Provincial to approve translations of the original Latin text. The process of evaluating this proposed English

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re-translation for use by our province will be handled by the our DLIPC delegate and the Rule & Directory committee.

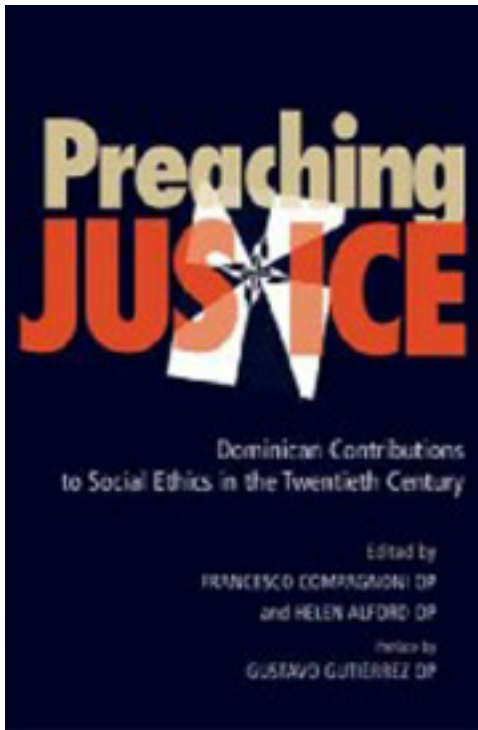
Speaking of change the Provincial Executive Council decided that it will contact the moderators of each chapter by phone. This will be an opportunity to discuss and receive feedback on changes made at the last Lay Provincial Council meeting. So if you need further clarification or want to share comments please communicate this to the moderator of your chapter or contact a member of the Provincial Executive Council directly.



Father John Lydon, O.P. introduced me to this book and I thought perhaps some of you might enjoy it.
Editor

DOMINICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL ETHICS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Edited by Francesco Compagnoni, OP and Helen Alford, OP
 Preface by Gustavo Gutiérrez, OP



The struggles and conflicts of the twentieth century raised a host of ethical questions – from the rise of Nazism in Germany and of Fascism in Italy and Spain and the spread of Communism in Eastern Europe, to apartheid in South Africa, and the problems of wealth distribution and military dictatorship in South America, on to medical ethics in the USA. *Preaching Justice* introduces the work of thinkers and activists who made significant contributions in their own countries, contributions which are of lasting value for thinking about social ethics.

Preaching Justice covers the work of over 30 individual Dominicans – ranging from friars who went down the mines in the early 1900s, through lay Dominican artists who developed radical social aesthetics, to a friar who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1958; and on to those who resisted totalitarian communism in Eastern Europe, military dictatorship in Brazil, and structural sin in South Africa.

The Dominicans discussed here were deeply involved in all the major political and socio-economic issues of their day.

Preaching Justice contains information not previously available in English about events in the former Yugoslavia, in Poland and in Brazil.

Each of the 19 essays combines biography and the historical background with a clear account of each person's thinking and teaching.

In the Preface, Gustavo Gutiérrez addresses the need to understand the structural causes of social evil and to appreciate the biblical and theological meanings of poverty.

Preaching Justice tells of the lives and studies of thinkers who helped draft major Church documents, such as *Populorum Progressio* (Pope Paul VI) and *Gaudium et Spes* (Vatican II).

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CHAPTER NEWS

ST. JOSEPH CHAPTER

Submitted by Peggy Hanifin, OP

SARASOTA FLORIDA On April 10, 2008, the St. Joseph Chapter elected Mary Quinn, OP Moderator, Helen Tellisman, OP Vice Moderator, Shane O'Neill, OP Secretary, Kathy Mayl, OP Recording Secretary. Mary Bonnaci, OP will continue as Treasurer for one more year. The new officers will assume their duties on September 11, 2008. Sister Gloria Hillman, OP continues as the Spiritual Director.

