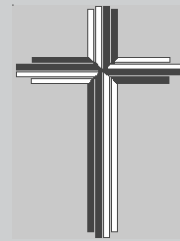


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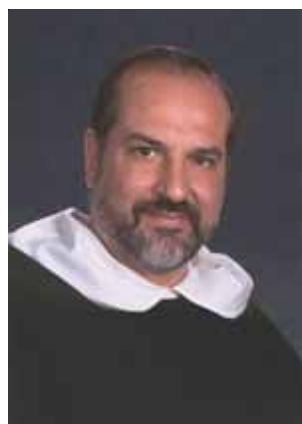
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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

From the Master of the Order
Bro. Carlos A. Azpiroz Costa, OP



Dear brothers and sisters,

In a few days' time I will be starting a new journey that will lead me to visit several communities. At the beginning of Advent, I send you my best greetings for Christmas and a New Year full of things that are true, good and beautiful, things coming from God through these pages!

At the end of the November plenary session of the General Council, I participated in the First Congress on Consecrated Life, together with about 35 other Dominicans, both sisters and friars. Organized by the Union of Superiors General (male and female) the Congress was entitled "A passion for Christ, a passion for humanity". One of the main speakers was our dear brother Timothy Radcliffe.

Two gospel passages enlightened our reflection and inspired our action during the time of preparation, through the *Instrumentum Laboris*, and throughout the sessions: the Samaritan man (Luke 10) and the Samaritan woman (John 4). In both cases – a parable and a meeting – Jesus encouraged us to look for him along the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, by the well of Sichar.

An expert in the Law, wanting to justify himself in a previous question, asks again "Who is my neighbour?" It is a legal doubt. After telling the beautiful parable of the Samaritan man, Jesus ends by also asking a question: "Who was a neighbour to the one who fell into the hands of robbers?"... We know the answer given by the man of the law. At the end Jesus responds to a legal speculation by telling the man: "Go and do likewise".
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A Samaritan woman went to draw some water and meets the Master who is thirsty ... They both present us with one of the most beautiful dialogues in the Gospel. We know how it all ended. The woman left her water jar, went quickly to her town and announced Christ.

The expert in the Law knew very well the intricacies of the law, but he **did not know what to do**. The woman, so sure in her daily activities, now knows what to say, what to announce ... and becomes a preacher announcing to her fellow countrymen that she had met the Christ. **Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony...**

These meetings along the road and by the well surprise us. When we celebrate Christmas, the Gospel impels us to go along the road. Once again we meet the shepherds and the wise men from the East who are searching. They started along the road. They encouraged themselves "Let us go to Bethlehem" ... They asked "Where is the king that has been born?"

Following in the footsteps of St Dominic, impassioned for God, for the men and women of his time, we usually find him along the roads, we remember him at the inn. During this year, while visiting so many brothers and sisters, my heart is filled again with similar scenes.

In the same way as during the Cracow General Chapter we question ourselves about our life and mission. Meanwhile, Jesus, the only and true Master, and Dominic, the itinerant preacher, take us by the hand into the inclement weather. There they make us discover where the love of God, the thirst for God lies, and how to become neighbours to the others.

Where are we going? Who are we looking for? Where will we meet him? Along the streets! At the well! In the inclement weather! ... It has been so since Bethlehem ... during all his life as a preacher, on the cross. Along the road, during these feasts, I will remember you all especially in front of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Mexico (during the canonical visitation to the Province) and in front of our saints Rose, Martin de Porres and Juan Macias in Peru (during the retreat for the friars).

Fraternally yours in Saint Dominic
Carlos A. Azpiroz Costa OP
Master of the Order



THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S PAGE

A WORD FROM THE VICE MODERATOR

by Bruce Trigo, OP

I often find that my role of Vice Moderator is one of assistance. Most recently I was asked to help coordinate a sudden and unexpected visit from Fr. Jerry Stookey, OP. Fr. Jerry, the Promoter General of the Laity, was passing through the area and graciously offered to meet with the laity. We already had a celebration mass planned for the 25th anniversary of the founding of our Southern Province, so we arranged to have the laity come early for a special presentation.

Fr. Jerry, along with sharing his work and experience with the laity, stressed the need to live the four pillars in a balanced way. He called special attention to our preaching charism and challenged us, as laity, to define and articulate the various ways we preach.

I would like to give this challenge to all the chapters and have each chapter include in their reports, to be given at our Lay provincial council meeting in January, ways that you preach. Also come prepared to discuss your chapter's response to the Preaching Charism Document that the Dominican Family has been asked to study. This issue will be part of our LPC discussions.

PROPOSED AGENDA

2005 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DOMINICAN LAITY- PROVINCE OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

January 20 – 23, 2005

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005

3:00 pm	Prayer
3:15 pm	Welcome & Introduction of executive council
3:20 pm	Roll Call – Introduction of council members and guests
3:30 pm	Officer Reports Moderator Vice Moderator Secretary Treasurer
4:15 pm	Break
4:30 pm	Chapter/Group Reports
5:15 pm	Overview Agenda
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
6:45 pm	Possible speaker on "Preaching"
7:30 pm	Social with Dominican Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2005

8:00 am	Morning Prayer
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:15 am	Plenary Session I Reports of Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Secretariat – Dru<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Proposal• DLIPC – Bruce• PARABLE – Maria<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Proposal
10:15 am	ICLDF- Guest – Laurie Biszko – Eastern Province (Charism of Preaching)

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This page is dedicated to getting LUMINARIA started on the right foot. 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:

APRIL-JUNE, 2005	Deadline March 20, 2005
JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2005	Deadline August 20, 2005
OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2005	Deadline September 20, 2005
JANUARY-MARCH, 2006	Deadline December 20, 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.

