

# LUMINARIA

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## rites of admission and professions celebrated

**SARASOTA, FLA** The St. Joseph Chapter, moderated by Virginia Fleming, is studying the women of the Bible which is being taught by Gene Willis.

Virginia Fleming is being sent as the chapter's representative to the Tri-annual Lay Dominican Conference in New Orleans.

The chapter also asks that all Lay Dominicans remember the chapter's deceased members in prayer.

Eugene O'Connell	1997
Raymond Flynn	1999
Sally Bonadio	2000
Grace Bien	2001
Pauline Rettinger	2001
Tony Nicholas	2002
Ruth Walker	2002
Mary Schole	2003
Florence Tallman	2003
Emma Naughton	2004
Rae Bartolini	2004

*Editor's Note: It is very important that all chapters send representatives to the Tri-annual conference in January*

**LOCKPORT, LA** On October 1, 2004, The Heart of Jesus Pro-Chapter celebrated the Rite of Admission with Patrick Breaux; the Rite of First Profession with Gwen Breaux, Jane Charpentier, Lonis Comepeaux, Nora Gautreaux, Lois Gisclair and Loretta Jambon. The Rite of Perpetual Profession was celebrated with Annette Bourgeois.

The Heart of Jesus Chapel served as a beautiful but simple location for the rites. The mass for the Twenty-sixth week of Ordinary Time and the rites were celebrated by the Reverend Father Alfredo Loresco, O.P. who is also the spiritual moderator of the Lockport Pro-Chapter.

To celebrate the rites with and in support of the pro-chapter in attendance were Bruce Trigo, the Vice-Provincial Moderator and the moderator for the St. Dominic Lay Chapter along with Greg Wright, first year Formation Director for St. Dominic.

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**ATTRACTING NEW  
INQUIRERS IN THE ST.  
ANTHONY OF PADUA**

### CHAPTER

**NEW ORLEANS, LA** To make potential Inquirers more aware of the Lay Dominican Chapter at St. Anthony of Padua, Moderator Maria Sly George together with Father Ian Bordenave, O.P. and Father Jaime Diaz, O.P. have mobilized a team to provide information on the opportunity of becoming a Lay Dominican.

It began at the parish masses on October 30 and 31, 2004 with a Lay Dominican speaking about the opportunity. The Lay Dominican was introduced by the celebrant. Those interested received a four page summary of what it means to be a Lay Dominican. They were encouraged to attend an Inquirers Meeting on Sunday, November 21 at 3:30PM in the St. Anthony of Padua Priory. At the meeting, the Inquirers will be shown the video on the life of Saint Dominic and they will have

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## Lay Dominicans in Over a Hundred Countries

Until recent times, by a pious belief going back to the fourteenth century, St. Dominic was credited with organizing a Third Order of Laity, as if instinctively it seemed desirable to include the whole People of God in his apostolic intuition. In the last century Lacordaire wrote in his Life of St. Dominic (chap. XVI) :

*“The militia of Jesus Christ was the third Order instituted by St. Dominic, or rather, the third branch of a single Order, embracing in its wide scope men and women religious and the laity .... Dominic brought religious life to the family hearth, to the marriage bed. The world was filled with young girls, widows, married people, men in every walk of life, who publicly wore the insignia of a religious Order and bound themselves to its practices in the privacy of their homes.”*

The description would be valid for the end of the thirteenth century, the period to which historians ascribe groups of lay people who truly could be called Dominicans.

Actually, the Order of Preachers was linked with the laity from its very inception, in a quite natural way, by reason of its establishment in cities. It always made room for them. We find many instances of this in accounts of the early days of the Order: at Cologne, for example where

Brother Henry was Prior (The Beginnings, 79 85), or again at Bologna in the neighborhood of the monastery of St. Agnes. Jordan in one of his letters greets Diana d’Andalo “and the ladies and friends of the community”.

Pursuing its apostolic thrust, the Order of Preachers was bound to encounter the evangelical movement of the laity who, in Italy, had organized themselves into an Order of Penance. These lay groups, divided into local fraternities, addressed their spiritual needs to the new, contemporary mendicant orders. According to their affinities and the orientation of their spirituality, members would wear a gray mantle if associated with the Friars Minor, black if they frequented the Dominicans.