Geogina Caso, OP is involved with her missionary activities and is back and forth from Honduras.

Shane O'Neill, OP is active with our Chapter's work on Justice and Peace and the Care of Creation. In keeping with that she is involved with persons incarcerated in the jails. She also works with the courts in regard to abused children.

Our chapter will sponsor a day of retreat on November 6, 2008, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Center in Venice, Florida from 9:30. Father Jerry Austin, OP will be our Retreat Master. All are welcome to attend. For more information on this special day, please call 941-923-8188.

During the summer months we will continue to meet monthly, using this time together to invite potential new members. Our first outing will take place in Parrish, Fl. on June 12 where we will visit St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church followed by lunch. In this church, Audrey Keisacker, O.P. will give us a tour and explain the work she did in carving the life-size statues of Mary, Joseph and the Resurrected Christ. Her paintings, too, are at the entrance to this church while her stained glass projects can be

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found in Holy Cross Church, Palmetto. We, as a chapter, have been blessed over the years by Audrey's giftedness each month, until she could no longer drive. Now we visit her!

MOST HOLY ROSARY OF POMPEII PRO-CHAPTER

Submitted by William Malloy, OP

IRVING, TX Fr. Robinson, O.P., our spiritual promoter has spent the last couple of meetings training us on Theological thinking. He says that as good Dominicans we need to develop the art of reasoning theologically.

On June 28 we will have a one day retreat with Fr. Phillip Powell, O.P. on a timely topic suggested by Heather Barrett, "How do Dominicans preach Truth in a society that doesn't really believe in Truth any more"? How can we respond to, and challenge things like moral relativism, 'political correctness', religious and cultural indifferentism, 'cafeteria Catholicism,' secularism, various forms of agnosticism and atheism and the idea that we can't really know the truth." This topic was agreed upon by the membership and Fr. Powell agreed to take us through the questions in a philosophical manner. Should be a great one day exercise and we have already had others--not members of our Pro-Chapter (still)--that want to attend as well.

I will write a report after the June 28 one day retreat.



ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHAPTER

Submitted by Linda Govea, OP

SAN ANTONIO, TX On Monday, May 7, 2008, two of our members, Margie Kokernot and Dora Trevino, made temporary commitments. Five days later, on May 12, 2008, the St. Martin de Porres Chapter enjoyed a social day with a Bar-B-Que at Fr. Ralph Rogawski's home.

On June 2, 2008, elections will be held by our chapter to elect a new Moderator and Secretary.

Finally, there will be a retreat at Fr. Rogawski's home on June 7, 2008.

ROSARYVILLE CHAPTER

Submitted b Barbara Guy, OP

PONCHATOULA, LA The Rosaryville Chapter is celebrating the first profession of Barbara Guy into the family of Saint Dominic. Sunday, June 8th, Barbara took her first profession during the Dominican Laity Retreat. The beautiful mass and profession were held in the Rosaryville Chapel. Moderator Shirley Peterson led Barbara through her profession and placed the white scapula around her shoulders. Formation Director Katheryn "Kitty" Derveloy stood in support with Barbara and Shirley. Father Marty Iott, O.P., Retreat Master, celebrated the Eucharist, blessed Barbara and welcomed her into the family of St. Dominic. The Dominican family members participating in the retreat welcomed Barbara with open arms. Father Carl Trutter, O.P. also took part in the celebration.



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Heart of Jesus Chapter

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Submitted by Jene DeCuir, OP

LOCKPORT, LA Our numbers are growing. Three inquirers are looking forward to possible profession this August.

Our current officers, as of last November, are Annette Bourgeois, moderator; Jene DeCuir, assistant moderator; Myra Plaisance, treasurer; and Carol Guidry, secretary.

A special Mass for the Dead was offered in the Dominican chapel on the anniversary of the death of our Chaplain, Reverend Alfredo Loresco, on November 7. Members also invoked graces for loved ones who had passed away since we had professed, sixteen in all.

