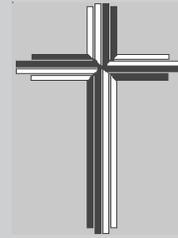


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"100% DOMINICAN; 100% LAITY"

by fr. Gerald Stookey, OP

Promoter General of the Dominican Laity



fr. Stookey

[Talk given to the Dominican Laity of the Province
of St. Martin de Porres, at St. Anthony of Padua
Priory, New Orleans, Louisiana December 8, 2004]

**Fr. Stookey was introduced by Dru Chauffe, OP, Lay Provincial
Moderator.**

1. INTRODUCTION:

Thank you: Let me begin by thanking you for inviting me to speak with you today, and for the sacrifice you made to be here this evening. It is my privilege to be your Promoter General of the Dominican Laity—and I always say that it is probably the best job anyone could get at Santa Sabina in Rome! Why? Because I get to meet so many fantastic Lay Dominicans like you around the world! In a special way, I want to thank Dru and all those who arranged such a warm welcome to New Orleans. But most of all, thank you for being Dominican Laity! The Dominican Family needs you! Your role in our common preaching mission is very important and very much appreciated.

Congratulations: I also want to congratulate you on your 25th anniversary, which is partly why I am here today. You know, the structure of our Lay provinces coincides with the friars' provinces. Therefore, when a new province of friars was founded 25 years ago, the Dominican Laity were also realigned and a new Lay Provincial Council was established! So congratulations to one and all, both friars and laity of St. Martin de Porres Province!

Master: I just arrived from Miami where I participated in the ceremonies at Barry University, where our Master, Carlos Azpiroz, OP, received an honorary doctorate. Unfortunately, Carlos could not attend this occasion, since he had to leave immediately for Mexico to make a canonical visitation of their province. But he asked me to give you his greetings and assure you of his continued support and prayers.

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2. WHAT IS “DOMINICAN”?

100% Dominican: I titled this talk “100% Dominican; 100% Laity” in order to have the freedom to talk to you about so many ideas and topics that I have found important from my travels and experience as Promoter General these past 5 years now. I have had the privilege of meeting Dominicans in 60 countries during that time! Our whole Dominican Family—all its branches and new “buds on the family tree”—all have been asked to reflect on our Preaching Charism today. We are the Order of Preachers, although popularly called “Dominicans”. But we need to renew our preaching identity and to continually redefine in every age what it means to be a preacher. The friars’ recent General Chapters of Bologna, Providence, and Krakow have been requesting that the whole Dominican Family reflect and dialogue on our understanding of the Preaching charism, using prepared materials from a Preaching Commission. Fr. Chrys McVey, the Assistant for Apostolic Life and fr. Wojciech Giertych, the Assistant for Intellectual Life, are asking for everyone’s reflections on this Preaching Charism document. As Dominican Laity, your understanding of our Preaching Charism is eagerly awaited. How do you understand “preaching”? How are you preaching as Lay Dominicans?

Dominicana is not enough: We Dominicans all love our tradition! As I go around the world, I see our favorite colors, black and white, everywhere! And you can be sure to hear songs of St. Dominic, St. Catherine, St. Martin de Porres, as well as our classic “Salve Regina”! You find lovely Dominican art everywhere, whether by our great artists like Fra Angelico, or new logos and creative propaganda used on brochures and materials. And saints? Oh, how many of them we have! We study their lives and brag about Dominicans like Catherine and Thomas being among the greatest saints in the Church! We’ve got Dominican rosaries, Dominican habits and scapulars, Dominican statues, Dominican museums, Dominican books, etc. etc. It is lovely and we love everything “Dominican”. But what I would call “Dominicana” or “Dominican folklore” is not enough. And it does not primarily identify what a Dominican is, any more than the habit makes one a friar!

Preachers: We must be first and foremost “preachers”! We are members of an exciting common project that has to do with “getting the Word out”! We have to redefine how to evangelize in every place and time. We have to work for the Church’s mission, for others in this needy world, and not for ourselves. We all gain personally by being members of the Dominican Family. But we ought not to be selfish, thinking that I am in this for ME only. It is important especially for Lay Dominicans to answer the question: how are we preachers? How do I tell others about God’s love in my way? All Dominicans need to dialogue further about how we are the Order of Preachers today, in modern ways. We are not the only ones who are preachers or who can preach. In fact, it is a baptismal mandate: Go out and tell all the world the Good News! Just as Franciscans are not the only ones who care for the poor—all Christians must do so—nor are Dominicans the only ones who are preachers—all Christians must do so. But at least our circumstances, our identity, our way of being Christians, have found the Dominican way and charism as being our preferred way. It is not for everyone. But one does not need to be a Dominican in order to be saved!

But being Dominicans, we need to be more explicit and conscious of our very charism as preachers. We need to get up every day and think about “how can I help spread God’s message today?” I sometimes think that each chapter meeting of Dominicans, whether friars or laity, ought to require individuals to report to the others how their preaching is going, or how they helped show God’s love since the last meeting, or to share difficulties in trying to present God to others. Preaching, its content and medium, and all our experiences of preaching, needs to be our focus and identity above all the rest. That is what is key to being Dominican.