It was not until 1285 that the Master General of the Preachers, Munio of Zamora, invited the “black” penitents to place themselves under his jurisdiction. They were given a Rule and a Dominican director, and confraternities had their own priors. “The Order wished to take the responsibility for this lay branch so as to realize the great hope of lay movements, heretofore always disappointed: evangelical proselytism.”

With this in view the penitents, who up until then, through humility and as an example, had followed the life style of repentant sinners and had

devoted themselves to works of charity, were to bear witness to a love of truth proper to the Order of Preachers in the thirteenth century. Munio of Zamora’s rule makes this clear in unequivocal terms: “Let them excel in virtue and guard their reputation. Let them in no way leave themselves open to suspicion of heresy, but on the contrary be true sons of St. Dominic in the Lord, filled to the utmost with strong and ardent zeal for Catholic truth, in ways in keeping with their own life.”

The laity were here being given an ecclesiastical mission, were being placed at the service of the preaching of truth “in accordance with their own life”. Their activities would vary greatly through the centuries; they would be called confraternities, militia or societies. Some communities would live under a rule without being bound to enclosure. Such would be the case with the mystical mantellata, Catherine Benincasa. The Third Order Regulars would gradually learn how to share in the Dominican grace of preaching through works of charity and also, in a privileged way, through teaching.

We have no difficulty in admitting that, in his lifetime, Dominic could not have foreseen all the forms of life that would flow from his intuition in the founding of the Order of Preachers. No ancestor can imagine his progeny.

**(See COUNTRIES P. 5)**

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## **SOME GOOD READING FOR LAY DOMINICANS**

**SAINT DOMINIC and the Order of Preacher** by Simon Tugwell, OP, is a very concise, readable history of Dominic and the foundation of the Order. I am planning on ordering a number of copies of this book for the laity.

The six short chapters are titled:

- (1) The Idea of the Order of Preachers;
- (2) The Apostolic Life;
- (3) The Beginnings of the Order;
- (4) The Development of the Order;
- (5) The Order of Preachers Comes to maturity;
- (6) The Character of Dominic.

Fr. Tugwell is a great historian of the Order and writes very clearly. Fr. Brian Pierce, OP, with whom I live and who recommended this book to me, says “I think every lay Dominican should have a copy.” If you are interested in this book before I can get some copies, you can order it through Dominican Publications, 42 Parnell Square, Dublin 1, Ireland. The e-mail address is: tomjordan@dominicanpublicatin.com.

Another book, written by Fr. Brian Pierce, OP, and recently published by Liguori Publications, is **MARTIN de PORRES: A Saint of the Americas**. This is a “Fifteen Days of Prayer” Book. It is a prayerful exploration of the life and spirituality of St. Martin. It is designed to be wonderful accompaniment to a personal retreat, but also contains discussion questions at the end of each chapter that could be used in chapter gatherings. The book can be ordered at any bookstore. The publisher is Liguori Publications, Liguori, Missouri. [www.Liguori.org](http://www.Liguori.org)

A book that I would highly recommend for those groups who would like to get a good understanding of the “Catholic” approach to inspiration in the Holy Scriptures, especially the New Testament, is **LIVING JESUS: Learning the Heart of the Gospel**, by Luke Timothy Johnson.

Dr. Johnson is a professor at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. This book is divided into two parts:

**PART ONE** is titled, “The Truth That Is in Jesus,” and emphasizes the fact that the Catholic approach to the Scriptures must be based on our belief that Jesus is not dead, but risen, and hence, still remains our teacher, through the Holy Spirit.

**PART TWO** is titled “Jesus in the Gospels” and is a wonderful, concise description of the spirituality and history of each of the New Testament Books. It is published by HarperCollins and can be ordered from any bookstore, and might even be found in the Religion or Scripture section at a store like Borders or Barnes and Noble.

Fr. Marty Iott, OP

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## Lumen Gentium

Rev. John P. Grenham, O.P.