Addressing all four Dominican pillars, fifteen members of the Chapter (or 60%!) are attending extended classes on "Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance" conducted by Holy Savior Parish pastor, Reverend Robert Cruz. Some of the early information will be utilized in the panel discussion on the beatitudes at the annual retreat in Rosaryville. Preparing for the presentation are Jene DeCuir, Barbara Hebert, and Ruth Whitman.

In order to defray expenses associated with the Laity, such as dues, the Chapter participated in a fund raiser through RADA Enterprises and earned enough to pay the provincial dues of all of the active members needing assistance. Gwen Breaux spear-headed this task.

Patrick Breaux received a Masters degree in Pastoral Studies through Loyola University's Institute of Ministry Extension on May 10, in the New Orleans Superdome. Afterwards, he and his wife Gwen, also a Lay Dominican, attended a special Mass on the university campus. Sam Jacobs, Bishop of the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux, celebrated a Mass for Pat and the five other diocesan graduates, at Lumen Christi on May 22, in Houma.

In the form of a scriptural rosary, a very special "Dominican Rosary" has been composed by a member, each decade addressing a major Dominican saint: Dominic, Catherine, Thomas, Rose, and Martin. This serves not only as prayer, but study and community as well.

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In the "Family of the Month of Holy Savior Parish Program," the families of our Dominicans, Linda Arcement, Pat and Gwen Breaux, Karen Charpentier, Jene DeCuir, Dolores Griffin, and Dolores Legendre, have been recognized in recent months.

In St. Dominic, we pray.

St. Mary Magdalene Pro-Chapter

Submitted by Charlotte Mercer, OP

RALEIGH, NC This experience began, for the St. Mary Magdalene Pro-Chapter, when Frs. Brian Pierce, OP and Jude Siciliano, OP gave the names of several of the members of the pro-Chapter to Fr. Scott Steinkerchner, OP who has created a Dominican website, www.word.op.org --a preaching website for Dominicans of all stripes.

Fr. Scott contacted Barbara Pegg, Judy Maloney and Mary Jean Seyda of St. Mary Magdalene Pro-Chapter to determine their interest in contributing a lay voice to this preaching. They agreed and, in preparation for this mode of preaching, they rely on a format similar to the one taught by Brian Pierce, OP, in his class.

Each preacher commits to a particular day. Based on their formation in the preaching charism of the order, each usually spends a couple of weeks simply meditating and centering on the reading or group of readings for that day. Once the preacher chooses the reading or Gospel of the day, the individual consults various resources to help in preparing to deliver the word. Judy Maloney takes advantage of the Clare Booth Luce Library at Mepkin Abbey and Fr. Jude helps with recommendations from the resources at the Priory of St. Martin de Porres in Raleigh where the group meets each month.

Many of the people, ordained and laity, who have become involved in this preaching ministry now have volumes on the Gospels in their personal libraries. These include works by Dominicans such as Barbara Reid. These resources are often shared among the preachers and have been a source for growth in understanding and appreciating the richness of the Word.

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Barb, Judy and Mary Jean work closely with each other as they prepare the final version of their preaching. They often share with each other in a truly cooperative, community spirit by getting together for coffee, etc to receive feedback on ideas for the reading. They also ask for feedback from other members of the laity group. Through this amazingly honest and forthright sharing and communication everyone benefits, especially those who hear the final product. Fr. Jude's expert comments from his years of teaching the art of preaching to others are also an invaluable resource. The greatest challenge is to condense the preaching to fit a time slot of approximately 3 minutes as required by Fr. Scott, the webmaster.

It is important to stress that this is an incredibly Dominican process, incorporating prayer, study, sharing and then evangelization through scripture sharing. It has been quite a growth process and an enriching experience. The St. Mary Magdalene Pro-Chapter has been truly blessed by the efforts and fruits of these women.