CHAPTER NEWS

VERITAS CHAPTER NEWS

by Jim Brown, O.P.

NEW ORLEANS, LA This year the Veritas Chapter completed its travels through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Excellent presentations were made by the members. I think we all came to know and love God and His Church much more by the prayerful study of this wonderful heaven sent document.

Our current book for study is *The Dominicans: A Short History* by William Hinnebusch from which we hope to learn about the roots of our beloved order and the great men and women who have made up the order.

We are also continuing our tradition of presenting the life of a saint or other holy person at every meeting. These holy people teach us about loving God and our neighbor and are inspirational examples to emulate.

We have five people in various stages of formation: Fr. John Marse, Susan Mire, Ava Smith, Carolyn Hermann, and Albert Dumas. Elsa and John Hodges made their permanent professions this year. All of them are a blessing to the chapter.

This year we held council elections and Hubie Mule was elected Moderator; George Hernandez

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VERITAS (cont'd)

Vice-Moderator; Elsa Hodges Secretary; and Mitzi Labadot Treasurer. We all truly appreciate the job they are doing. Yours truly was elected as council member.

We are blessed on the religious front also. Although Fr. Carl Trutter is no longer officially attached to us, he still attends an occasional meeting. Fr. J.P. Grenham also regularly attends our meetings. Fr. John Marse is a candidate. And our ever faithful, ever joyful, ever inspirational Sr. Veronica is our religious promoter. We thank them all for all they have done and continue to do.

Our chapter meeting is centered on our community evening prayer. The study and teaching we do in the meetings complete the four pillars. Hopefully, we leave our meetings better prepared to preach the word of God in our own way for the salvation of souls - our own and our neighbor.

God bless.

SAINT DOMINIC CHAPTER NEWS

by Bruce Trigo

NEW ORLEANS, LA In November, our monthly meeting took a road trip to a few of the more historic and architecturally unique churches in the area. Perhaps the most interesting visit was the

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Seelos center which houses the relics of Father Seelos who was proclaimed Blessed in the Solemn Jubilee Year 2000. Fr. Victor Brown, O.P. our tour guide, noted that such a shrine, although common in Europe, is rare in the US. Fr. Seelos came to New Orleans in 1866 and died shortly afterward of the yellow fever epidemic.

In January we will begin a new study program that will focus on the Eucharist. We will start with the Pope's encyclical on the Eucharist and we hope to participate in of many of the talks and programs that will take place locally as the church celebrates the year of the Eucharist.

Ultimately we hope that this studying will prepare us to better preach on the Eucharist whenever and wherever the chance comes.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new spiritual promoter Fr. Chrys Finn, O.P. (See Photos Pg. 7)



FATHER DOMINIC

VERITAS CHAPTER NEWS

by *Gregoria Smith, OP*

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

On August 29, 2004, Kevin Sanderson, of Guthrie, OK, was admitted into our chapter, "Veritas" of Oklahoma City. Also, Father Shane Tharp, OP became our Spiritual Director on the same day. Father Shane's parish is in Alva, OK, about a two hour drive from Oklahoma City.

On November 21, 2004, two more members were also admitted to our Dominican chapter: Gregory Lorson and Theresa Rohrbach.

The rites of admission were celebrated at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, a beautiful church in Edmond, Oklahoma. Father Shane Tharp, OP, was the celebrant, and we all gathered for a wonderful reception after the rites and mass. We had many guests and even some new inquirers who will also start attending our monthly meetings.

Participating officials were myself, Gregoria "Yogi" Smith, Moderator and John McClernon, Vice-Moderator. We also had as "guests" two priests from Africa; Father Aloysius Lyimo, OP and Father Nelson Okello, OP. They have been helping our priests in Oklahoma, due to the shortage of priests. It was a wonderful blessing for them to come and to
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HATE IS A WASTED EMOTION BECAUSE MOST FOLKS DON'T KNOW THAT YOU HATE THEM AND THOSE THAT DO KNOW, DON'T CARE! Medgar Evers

VERITAS, OKLAHOMA CITY (cont'd)

witness our celebration.

St. John's, located in Edmond, OK, is the location of our monthly meeting, because it is centrally located. We are also honored and blessed to have Carolyn Reese, a transfer from Arizona. Carolyn now resides in Jenks, OK, about an hour and a half drive from Edmond.

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPTER NEWS

by *Kathy Mayl, OP*

SARASOTA, FL On March 19, 2005, the St. Joseph Chapter will celebrate the Rites of First Profession and of Permanent Profession.

Those making First Profession and receiving Dominican pins are: Annabelle Owen, Shane O'Neill, Dorothy Sloan and Pat Buck.