**Dominican Life** shines all over the world from the torch of Dominic Guzman, in and through the Brothers and Sisters of his family. Enflamed by the love of God and love of neighbor the Dominican family shifts and changes according to the times it finds itself in. These changes--these shifts are in response to the questions of good people caught in the confusion and depravity of their time. Since the days of the Albigensians (1207) the order was birthed and grown in the insight of Dominic to adapt the life of the preacher to better communicate to the needy world the Gospel of Christ. Dominic realized the great need for well-trained preachers in the church of his day. The church still needs the well-trained preachers today!

Preachers for Dominic were grounded in a life of constant prayer and contemplation. Each was to be schooled and educated in faith with an understanding eye on the culture and historical epoch. Love of God was the center focus and medium through which the preachers looked at the world, themselves, and all of creation. The positive and real vision of the preacher's faith burned in him/her to share with the world the Truth of Christ. In the seas of a changing world the Dominican preacher stood as a pillar of fire upon the rock of doctrine, scripture, and the intimacy of sacramental life.

## LUMEN GENTIUM (cont'd)

Preachers uniquely shared the apostolic authority to challenge the world to the Truth of Love itself.

Our Dominican family continues to beam the light of truth into a world of dark shadows and chaos. The world we live in today will not be the same tomorrow no more than the world of Dominic was the same from when he started the order till the day he died. Changes of thought, trends of fancy, and fundamentalists yearning for the "good old days", pull at the family of Dominic but the truth of the faith in Christ Jesus will be our light and living guide. The order is in a constant renewal referring back to our rock of faith in Christ with the vision of Dominic.

Let us take heart in Hope, with the changes we see in our world and in the church. Test them against the doctrine of faith in prayer. Search the scriptures in contemplation and humbly submit our thoughts and feelings to the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. After all of this let us share with one another in our Chapters.

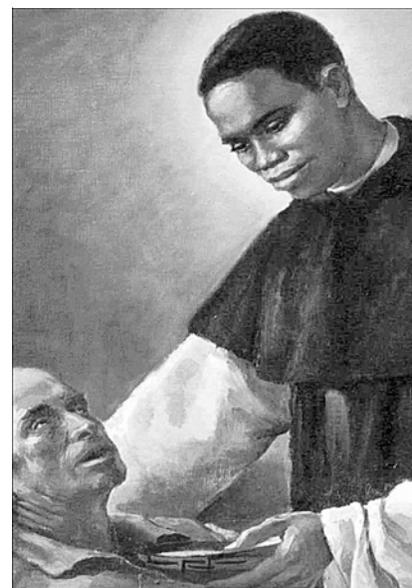
Together we can formulate anew how we can communicate the Truth of Christ in a manner and through a means by which the world can hear the Word of God that is transforming each of us. Let each of us be embers of the flame of truth.

Consumed in the fire of love for Christ, directed in the faith of the

## LUMEN GENTIUM (cont'd)

church, focused by the vision of Dominic; let us continue to transform our lives and the world until all is consumed in the flames of light in Christ Jesus who takes us to the Father in the Spirit of Love.

*Editor's Note: Father John Grenham, O.P., is the associate pastor of St. Benilde Parish in Metairie, Louisiana*



**Saint Martin de Porres**

**St. Martin is the patron of the Southern Dominican Province of the United States. Born in Lima, Peru, he was the son of a Spanish Grandee and a freed slave woman. Rejected by his father, St. Martin never the less became a forgiving son and was reconciled to his father in later years. God gave him the power to bi-locate and a superb grasp of medical knowledge. His feast day is the third of November.**

Dominic's friend Gregory IX, in the Bull of Canonization for Dominic, indeed foresaw that like the Orders of Citeaux and Flora under St. Bernard, the Friars Minor and the Preachers would draw after them "legions of brethren". Preaching the gospel of Christ, wholly devoted to the Word of God, "Dominic engendered a great number of sons" (1 Cor 4:15).'

The fruitfulness of the grace of preaching gave birth to innumerable branches through the course of history, all of them dependent, by reason of their service to the apostolic mission, upon the center, the Church. With his brothers, his nuns, and the laity, the Dominican family, whose name is declined in the plural, respond to the broad invitation of the Apostle: "We ought to support such men, that we may be fellow workers in the truth" (1 Jn 8).

**(Source : Bedouelle, Guy. *Saint Dominic. The Grace of the Word. Ignatius. 1987***  
For a Related Article on worldwide Dominicans see **OUR DOMINICAN FAMILY ACROSS THE OCEAN** in the next column.