Judy Maloney shares, "One must really trust his or her peers in order to be able to share one's deepest thoughts. It has also been a very humbling experience; it does not come easily to preach on a Dominican website with so many erudite and experienced preachers looking on. As a consequence, we often struggle and wrestle with the reading that we have chosen. ...I would relate to you that this process takes on a life of its own and, ..., we spend a good deal of time to prepare for one short preaching. As you can see we do not approach this endeavor lightly."

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA CHAPTER HAD 8 ADMISSIONS AND ONE NEW PERPETUAL PROFESSION ON JUNE 29, 2008!

Submitted by Dr. John Patrick Jordan ,O.P.

Following the homily at the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, June 29, 2008, the St. Anthony of Padua Chapter in New Orleans received eight Admissions, including Timothy Meaut, Lawrence and Patricia Hartmann, Wade Schindler, Ph.D., Robert Noel, Joaquin Wong, M.D., Lilian Ducruet and Mary Ann Condy. They will move into the second phase of Formation by studying more intensely the Dominican Way of Life. Additionally Mrs. Ava Smith, O.P. made her Perpetual Profession as a Lay Dominican. Fr. Ian Bordenave, O.P. represented the Master of the Order of Preachers with the assistance of the Council of the Chapter. Concelebrating the Mass were Frs. Carl Trutter, O.P. and Neal McDermott, O.P. Representatives from two other New Orleans Chapters, namely Veritas and St. Dominic Chapters joined in the Mass and the Reception held in the St. Anthony Priory. Many guests, Dominican Laity and Priests spent an hour and a half celebrating this resurgence of the Chapter which now has 12 full time members, including 4 who are Perpetually Professed and two "loaned" members. What a joy it was to see so many involved in this post-Katrina event.

Below, you will find excerpts from a sad notice sent out by the Parable Conference. To read the entire text, go to:

<http://www.parableconference.org>

PARABLE CONFERENCE FOR DOMINICAN LIFE AND MISSION TO CLOSE: MISSION & DREAM LIVE ON IN THE DOMINICAN FAMILY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

After thoughtful discernment and extensive consultation with leadership throughout the US Dominican Family, the Board of Directors of the Parable Conference for Dominican Life and Mission has decided to dissolve the Conference. The closure comes at an ambiguous time of substantial change, with pockets of cooperative activity and some expressed desire for ongoing collaboration within the US Dominican Family.

We are planning for dissolution of Parable Conference in a manner consistent with our mission of collaboration, which will include:

- *fulfilling all program commitments, including the 2008 Lands of Dominic Pilgrimages,*
- *bequeathing program materials for open use by the entire Dominican Family, including the Lands of Dominic Pilgrimage and the At Home with Dominic Retreat, and*
- *distributing Parable's remaining assets to other Dominican entities in accordance with the Conference's bylaws.*

JUSTICE, PEACE AND CARE OF CREATION

By Word and By Deed

Submitted by J. Scott Farris, OP, Vice Moderator and JPCC Co-ordinator for the Souther Province

Our JPCC Charter states in its beginning that we, as Dominican laity hope to be prophetic – to challenge unjust situations with the message of the Gospel, by word and by deed. Understanding what it means to be prophetic is essential to our success as laity involved in the peace and justice movement.

As part of our initial formation, we discuss the call of the baptized to be prophet, priest, and king. To be prophetic is “to talk to men about God” with our words and deeds. To be priestly is “to talk to God about men”. To be kingly, we must recognize and respect the gift of personal dignity, a gift freely given to all of God’s children. Notice that each of these is a call to action, an active expression of our faith.

Before we can become a prophetic voice (word), we must first become a priestly voice, one comfortable with prayer and intercession. We experience this in so many different ways. Our prayer, both personal and liturgical, is influenced by our life stories, heritage, cultural experiences and professions. As Dominicans, we balance this life of prayer and intercession with study and contemplation. Our personal study directly influences our abilities to contemplate God “in the moment,” thereby affecting our prayer experiences. These actions stimulate a spiritual inertia, a movement of the body, mind, and soul in unison with infused grace.