Permanent Professions will be made by: Ann Dombrosky and Nancy Harrington. As is customary, those permanently professing will do so on their knees, the Litany of the Dominican Saints will be read. Those making permanent profession will be presented a lighted candle, a copy of Holy Scripture and they will receive the scapular.

The Rites will be celebrated at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church in Sarasota with Father Austin as celebrant. Those chapter officers participating in the rites will be: Sister Gloria Hillman, OP;
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SAINT JOSEPH, SARASOTA (cont'd)

Virginia Fleming, OP; Jeanne Faulks, OP; Mary Bonacci, OP; Kathy Mayl, OP and Gene Willis, OP.

In keeping with the customs of the order, a mass will be celebrated, followed by a luncheon and a retreat.

"NEW SPARK COMES TO HEART OF JESUS PRO-CHAPTER"

by *Annette Bourgeois, OP*

LOCKPORT, LA After admitting its thirteen original inquirers in 2002, the Heart of Jesus Lay Dominicans Pro-Chapter of Lockport, Louisiana, is preparing to double its number in 2005. Seven newcomers were professed in 2003 and 2004; six seriously interested inquirers began their discernment this fall. Following two years of spiritual and actual support by Lay Dominicans, Bruce Trigo and Greg Wright, who traveled over a hundred miles per meeting to assist the Lockport group, the Pro-Chapter has become very active in its formation. We begin with instruction in the prayerful celebration of the "Liturgy of the Hours." Conscious of Father Jerry Stookey's admonition to become "one hundred per cent Dominicans," that is, to address all four pillars of our Dominican structure, formation in 2005 will incorporate experiencing "The Year of the Eucharist" as

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proclaimed by our Holy Father, John Paul II. A private self-examination of “Dominican consciousness” will stimulate spirituality in light of present performance and possible future involvement in community, prayer, study, and, especially, preaching.

Fostering a family consciousness is inherent to this Pro-chapter. Seventeen members are related in close unions. There are two sets of sisters, three husbands and wives, two mothers and daughters, and various in-laws and cousins. Now the members are spreading beyond the obvious relationships and are inspiring many associates to ask about the Dominican Laity.

Six of the Heart of Jesus Lay Dominicans participated in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Southern Province by attending the Mass and reception at St. Anthony of Padua in New Orleans, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Father Stookey addressed the Lay Dominicans at that time and seemed encouraged by the growth and enthusiasm exhibited by the group.



“At Last, Two More Permanent Professions”

by Lanie LeBlanc OP

ATLANTA, GA It was a joyful day in Atlanta when Meghan Burke-Abowd and J. Scott Farris made their permanent professions. This statement tells of a familiar sentiment of many a profession day, I’m sure. There was something far beyond excitement that I felt, and even more than the personal satisfaction and privilege that comes with mentoring two close friends through that point in formation. I couldn’t quite put my finger on it until I gazed down at the bookmark that our pro-chapter produced to commemorate the special occasion. The bookmark has a Dominican Cross and reads:

“The Dominican legacy continues, November 6, 2004, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta, Georgia”.

The laser printed message may sound simple enough, but the combination of two permanent Lay Dominican professions at this particular church was anything but a simple event. In fact, it reflects a profound statement of the wonderful combination of God’s faithfulness and human perseverance.

In 1995, the Dominican Friars who staffed Holy Cross

Church as well as the other friars in Atlanta were asked to leave the Archdiocese of Atlanta to make room for the many diocesan seminarians in formation. After several weekends of celebrating the almost twenty years of faithful service the Dominicans provided to the community, our church family prepared to bid them farewell. I vowed to keep the Dominican presence alive in Atlanta ... somehow.

The day before the departure, Fr. Alberto Rodriguez, O.P. received the temporary professions of several members of the Holy Cross community, including myself, as Lay Dominicans, in the small day chapel of the church. Three years later, I knelt in that same day chapel and made my permanent profession, in the presence of my family and one Dominican friar.

It was in that same day chapel, along with several Dominicans and family and church community members that Meghan and Scott said their words of lifelong commitment. Each of them cried; I couldn’t stop smiling! I knew that God had taken care of the “somehow”.

This was indeed a celebration of God’s faithfulness. The Rite was planned during the 40th anniversary weekend festivities of the parish in hopes

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**L to R Meghan Burke-Abowd, Elaine “Lanie” Leblanc
and J. Scott Farris
Photography credit: Marie Leblanc**

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that some of the friars would come back “home”. They did! Fr. Cayet Mangiaracina OP, from San Antonio, was our chief celebrant and homilist at the Mass of All Dominican Saints; Fr. Paul Watkins, OP, con-celebrated the Mass along with Fr. Edmund Fay O.P. Both of these priests came back to Atlanta from New Orleans. Fr. John Boll OP, from Houston, was the cantor and guitarist.

Meghan and Scott proclaimed the readings; Sr. Joyce Ann Hertzog, OP, represented the Dominican sisters in the area. Sr. Hertzog, a member of the parish community, and Meghan’s seven month old daughter, Mary Catherine Siena, presented the offertory gifts.