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### **Food For Thought**

Science is in love with the theory that everything was created in a "big bang." Like all theories, this one may or may not be true; there is no real way of testing it. If there was an explosion that started it all, who lit the fuse? . . . *Ed.*

### **LOCKPORT**

We are asked to pray for vocations as the Dominican convent in Lockport is now occupied by only two nuns and is threatened with closure if more nuns or young ladies interested in the religious life cannot be found.



**Elaine Leblanc and Fr Carlos at Santa Sabina**

## **Our Dominican Family across the Ocean**

by Lanie LeBlanc OP

This past summer my husband, younger daughter, and I had the opportunity to travel to Italy and England in conjunction with my husband's teaching assignment in Spain. No, I don't intend to bore you with "what I did on my summer vacation", but I would like to share some personal insights into some of the Dominican Family members we met and how they helped me better understand what "Dominican Family" means, even across the ocean.

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### **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

the opportunity to ask questions. The St. Anthony of Padua Chapter has high hopes for this approach.

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## **From the Provincial Moderator:**

The time is quickly approaching for the tri-annual gathering of the Laity Provincial Council where we will convene to plan the future of our Dominican Laity in the Southern Province. The executive council met a few weeks ago to finalize plans for the Lay Provincial Council meeting which will be held in New Orleans at the Dominican Conference Center on **January 20 - 23, 2005**. The meeting will begin at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday evening and we will adjourn on Sunday, January 23rd at 10:30 A.M.. Thursday evening we will gather to open the meeting and to get acquainted. Friday and Saturday will be two full days of planning and discussion. Sunday will be our closing and installation of officers.

During this meeting we hope to work on completing a draft of our new directory, which has been an on-going work between members of the executive council. Formation and Communication will also be covered as these are also on-going works of the LPC. The Heart of Jesus Pro-chapter from Lockport, La. is planning an evening of good food and entertainment for us during the weekend and we have invited

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This page is dedicated to getting LUMINARIA started on the right foot or the left one if you prefer. It is hoped that this little guide will help the chapters/pro-chapters to formulate articles for publication. Unfortunately, like all such organs of communication, there are deadlines to be met:

JANUARY - MARCH, 2005 Issue                      Deadline December 15, 2004

APRIL-JUNE, 2005 Issue                              Deadline March 15, 2005

JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2005 Issue                      Deadline June 15, 2005

OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2005 Issue                      Deadline September 15, 2005

Articles may be submitted in Microsoft Works or Word and in Corel Word Perfect to wandrews4@cox.net or they may be mailed to Luminaria 609 Sheldon Lane River Ridge, LA 70123.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION

For the rites of admission and profession:

- I. WHO:
  - A. NAMES OF INQUIRERS (Optional)
  - B. NAMES OF THOSE BEING ADMITTED
  - C. NAMES OF THOSE MAKING FIRST PROFESSION
  - D. NAMES OF THOSE MAKING PERMANENT PROFESSION
  - E. NAMES OF PARTICIPATING CHAPTER OFFICIALS
  - F. NAME OF THE CELEBRANT
  
- II. WHAT:
  - A. IS ALREADY DETERMINED; GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE RITES
  
- III. WHEN:
  - A. DAY, MONTH AND YEAR
  - B. TIME OF DAY
  
- IV. WHERE:
  - A. NAME OF CHURCH OR CHAPEL
  - B. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PLACE

For Chapter activities, again the “who,” “what,” “when,” and “where” are critical; an outcome, if the activity was completed, is also necessary. If the activity is an on-going one, please submit periodic updates.

There will be special columns for our Dominican Brothers and Sisters of all orders:

- A. A prayer list for those who are ill
- B. A prayer list and memorial for those who have gone to their heavenly rest.

Again, we will need names and dates for the submissions.