The end result of this endeavor is the act (deed) of being prophetic... active expressions of our mission as Dominicans. Sr. Ann Willits, OP, guest preacher at our 2008 LPC, states that “we are sent on mission because of our deep experience of God. We are not sent on mission because of our resumes, our credentials, our experience, or our careers. Mission is not about professionalism. Mission is about reconciliation, crying out for justice, standing with the powerless in word and witness. The experience of God is what missionaries discover as they find the Word of God among the people to whom they are sent...Dominicans expand their sense of mission as they recognize the Reign of God present in all that is true and good in the world.” (Dominican Symposium, 2007)

Each of us is called to preach. In *I Call You Friends*, fr. Timothy Radcliffe says, “Ultimately, the authority of our preaching is that of the truth, Veritas. This is the truth for which human beings are made and which they recognize instinctively. When fray Luis Munio de Zamora OP drew up the first rule for the Dominican fraternities in the thirteenth century, he did not invite them just to be penitents, as was the tradition then; he wanted them to be people of the truth, ‘true sons of Dominic in the Lord, filled to the utmost with strong and ardent zeal for Catholic truth, in ways in keeping with their own life.’” Participation in the JPCC commission provides an opportunity to embrace the four pillars in a renewed way in order to discover new opportunities for lay preaching, a holy preaching that we are commissioned to accomplish by virtue of our baptism and Dominican vocation.

I am looking forward to our journey. There have been a few minor setbacks in beginning our program; however, by the time this newsletter is printed, we will have scheduled our first study teleconference. If your group or chapter does not yet have a designated representative and you find yourself interested, contact me at jscottfarris@charter.net and I will include you in our continued discussions.



JUSTICE, PEACE AND CARE OF CREATION FROM AROUND THE WORLD



SINSINAWA, Wis.--Nearly 20,000 people, mostly women and children, are trafficked into the United States each year according to U.S. government estimates. Worldwide, the number increases to nearly 1 million. The Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters call for an end to this violent, inhumane practice of the buying and selling of people for any purpose, including sex, prostitution, forced marriage, servitude, and forced labor. The Sisters have taken a corporate stance opposing human trafficking.

"We hope our stance will encourage others to join in efforts to combat trafficking," said Prioress Patricia Mulcahey, OP. "It is incompatible with the values of the Gospel. In accordance with our commitment to building a holy and just society, we oppose it and stand in solidarity with all who work to eliminate this tragic evil."

Through this corporate stance, the Sinsinawa Dominicans pledge to educate themselves regarding the magnitude, causes and consequences of human trafficking through prayer and study; educate others about this terrible abuse through preaching and teaching; and work for change in society by supporting anti-trafficking legislation.

"Girls between ages 13 and 18 constitute the largest group within the sex industry," said Sister Reg McKillip, OP, Sinsinawa Dominican Promoter of Peace and Justice. "With the fear of HIV/AIDS, customers soliciting sex have driven traffickers to seek out younger victims, thinking they are too young to have been infected.

"The victims of trafficking pay a horrible price. Death of course is the highest cost. Victims are subject to gross human rights violations including rape, torture, beatings, starvation, dehumanization and threats of murdering family members," said Sr. Reg.

Thirty-four states have enacted laws making trafficking a felony offense.