Meghan and Scott’s favorite songs were sung in addition to a hearty “Family of Dominic”. Since we do not have a Spiritual Promoter, as Moderator, I received the professions and then gave a reflection after the Eucharist.

Other members of our growing Lay Dominican community also assisted in the rite and in preparing the program as well as providing snapshots and refreshments at the reception.

The hugs, fellowship, and blessings received as the Dominicans present greeted the newly professed after the rite were again shared along with friends and family at the reception. Meghan, Scott, and I outwardly celebrated our inner joy and belief that this is only just another chapter in the story of the Dominican legacy in Georgia. It was begun in Atlanta, continued in Atlanta, and expanded from Atlanta, somehow to..... well, God only knows! When He shows us, we will let you know.

**The Lay Dominicans of the Holy Cross, keeping
the spirit of Dominic alive in Atlanta, Georgia**

St. Dominic Laity Church Tour, November 25, 2004



**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
on Canal Street
New Orleans**



**St. Mary's Assumption Church
Seelos Center
New Orleans**

Photography by Greg Wright

JOSEPH of NAZARETH

*by Fr. Marty Iott, OP by Fr. Marty Iott, OP
Promoter of the Dominican Laity
for the Southern Province*

Over the years I have garnered a number of heavenly friends. There is Mary, of course, the Mother of God and my mother too; Martin and Dominic, Seraphim of Sarov Therese of Liseaux and John the XXIII and a number of others. In the last few years the heavenly companion who most reflects to me what I think God may be asking of me, whose love I feel and who has captured my imagination and brought joy to me is Joseph of Nazareth, the husband of Mary. It may seem an unusual companion for a preacher: a man who, in the scriptural account, says nothing. This is the year of Matthew in our three year cycle of Sunday Readings. Unlike Luke, Matthew begins his Gospel with a few loaded words about Joseph, and while they are few, they are compelling, telling us not only about Joseph, but revealing an important key to the spirituality of Matthew's Gospel.

First we hear that Joseph is just or righteous (these terms are synonymous in the Scriptures). This is not faint praise. This describes the person who is a strict follower of God's law. Who does everything that God requires.

Secondly, we see a man open to dreams - to God's dream, even though they upset what were likely his own dreams for his life. One who is open to the living voice of God, as well as what is contained in the written Law of God..

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THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL requests that the proposed preface for the new Directory for the Dominican Laity be carefully studied by the chapters; your comments are needed and welcome in January, 2005.

Preface:

Lay Dominican life is all about having a passion for the Word of God. It is about committing oneself to a community of like minded brothers and sisters that immerse themselves in the Word of God. *“If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John;31-32).*

Lay Dominicans seek to be in an environment where they “breathe” the Word of God, in the Holy Scripture, in the teaching of the Church, in personal and liturgical prayer, in study, in every day life experiences. They discern ways to “deliver” that Word according to their abilities and the urging of the Holy Spirit, utilizing all four pillars of Dominican life: prayer, study, community, mission. For some, that may mean a life of prayer; for others, an intense love of study, perhaps leading to teaching; for many, an apostolate that proclaims God’s special love for their families, the poor, the sick and dying, the imprisoned, much like our patroness, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Martin de Porres, our Provincial patron. All these activities speak a truth to our impoverished, hurting, hungry world.

For a member of the Order of Preachers, of any branch of the family, actual preaching, is to hold pride of place particularly in places where the hierarchical ministry of the church is unavailable. *“But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can they preach unless they are sent? Thus faith comes from what is heard and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:14-15).*

This purpose of the Order of Preachers can be found succinctly stated in the Fundamental Constitutions of the Friars of the Order: “The Order of Preachers, founded by St. Dominic ‘is known to have been established, from the beginning, for preaching and the salvation of souls, specifically.’ (cf. *The Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Brothers of the Order of Preachers*, “*The Fundamental Constitutions*,” II).

In the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, Vatican Council II proclaimed: “The obligation of spreading the faith is imposed on every disciple of Christ, according to his ability.” In Chapter IV of that document we read: “ Their sacred pastors know how much the laity contribute to the welfare of the entire Church. Pastors also know that they themselves were not meant by Christ to shoulder alone the entire saving mission of the Church toward the world. On the contrary, they understand that it is their noble duty so to shepherd the faithful and recognize their services and charismatic gifts that all, according to their proper roles, may cooperate in this common undertaking with one heart.” The council goes on to state: “The laity can also be called in various ways to a more direct form of cooperation in the apostolate of the hierarchy... (they) have the capacity to be deputed by the hierarchy to exercise certain church functions for a spiritual purpose.” (*Lumen Gentium*, Chapter II, 9; IV,30,33).

Moreover, there are a number of Canon Laws that, following the direction of the Council, express the right and obligation of the Faithful to make sure *“...that the divine message of salvation may more and more reach all people of all times and all places” (The Code of Canon 2 Law: #211).* Other Canons that encourage this position of the Laity can be found in Numbers 204,208, and 225.. Moreover, number 766 states: *“The laity may be allowed to preach in a church or oratory if in certain circumstances it is necessary,*

or in particular cases, it would be advantageous, according to the provisions of the Episcopal Conference and without prejudice to Can. 767,1.” (Canon 767,1 states that the homily at the liturgy of the Eucharist is reserved to the priest or deacon).