**Pictures may be included with any article. Due to the expense of reproducing color images, all pictures will be rendered into black and white. The persons in the photographs must be identified, i.e., left to right and/or 1st row second row, etc. Digital images make the best copy but others can be scanned into a digital format for reproduction.**

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# *Luminaria*

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PROVINCE OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES DOMINICAN LAITY

*Your word, Lord, is a lamp for my steps,  
A light for my path.  
(Psalm 119)*

Until we have the chance to consider a different title, the Executive Council has adopted this Spanish word for our Provincial Newsletter. Throughout our country over the last few years many have adopted the wonderful Mexican custom of placing lanterns lining driveways, sidewalks, etc. These lanterns, called “Luminaria”, made from candles placed in sand in brown paper bags, are used during the season of Advent and Christmas, especially, to offer a soft glow and a warm welcome to the Holy Family.

As lay Dominicans, we want to invite the Incarnate Word, in the company of Mary and Joseph, into our lives, especially into our chapters. In the presence of the Eternal Light we too become lights for the world, as was our Father Dominic, providing a warm welcome to others searching for light in their lives, and leading them to Christ, the Eternal Light.

It is our hope that this news letter will be a “Luminaria” to our members. By sharing the news and accomplishments of our chapters, and the spiritual and theological reflections of our members, we believe we will more readily perceive the action of God among us.

*Now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light.  
(Ephesians: 5:8)*

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## AN OPINION

While it is never going to be the policy of LUMINARIA to engage in politics, there are times when silence is not an option. Our world has been and is going through a very wrenching and divisive period and our nation has just been through one of the most divisive and potentially destructive elections in our history. By our very calling, we Dominicans are commanded to sow the peace of Christ where there is strife; the love of our creator where hatred reigns; the reason of faith where irrationality prevails. As our Provincial Patron, Saint Martin de Porres, did so many centuries ago in his time, we too must bind up the wounds of our time. It will be a massive endeavor but Study and Prayer will prepare us for this Mission of Preaching.

Whether or not we approved of this election's outcome, we must remember that we are all still Americans. Whether or not we respect the man who holds the office of president we must respect the office itself. By that same token, the government must also respect the rights and dignity of the governed. The U.S. Constitution is, after all, a solemn contract between the government and the governed.

We must defend the defenseless, born and unborn, friend and foe alike; this includes even the most wretched and undesirable in our world. God quite simply created US; there was no THEM in His

creation. We, as Dominicans, must therefore rekindle the smoldering embers of love-of-neighbor into the brilliant fire it was intended to be. We say that we want to emulate those through time who have done this: Jesus, Saint Dominic Guzman, Saint Martin de Porres of Lima or Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. To do so, we must at least attempt to think and to behave like them.

After he founded the order and it was running as well as possible, Saint Dominic wished to relinquish his post as Master of the Order. He wanted to become missionary to a group of very warlike, destructive pagan people, the Cumans. He knew that if God granted his wish, martyrdom surely awaited him; in preparation for his sojourn to the Cumans, he even grew his beard, as was the custom among missionaries of that time, . For reasons neither he nor we can fathom, he was not allowed to go on that missionary journey by our Heavenly Father. Saint Dominic died not as a martyred missionary but surrounded by the love of his friars and bathed in their tears. That does not mean that Saint Dominic was unsuccessful in his mission to the Cumans; other Dominicans carried that out. So, in keeping with the spirit of our Father Dominic, we must ask: Who are the Cumans in our time to whom Saint Dominic calls us to bring the peace, the love and the reason of the faith of Christ Jesus? We don't have far to look.

The divisions that wreck havoc in this nation and the world are as destructive as any Cuman incursion into north central Europe in the thirteenth century. Perhaps, God willing, we can be a lighted candle, a LUMINARIA, if you will, for this troubled world.  
*Ed.*

**Note:** The Cumans were a warlike, nomadic people of Turkic descent. They appeared out of the steppes in Ukraine near the end of the 11th century. In 1245 the Mongols defeated them and sold many into slavery. The remainder assimilated into surrounding populations.



Saint Dominic Guzman

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**DOMINICAN FAMILY**

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Those of you who have met Fr. Timothy on his trip through the South when he was the Master of the Order already personally know his graciousness and authenticity. I did not; I just knew the Order's most prominent living historian, and the friars who serve in the positions of Socius to the Master. You already know them, those whose names appear on all of the official writings! Should I? Absolutely every one encouraged me to go ahead and contact them. It is clear to me now that those Dominicans knew far more about genuine Dominican Family than I did. the Order's most prominent living historian, and the friars who serve in the positions of Socius to the Master. You already know them, those whose names appear on all of the official writings! Should I? Absolutely every one encouraged me to go ahead and contact them. It is clear to me now that those Dominicans knew far more about genuine Dominican Family than I did.