Dominicans requests for a better protection for children exploited at work and children in conflict with the law

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Seventh session

Agenda item 3

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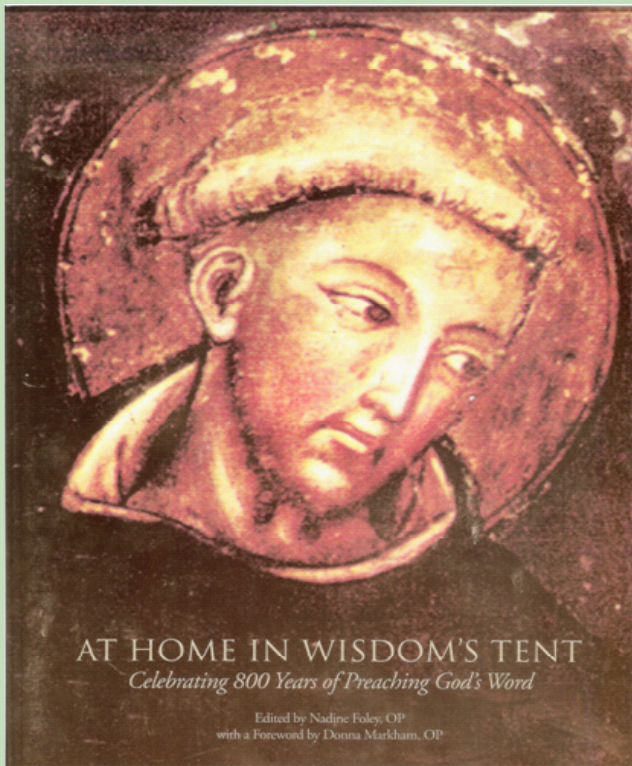
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Fetal Life and Abortion: Human Personhood at Conception

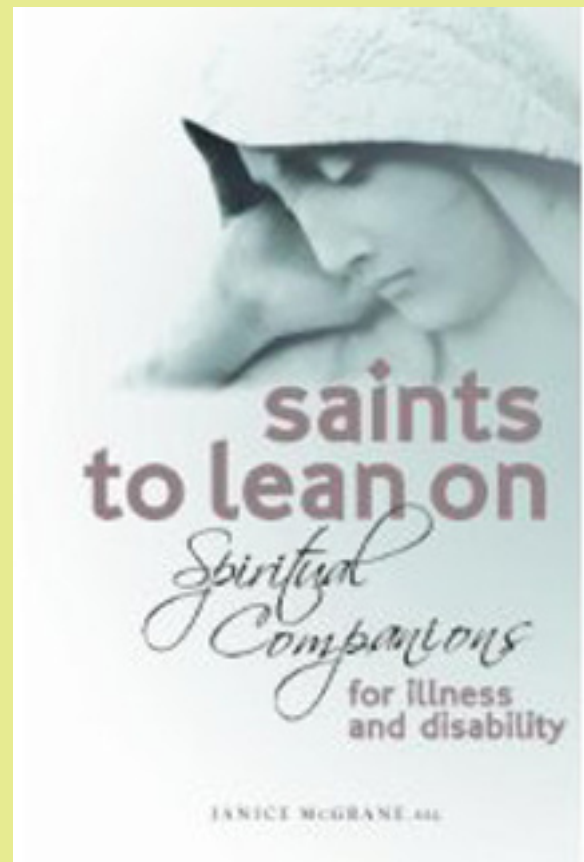
Different people give different reasons for wanting abortions. The man and woman responsible for the unwanted pregnancy might simply wish to rid themselves of a burden or even feel that they are patriotically solving a pollution problem. A pregnant teen-ager's parents might feel compassion for their daughter's distress or fear the shame which might fall upon their family. The owner and employees of an abortion referral agency might be interested only in the financial profits from their business or assume that they are offering a worthy social service. A group of college students who fund the expenses of a co-ed for an abortion might be acting out of sympathy for a fellow student or might be protesting what they consider a restriction by "The Establishment."