The Fundamental Constitution of the Dominican Laity, in turn, states that the Dominican Laity “have a distinctive character in both their spirituality and their service to God and neighbor. As members of the Order, they share in its apostolic mission through prayer, study, and preaching according to the state of the laity” (Fundamental Constitution of the Dominican Laity [The Rule] #4).

Living Dominican Life is about preparing oneself to “be sent”, like the Apostles. However, as Timothy Radcliffe, former Master of the Order, states in his opening address to the Dominican Family meeting in the Phillipines in October of 2000 “*Many lay Dominicans are married or have jobs, which mean they cannot just get up and go. So being sent means more than just physical mobility... Each one of us is sent from God to those whom we meet.*” We accept our mission... “*by remaining where we are and being a word of life there.*” (*To Praise, To Bless, To Preach: The Mission of the Dominican Family*, in *I Call You Friends*, Pg. 148). Like troops that are trained for a battle that may never materialize, Dominicans give their ears, minds and hearts to God’s Eternal Word in a community dedicated to contemplative prayer and study; allowing themselves to be formed for proclaiming the fruits of that prayer and study. In Dominican Life, all rules and directives are arranged to give flesh this reality.

In his wonderful letter *Freedom and Responsibility: Towards a Spirituality of Government*, Fr. Timothy points out that among the greatest gifts that Dominic left his family was to make “Government” a holy word; a word that, in Dominican Spirituality, describes the process that frees us to receive the Incarnate Word. “*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father* (John 1:14). After quoting this verse from John’s Gospel, Timothy states: “*I wish to show how the challenge of good government is to make flesh among us that grace and truth.*” (*Sing a New Song*, Pg. 84).

Our brother Timothy points out in this pastoral letter that the Order is not divided into the ‘governors’ and the ‘governed’. When we accept a brother or sister into the Order, we expect that person to contribute to the government of a chapter (or pro-chapter), enter into the debates that are so much a part of our searching for the truth, help us arrive at fruitful decisions and work at finding creative ways to implement them. (cf. *Sing A New Song*, p.83)

The *Particular Directives* that follow are about Government. Their one purpose is to enable lay men and women to live their lives in the spirit of St. Dominic, committed to the Dominican charism of preaching in the Province of St. Martin de Porres, USA. They are enacted to give flesh to the *Fundamental Constitution of the Laity (The Rule)*, and to free the chapters of lay Dominicans to live the four pillars of Dominican life: prayer, study, community, mission. At their root is always the search for truth, which, following the example of our Father Dominic, we believe arises through the Holy Spirit living and working in all the baptized.

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DON'T FORGET

The LPC is coming up January 20-23, 2005; if you have not made your plans, time is growing very short.

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Thirdly, we see a man of silence. He says nothing - there are no words attributed to Joseph - like Mary, he listens, and responds with action.

Fourthly, we see a man of awesome compassion. One who is willing to set aside the written law when compassion calls for it, and is able to discern the difference, with the help of God's inspiration (in Joseph's case, the voice of an angel).

Most of all, we see a man who is a protector of virginity, both his own, his wife's, and that of her child. This mythical appropriation of chastity to Joseph which is found in most of the religious art concerning him, is actually deeply rooted in the subtext of this gospel. It is not so much about genital sexuality as about the emptiness and openness

required of one who would be filled with God's Word. Joseph too is a virgin. How do we know this? Because he was open to the Word of God. When we talk of someone losing their innocence we are not concerned only that they have sinned or been sinned against but that they have lost that suppleness of the heart that allows one to feel free, to feel well, to experience the world as good. It describes the one whose spirit is confused and has lost direction; one whose heart is in danger of getting hardened rather than softened, by life's experiences..

Joseph's heart is very supple, very impressionable, able to be swayed by the good, by God. His heart is "untrodden space", virginal territory, untouched by cynicism, fear, jealousy, avarice, anger, overindulgence. This is why Joseph is not only a protector for Mary's virginity, but also that of Jesus. It is every parent's primary duty to help their children preserve their virginity - their chastity. Not so much by a nagging presentation of the rules of religion and morality, but by helping the child come to an understanding and deep reverence for that place that only God can fill. As St. Augustine says, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Like Mary, Joseph is an icon of virginity, of chastity. And not just because they never had sexual relations. Chastity and virginity have as much to tell us about how we handle the goods of the earth and how to reverence every other person who enters our life as much as it does our sexuality. It has to do with learning to wait on the rhythms of life.

It has to do with how married couples reverence the sacred space within each other that only God can fill: who resist the temptation to demand that another meet their felt needs or sulk when they are not met, but rather, wait for God to fill them. It is how we help each other receive all of life as a gift. It is what is meant by the first beatitude, the foundation for a life lived in the beatitudes, "Blessed are the poor in spirit"...who leave open the space that only God can fill, waiting patiently for God to fill it.

Just as all of us are called to have the spirituality of Mary, whether male or female, so to with Joseph. We must all be ready to offer hospitality, as Joseph did and protect the sacred, delicate space preserved in each human heart for God alone. When we repent of actions that have destroyed this sacred virgin territory, our spiritual virginity is returned to us. When we forgive another the wrong they have done to us, we give them back their spiritual virginity. Let Joseph be our guide, our patron, our teacher, even in his silence, in this year of Matthew.