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Not primarily devotional; not private: Throughout history, the Dominican Laity have been part of the common preaching mission. But we have all been isolated at times, separated as branches instead of working together. The 4 pillars of prayer and study, community and preaching have sometimes been lopsided.

Recent history showed Dominican Laity, known then as tertiaries or Third Order Laity, as purely devotional groups. How did that happen? Instead of seeing themselves as primarily Dominicans, as primarily preachers, they identified only with the devotional aspects, the Dominicana folklore, or the Dominican spirituality. It meant one was a devotional, not a vocational, Lay Dominican. It meant that one was not really 100% Dominican as someone like St. Catherine of Siena surely was. It meant that you could be a tertiary with the rosary, but not with the Bible. Private members and instant members were allowed. But being a Dominican preacher is anything but purely devotional and certainly not a private matter. It is necessary to be preachers together!

Lay Dominicans are not just prayer groups, although we certainly do pray. Lay Dominicans are not Bible study groups, although we certainly need to study together. Our prayer is the Church's and the Order's common prayer. Our study is in common. Our membership is to a group of supportive friends and colleagues. Our mission is a common preaching project, not a private affair. We are mission directed, other-directed. And we exist primarily for this preaching mission to others, not for ourselves. Not a private club of elite members. Not about being a scapular wearer nor joining simply in order to be saved, although salvation we do hope to attain. So really it is a contradiction in terms to say "private Dominican" whether you are a friar, sister, nun, or lay member. We are the Order of Preachers, Dominican Family together. No one can be one alone! This is a vocation, a preaching charism, a way of life, and not a membership club!

3. WHAT IS LAY?

Vatican II: With the Second Vatican Council, the role of the Laity in the Church has been re-established. We continue to struggle with the centuries of clericalism that divides our Catholic community between those who are ordained and those who are not, between religious and secular, between those who make canonical vows and those who receive only baptism. Vatican II restores the sense of the Church as the People of God—not anti-clerical either, but now seen in balance with one another, clergy and laity as both members of one faith community, with different gifts.

Lay Dominicans: In 1985, the Congress of Dominican Laity in Montreal made drastic changes in the Rule, reflecting the Vatican II spirit. Now called Lay Dominicans instead of tertiaries or Third Order, the Rule is clearly for Lay Dominican Chapters (or Fraternities). Laity are to be the moderators or presidents, not friars. Laity are to see their role in the Church as essential to the preaching mission, not as second class citizens of the Dominican Family. The diocesan clergy who want a Dominican connection are encouraged to form Priestly Fraternities of St. Dominic, and not "clericalize" the Lay Dominican chapters. We are still re-focusing and strengthening this Lay branch of the Dominican Family, which had become so clerical over the recent centuries that it was questionable whether they were truly 100% Lay.

Not as different as you might think: Although the Dominican Family has distinct branches, many of the branches get entangled and look very similar at times. In fact, even in the Church today, the clergy v. laity division is often a bit blurry, even in canon law. Maybe that's not so bad! Just think for a moment of our history of first, second, and third orders. Then active Dominican Sisters come along, and the Third Order was suddenly divided into Third Order RELIGIOUS and Third Order LAY. How many congregations of

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Dominican Sisters had the same title as laity: Third Order! Now we have Secular Institutes of St. Dominic and consecrated virgins—with profession of vows sometimes making it unclear if they are religious or lay.

Remember that both the friars who are cooperator brothers and the active Dominican sisters are canonically lay members in the Church! And some Lay Dominicans live in communities! And some Sisters live alone! Some Lay Dominicans wear habits! And some Dominican Sisters Congregations never had one! Some Lay Dominicans use letters after their names. Even some of the friars, sisters, and nuns choose not to. Maybe being in the same Dominican Family, or even being one People of God in the same Catholic faith community, means that we are all not as different as we might think!

4. EXAMPLES OF 100% LAY-100% DOMINICAN

ICLDF individual members: Using the current members of the International Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities (ICLDF), here are some examples of 100% Lay-100% Dominican:

Patricia Robinson (representative for Europe): an elderly but very active English woman and a member of a small Dominican chapter in New Forest, England, which often meets in her home. She is above all a committed mother and grandmother, and part of her preaching is by giving Christian witness in her own family. Patricia and her chapter members are key laity support for a new congregation of Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph. She has personally sold thousands of handmade rosaries in solidarity with the Palestinian Christians. She seems to me a strong contribution to the Dominican Family network in the United Kingdom and the whole of Europe!

Emmanuel Afrifa (representative for Africa): a doctor of mechanical engineering and professor at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. A member of the Dominican chapter that often meets in his home. This chapter is close to the Dominican friars' studium where they attend prayer and mass together. Their mutual support and friendship is long-standing. Emmanuel has been a lay leader in both Ghana (his native country) and in Nigeria, in very difficult times. Emmanuel's loving fidelity and support to his wife is itself a prophetic witness!