Read more at: http://www.unbornperson.org/section_1.htm

BOOK REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

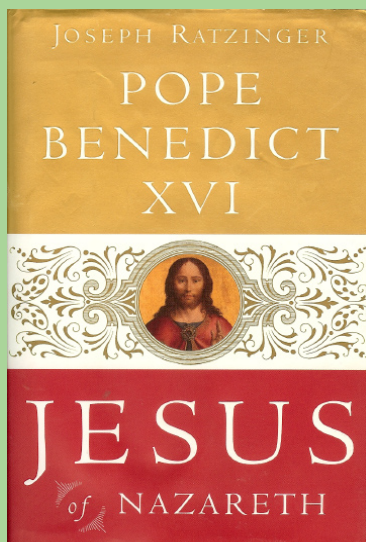


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<http://luminaria.infodat-llc.com/SaintstoLeanon.pdf>



“Pope Benedict XVI began writing *Jesus of Nazareth* during his 2003 summer vacation. He produced the finished versions of chapters one through four during August of the following year, and then, after he was elected pope, he used his spare time to work on the other chapters. He published these first ten chapters before finishing the entire work because, he says, “it struck me as the most urgent priority to present the figure and the message of Jesus in his public ministry, and so to help foster the growth of a living relationship with him” (xxiv).”

Read a very scholarly review/dissertation on this book by our sister, Miss Cynthia Donnelly, O.P. at <http://luminaria.infodat-llc.com/JesusofNazareth.pdf>

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 - D. NAMES OF THOSE MAKING PERMANENT PROFESSION
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 - A. DAY, MONTH AND YEAR
 - B. TIME OF DAY
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fr William Brenda, OP Adjunct Staff, Holy Rosary Parish in Houston, TX

Nancy Harrington, OP Member of the St. Joseph Chapter in Sarasota, FL

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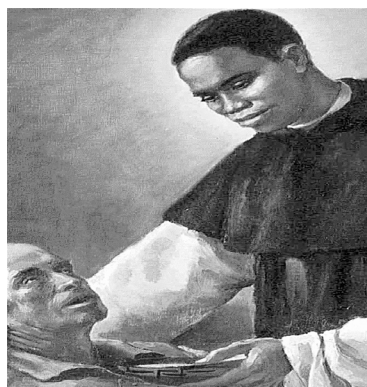
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May the divine assistance remain always with us and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



ST. MARTIN de PORRES

THIS COLUMN IS RESERVED FOR OUR DOMINICAN BROTHERS AND SISTER WHO ARE ILL AND HAVE REQUESTED PRAYERS.

Ann Dombrasky, OP St. Joseph Chapter Sarasota, FL.

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Beverlee McLaughlin, OP St. Dominic Chapter Miami, FL.

Esther Hernandez, OP St. Dominic Chapter Miami, FL.

Doris Stukes, OP North American Representative, International Council of Lay Dominicans. Serious auto accident.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in distress whoever they are and wherever they may be.

SAINTS' CORNER

ON VIRTUE

Those who wish to live a spiritual life must not fancy that they can make progress in virtue unless they first apply themselves to gaining peace of mind and conscience. Jesus Christ loves to rest in a pure and tranquil conscience, a fact that is easy to understand.

BL. Henry Suso

ON CHARITY

That law which is perfect because it takes away all imperfections is charity, and you find it written with a strange beauty when you gaze at Jesus your Savior stretched out like a sheet of parchment on the Cross, inscribed with wounds, illustrated in his own living Blood. Where else, I ask you, my dearest, is there a comparable book to read from?

BL Jordan of Saxony to
BL Diana of Andalo

WORLD DOMINICANA

VIOLENCE CONTINUES IN IRAQ

Dominican Sisters Hurt in Explosion

MOSUL, IRAQ - June 23, 2008 -- On Sunday, June 17th a car bomb exploded near the Dominican Sisters convent in Telkeif. Four sisters were injured, two badly enough to be hospitalized and later released. Damage to the buildings was said to be extensive and the space uninhabitable for now. Reports of increased threats of violence to the clergy continue. Please keep the people of Iraq and the Dominican Family in prayer

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