St. Anthony of Padua Priory Chapel

by Fr. Ron Henery, OP

NEW ORLEANS, LA—A healthy lifestyle for Dominicans comes from four sources: life in a community of brothers, enjoying one another at the dining room table, a stimulus for our development is found in the library, and the time we gather for prayer in chapel is certainly central. Each weekday the community gathers in the house chapel for Morning and Evening Prayer. The ancient psalms give us a share in the wisdom of Old Testament times.

Liturgy of the Eucharist brings us Scriptural richness and the Body and Blood of the Lord in place of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays. Frequently, we are joined by members of the Dominican Laity in the afternoons. Occassionally, throughout the years, Anniversary Masses, Weddings and Baptisms have taken place in the chapel.

Originally, when the first structure (1915) marked the beginning of the Dominican effort to develop St. Anthony of Padua Parish, the chapel was a smaller room on the second floor. The construction of the new wing in 1950 saw a larger space on the first floor reserved for our community prayer.

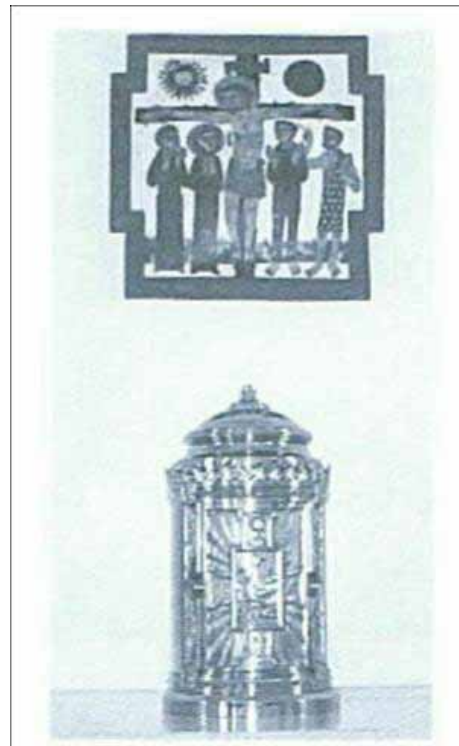
Probably, the prayer style was much the same as when the community gathered in the smaller room—Latin, full office: Matins through Compline. Choir stalls, a sturdy tabernacle and a large marble altar were featured. Clear windows allow natural light to prevail.

When the liturgical changes of Vatican II were implemented, a smaller wooden altar was introduced, the presider's chair placed off to the side, and the ambo with lectionary located near the chapel entrance.

Two niches hold pictures of the Blessed Mother and St. Dominic, and a picture of St. Martin de Porres is located at the chapel entrance. Three small racks allow the Blessed Oils to be displayed in a prominent place.

The Dominican Prayer Book published by the Central Province provides the psalms and some music selections for us. We do attempt to sing, but the lack of musical accompaniment and a host of quality voices make our efforts iffy! We are better at the silence following the reading! Decorations are kept simple. Plants are our mainstay; flowers appear on major feasts. The tabernacle and ambo are covered with a cloth in the liturgical color of the day. The cross in the sanctuary is not typical. It is a painting by a German artist, depicting four figures surrounding the cross—the Blessed Mother, John the Baptist and the Apostle John. We are uncertain of the identity of the fourth figure: Mary Magdeline? Francis of Assisi? An unidentified figure—allowing any one of us to take a place at the foot of the cross as a witness of our salvation? Certainly, material for rich reflection.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

JANUARY-MARCH, 2005

JANUARY

- 1 The Octave Day of Christmas/**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
2 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
3 Christmas Weekday/**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**
4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (USA) or **St. Zedislava Berkiana, O.P.**
5 St. John Neumann
7 **St. Raymond of Penafort, O.P.**
9 **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
16 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17 St. Anthony
18 **St. Margaret of Hungary, O.P.**
21 St. Agnes
23 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
24 St. Francis de Sales
25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
26 Sts. Timothy and Titus
28 **St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P.**
30 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
31 St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY

- 2 **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**
4 **St. Catherine de' Ricci, O.P.**
5 St. Agatha
6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9 **ASH WEDNESDAY** (DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE)
13 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius
17 The Seven founders of the Order of Servites
18 **Bl. John of Fiesole (Fra Angelico), O.P.**
20 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
21 St. Peter Damian
23 St. Polycarp
27 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH

- 3 St. Catherine Drexel
6 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
8 St. John of God
9 St. Frances of Rome
13 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
17 St. Patrick
18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem
19 ST. JOSEPH, husband of the blessed virgin Mary
20 **PALM SUNDAY**
21 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
22 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
23 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
24 **HOLY THURSDAY**
25 **GOOD FRIDAY** (DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE)
26 **HOLY SATURDAY**
27 **EASTER SUNDAY**
28-31 MONDAY through THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER



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AGENDA from Pg. 3

- 11:15 am Break
11:30 am Liturgy - Mass
Noon Lunch
1:00 pm Plenary Session II
Ongoing Committees
1. Formation – Cynthia
 - Packet
 - Resource List
 - Moderator Training
 - Purchase of video camera
 - 2:00 pm 2. Communications – Bruce
 - Newsletter
 - Website
 - Visitations
 - 2.30 pm 3. Directory – Bruce and Dru
Organize Break Out Sessions - 4 groups (Facilitator for each group – exe. council)
Group I – Preface, Chapter I & II
Group II – Chapter III, IV & V
Group III – Chapter VI, & VII
Group IV – Chapter VIII & Appendices
- 2:00 pm Break
2:15 pm Break out session I
3:15 pm Break
3:30 pm Break out session II
4:00 pm Plenary Session III
Each group brings forth list of suggestions, amendments, corrections and/or clarifications.
- 5:00 pm Break
5:15 pm Evening Prayer
5:30 pm Dinner and Evening of fun
(Possible visit from Fr. Marty Gleeson, OP. with address to the LPC after dinner.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2005

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
8:30 am Breakfast
9:15 am Complete and ratify work on Directory
10:15 am Break
10:30 am Finances –Bruce
- Presentation of budget for 2005 - 2008
 - Discuss raising dues to meet
 - Increased cost of support to the Provincial Promoter
 - Ongoing collaborations
 - Printing of new Rule & Directory and formation materials
 - Approval of Budget

(See Pg. 17)

AGENDA from Pg. 16

- Appointment of Finance Committee to find other means of support, possible establishment of 501c3 status, and means to accept endowments.

11:30 am Peace, Social Justice, Care of Creation - Scott
12:00 am Lunch
1:00 pm Set Priorities for 2005 –2008
2:15 pm Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Election of Officers

3:15 pm Break
3:30 pm Wrap-Up Session
Restructuring of Committees & Appointments

4:00 pm Break
4:15 pm Mass with Evening Prayer
5:00 pm Free evening – No dinner at the center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2005

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Liturgy & Installation of Officers
10:00 am Departures



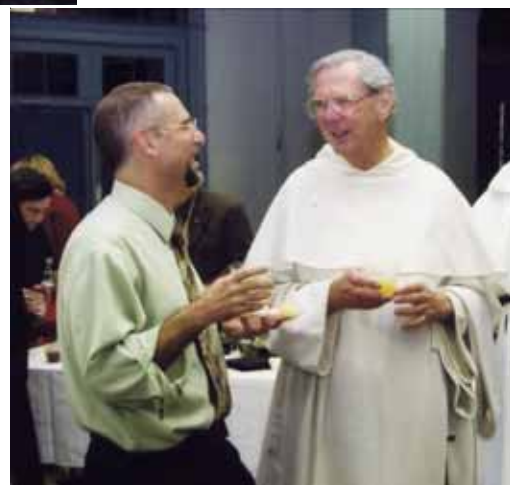
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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH
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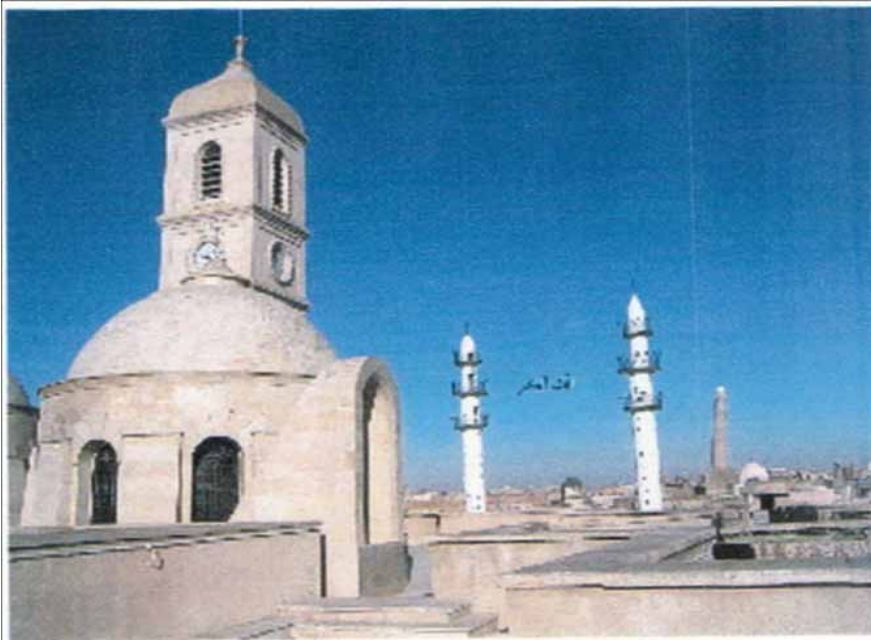


Fr. Jerry Stookey, OP during a talk given to Dominican Laity shortly before the Mass in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Province

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L-R Jim Brown, OP, Veritas Chapter and Fr. Victor Brown, OP



Notre Dame de l'Heure, Mosul, Iraq

THE OPENING OF A DOMINICAN NOVITIATE IN BAGHDAD

“We have hope and we preach it during these dark nights.” So ends the last e-mail sent by one of our Iraqi Dominican brothers, thanking me for the visit I have just made to Mossul, together with Bro Bruno Cadoré, our prior provincial, on the occasion of the opening of the novitiate of the Vicariate of the Arab World, in Mossul. Two young Iraqis, in fact, have taken the habit on August 27, 2004, in our conventual church of Notre-Dame de l'Heure in Mossul. In more than one way this is an event worth mentioning.