My first act of boldness came when I e-mailed Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP to ask if he needed any assistance on his brief visit in April 2004 to Atlanta where I live.

To my surprise, he e-mailed me back and asked if I might drive him from the airport to his hotel, a small detail that the convention folks overlooked. It took me all of one second to clear my oh-too-busy calendar. I still beam at the thought, let alone the experience!

Those of you who have met Fr. Timothy on his trip through the South when he was the Master of the Order already personally know his graciousness and authenticity. I did not; I just knew him from his writings because I missed his visit most regrettably. Although it was extraordinarily tempting to get lost indefinitely on the interstate, I dutifully acted as chauffeurette. Our causal chatting led to my attending his sessions at that conference of priests (we were the only two Dominicans there and I was the only female) and what I thought was his casual "come and visit me if you ever get to Oxford."

Our good fortune was that Fr. Timothy was to be in town when we planned to visit a family friend studying in Oxford. My seventeen year old daughter and I arrived like camels overladen with goods, but we were still enthusiastically treated to a VIP tour of Blackfriars Priory and the College where Fr. Timothy teaches, introduced to everyone to whom he spoke, and a delightful conversation that far surpassed a private coffee with Oprah anyday! When we returned home to Georgia, I showed my daughter the pile of books he had written. I'm not

sure what her "Oh" meant, (she is a teenager) but she took the picture of the two of them and put it up in her locker. It is next to our family pictures, she said. I know why, but she took the picture of the two of them and put it up in her locker. It is next to our family pictures, she said. I know why. I am getting ahead of my story though because we visited Rome before we came home. I had e-mailed Fr. Mike O'Rourke, OP, a former parishioner of my parish who

now lives in Rome, for suggestions on where to stay. He offered Santa Sabina if we wouldn't mind the simplicity or lack of air-conditioning in our room. It was hard to notice the temperature being either hot or cold when my husband opened our window and the three of us gasped at the view of St. Peter's in the nighttime lights! That was only the beginning of our time with family, and I mean family. Absolutely every friar, English-speaking or not, was incredibly hospitable. There were other guests as well and we chatted in Saint makeshift gestures and languages. We were served by one Socius or another, whoever's turn it was for that meal. We were given tickets for a general audience with the Pope and even driven there... a true blessing if you have heard anything about the traffic in Rome. We were part of the screaming and yelling during the football/soccer matches in the TV room ...

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**FAMILY**

thankfully, everyone was rooting for Italy at the time. We sat around after lunch and witnessed the real friendship of the friars who had come from all over the world to be a part of the governance at Dominican Headquarters and who were obviously brothers in any language. I was even the brunt of Fr. Carlos's teasing in Italian (which I understand a little but do not speak) as he accepted the plaque with the Dominican Blessing that I brought from our Lay Province and the gracious recipient of a his hearty hug when I "got back at him" in English by handing a duplicate plaque to Fr. Jerry Stookey O.P.! My husband and I later sat for hours with Fr. Jerry talking about the laity and the Church, both Dominican and otherwise. in English by handing a duplicate plaque to Fr. Jerry Stookey O.P.! My husband and I later sat for hours with Fr. Jerry talking about the laity and the Church, both Dominican and otherwise.

Fr. Jerry kindly arranged for me and my husband to meet Fr. Simon Tugwell OP at his office. The Angelicum is just steeped in tradition. I was definitely the tourist looking around as we climbed the stairs with Fr. Tugwell. It was an incredible experience to be ushered into his workplace, the place where he has written so many of the articles and books I have read in formation.

Was this ever a place of my own schooling!

Fr. Tugwell was just plain cordial! He listened to talkative me ask questions and responded with clarity. His obvious wisdom was quite apparent to me and my husband, but so was his humor. I was struck by his calmness. We realized after we left that he had genuinely engaged us in conversation in a way that made us feel that we were speaking freely in open dialogue, not like novices with a master. We had definitely been with a master. We also talked briefly about "The Charism of Preaching" document. His encouragement to all Dominicans was not to limit our opportunities to only one form of preaching. Wise words from a wise man.