First of all, it is the first time that the Order opens a novitiate for the brothers in Iraq, even though we have been present there for more than 250 years. There are now about fifteen Iraqi Dominican friars and they receive vocations rather regularly. Up till now can-

didates for the Dominican life received all their formation in France. The Master of the Order and the friars of the Province have come to the conclusion that, according to the policy followed throughout the Order, the conditions to start the formation to the Dominican life in Iraq itself now exist. This was made possible thanks to the long years of persevering work by the friars: the restoration of the convent of Mossul, the strengthening of the community, the organisation of a regular conventual life, the spreading of their preaching. It is also with great joy and much hope that these first two novices of Mossul have been welcomed.. But it is also a big event because of the present situation in the country and of the Church in Iraq. Christians in Iraq are about 3% of the total popula-

tion in the country. Their being a minority in a Muslim country puts them in a precarious situation, especially in a city like Mossul in which the radical Islamic movements are very active. They suffer, above all, of the general climate from insecurity that reigns since the fall of the regime of Saddam Hussein. As everybody knows, several churches have recently suffered deadly attacks and the general atmosphere there is one of fear. This atmosphere is all the more difficult because one never knows from where or from whom the danger is coming. In spite of all this, many people have come to attend the taking of the habit by our two young friars. Some family members or friends came all the way from Baghdad to share our joy, facing the risks of a road that is now very dangerous. On seeing this Christian assembly immersed in prayer, we have better understood that the opening of this novitiate is for them a sign of hope, a light during the night through which the country and the Church in Iraq are passing. To stay on is already a courageous choice. To make projects for the future is an additional sign of confidence for the future.

The master of novices in Mossul, Bro Sameer Maroki, is an Iraqi, and has prepared himself with enthusiasm for this task. He will be able to work in collaboration with the Iraqi Dominican Sisters of Saint Catherine of Siena, whose novitiate and house of formation are also in Mossul. The region can count also on many Lay

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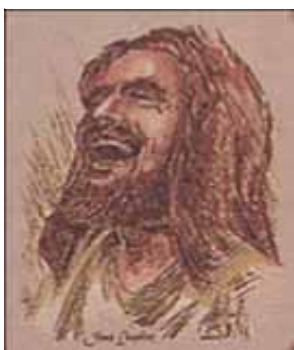


THIS COLUMN IS RESERVED FOR OUR DOMINICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO HAVE RETURNED TO OUR GOD.

Bill Ward - Veritas Ch. Oklahoma City, passed away on Aug. 3, 2000

Marguerite Hearn - Veritas Ch. Oklahoma City, passed away on Oct. 18, 2000

Dorothy Petuskey - Veritas Ch. Oklahoma City, passed away on Apr. 17, 2003



Matthew 22:

35 . . .they got together and to disconcert Him, one of them put a question,

36 Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?

37 Jesus said, **You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

38 **This is the greatest and first commandment.**

39 **And the second resembles it, You must love your neighbour as yourself.**

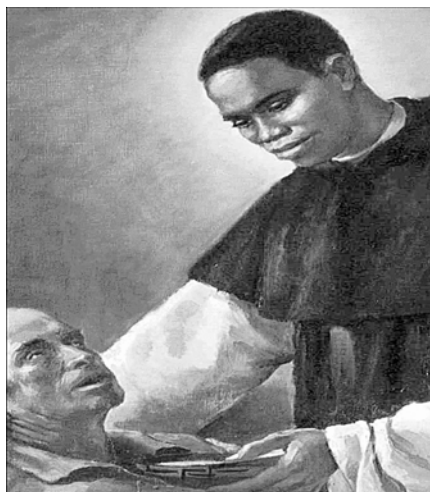
40 **On these two commandments hang the whole law and the Prophets also.**

Taken from The Jerusalem Bible.



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

Betty Boudreaux-formerly associated with the St. Dominic Ch. New Orleans-Heart Surgery



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DOMINICAN HONORED

Maria Sly George, a graduate of Xavier University, '58, and moderator of the re-forming St. Anthony of Padua Pro-Chapter in New Orleans, LA, has been honored as **“Woman of the Year”** by the New Orleans branch of the National Association of University Women. She has been a member of that organization for 14 years, serving in a variety of leadership roles. Congratulations, Maria!

BAGHDAD From Pg. 18

Dominicans who live in the Christian villages of the North. The friars in Baghdad, whose preaching is much appreciated all over the country, will also help the novitiate through specific sessions. When informed of this taking of the habit, the Master of the Order sent a message which deeply touched our friars, who entrust themselves to the prayers of all the members of the Order.

Bro Jean-Jacques Pérennès, O.P., Vicar Provincial for the Arab World. Reprinted from www.op.org.



Raphael's Madonna and Child

Remember, O. most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to thee O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee I come before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of The Word Incarnate, despise not my petition but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

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