What I witnessed but didn't realize until we were talking with our daughter later on was that Fr. Tugwell lives this Dominican equality thing ! It was a wonderful feeling to have been in his presence and to know that he, too, enjoyed the experience. I feel that was not because some woman from America made him laugh, but because a family member visited with him. My last recollection is perhaps the most telling of all about this Dominican Family thing. Shortly before we left Rome, I again spoke briefly with Fr. Carlos... in English! He apologized for not having more time to spend with us. Whew, I'm not sure whether he would have REALLY liked to traipse all over Rome with us, but I did feel

that he genuinely wished he could have talked with us more.

He must have sensed a bit of the residue of my living as a five foot nothing woman among six foot something males in a hierarchal Church.

I clearly admire these Dominican men that I had met in Oxford and Rome and I am the first to share that with anyone who will listen. I told him sincerely that I was truly grateful to have my family stay at Santa Sabina. His genuine reply was "This is your home as much as it is mine." I believe him. As I reflect on his words and my experiences, I realize that being Dominican Family is all about St. Dominic and the Lord whom he served. All Dominicans, friars, nuns, sister, laity, share in the same heritage Dominic gave us whether or not we taste an orange from the tree he brought to Santa Sabina or ever see it, whether we kneel in the church where Dominic did or view pictures of it on the Internet, or whether or not we meet the leadership of the Order or just read their words. It is about the reflection of the Word. It is about the preaching with lives or with words or other forms, the preaching that comes from the heart. It is about the Lord of our hearts Who enriches us with this Dominican Family, even across the ocean. The "what I did on my summer vacation" revealed the warmth of family, something I will remember when the warts show, too.

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# 1216 CAMPAIGN: MORE DOMINICANS “1216” IN 2004

The “1216” Project is a major effort by the Southern Dominican Province to obtain money supporting our substantial group of seminarians as well as the other operational needs for the province. The Order of Preachers dates from the year 1216 . . . and thus the title of the program.

The Priests and Brothers are joined by Dominican Nuns, Sisters and Lay members to support this effort. Letters are written to specific potential donors as well as requests among ourselves. Last year nearly a half million dollars came in through this program. Very Reverend Marty Gleeson, O.P., personally signed many of the letters of request . . . as did all of us in the Dominican Family.

What a joy it is to see the Family pull together to assure that the Dominican presence in the South has a solid foundation.

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some special guests to make presentations during our time together. It is vitally important that each chapter/pro-chapter send a representative to this meeting. The work of the Provincial Council necessitates the input of all the chapters/pro-chapters in the province. The executive council and the on-going committees have worked very hard the past three years to improve our formation, communication and directory. We need more assistance to complete this work. All the work has fallen on the shoulders of a few people who have willingly sacrificed their time and talents. Your participation will help to lighten the load. We need more people to step forward and become active in the work of the Provincial Council. Let's make this the first council where every chapter/pro-chapter/informal group sends a delegate. We feel this is so important that we are going to pay the room and board of each of the voting delegates attending. **This is your council! This work can only succeed if you support it with you gifts of time, talent and treasure.**

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

I would like to take this opportunity to say how very happy I am to be of service to my fellow Dominicans. This newsletter is yours and I am at your service. We hope to publish as often as finances will allow—you know that old saw.

The newsletter is named LUMINARIA because it is intended to be, as the name implies, a beacon of light, a candle lit in a darkening world. It is our intent that this newsletter will bring our chapters closer together through communication and the sharing of ideas and news. We hope that this will better help all of us to practice the charism of our Father Dominic, to make our small corner of God's creation a little bit better.

In the beginning, we will print the bulk of the newsletter distribution. However, the future plan is to publish in PDF form and send the newsletter out via electronic mail. For those who do not have computers or access to the internet, we will still publish a print version in a limited quantity. However, that is still in the future. At first, the province will mail copies to each individual. As you can guess, the e-mail version will be faster, more efficient and less expensive.

This first issue will be very plain and limited in scope but, with God's help and yours, it will improve, I promise.

On page 11, you will find a subscription form. There is no cost but we need the information to be sure you get your copy in the form you find most acceptable.

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God bless you all and thank you,

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