Rowena Gonzales (representative of Asia-Pacific): a young woman from Manila, Philippines, where she works as ombudsman for the government. She and her chapter members are affiliated with St. Dominic's Parish where they have opened a Laity office, with library, office supplies, social room. Close to the friars and sisters there, the Lay Dominican chapter includes both professors at the University of Santo Tomas as well as simple homemakers. It is hard to find a country where there is a more united Dominican Family than in the Philippines!

Pedro Torres (representative of Latin America): a businessman who operates his own company along with his Lay Dominican wife, Irma, in Mexico City. They both enrolled in theology classes taught by the friars and designed for laity and completed their theology degree in order to become better lay preachers. Very active in the Dominican Family in Mexico and Latin America, Pedro was invited by the Master to represent the Dominican Laity at the General Chapter in Krakow last summer.

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CHAPTER NEWS



Top Row: Irma Avila, Pat Trevino, Diane Blouse, Cindy Martinez
Center Row: MarieLuz Gutierrez, Martha Garcia, Greg McKinney
Gloria Valdespino

First Row: Irma Ferrell, Rev. John Keefer, Delancey Pestello, Olga Trivino

PROFESSIONS CELEBRATED BY SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

by Cindy Martinez

SAN ANTONIO, TX November 13, 2004, six members of the Saint Rose of Lima ProChapter were permanently professed.

The six members each received a copy of Holy Scripture, the Dominican Scapular and the lighted candle at mass in St. Ann's Parish Church in San Antonio.

Father John Keefer gave a reflection on a recent letter from the Master of the Order, fr. Carlos Aspiroz Costa. Each of the newly professed Dominicans gave a short preaching on a gospel verse that most impacted them in deciding to go forward to permanent profession.

With these professions, Saint Rose of Lima ProChapter is eligible for Chapter status.

SAINT DOMINIC CHAPTER CELEBRATES WITH JOY

by Joyce Cornibe

NEW ORLEANS, LA The Saint Dominic Chapter had the great pleasure of celebrating the Rite of Admission with Mary Jane Brandon, Rites of Temporary Profession with Deacon John and

Linda Pippinger and the Rite of Permanent Profession with Donna Woods.

The Rites were celebrated on December 22, 2004, the anniversary of the approval of the Order of Preachers. This wonderful celebration took place

in the Holy Rosary Adoration Chapel in Aquinas Hall of St. Dominic Parish. Fr. R. Chrys Finn, OP was celebrant and the representative of Fr. Carlos Aspiroz Costa for the rites. Fr. Finn was joined by Fr. John Dominic Sims, OP in the celebration.

First Year Formation Leaders, Joyce Cornibe and Greg Wright, Second Year Formation Leaders, Maureen Wright and Dr. John Patick Jordan along with Bruce Trigo, Chapter Moderator participated in the rites.

After the rites, congratulatory hugs were given by the Chapter Family. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass continued with much joy.

Refreshments were ready in a meeting room afterwards, where we all rejoiced again with our brothers and sisters.

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Bruce Trigo has resigned as Moderator for the St. Dominic Chapter. Bruce was elected to the post of Lay Provincial Moderator. He retains his membership in the Chapter and his position on the chapter council.

Cynthia Donnelly, elected Provincial vice-Moderator has resigned her positions both as vice moderator for the chapter and as a council member.

Maureen Wright and Jo Ann Cotterman elected chapter moderator and vice-moderator, respectively. Congratulations to you all.



St. Dominic New Orleans December 22, 2004

First Row: Donna Woods, Mary Jane Brandon, Linda Pippinger and Deacon John Pippinger

Second Row: Fr. R. Chrys Finn, OP, Bruce Trigo and Fr. John Dominic Sims, OP

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PRO-CHAPTER

by Gloria Thrasher

ROCKDALE, TX. On Sunday, February 6, 2005, the Saint Catherine of Siena Pro-Chapter celebrated four permanent professions. These are the first permanent professions for this pro-chapter. Those making the permanent professions were: Gloria Thrasher, moderator, Dolores Masiel, vice moderator, along with Connie Lopez and Theresa Alvarez.

The professions were made during a mass at Saint Joseph's Church, the home parish of the pro-chapter. The mass was celebrated by Fr. Ralph Rogawski, OP, of Austin, Texas, religious promoter for the pro-chapter and Fr. Edwin Kagoo, pastor of Saint Joseph's Parish. They were assisted by Deacon Gus Coelho of Rockdale. The lectors were pro-chapter members and the

homily was given by Sr. Helen Raycraft, OP, of Austin, Texas. The music was prepared by Gloria Thrasher; playing on keyboard, Gloria also accompanied a musical ensemble of flute, percussion and a vocal duo. The worship aides were prepared by Shirley Moerbe, a member of the pro-chapter.

Guests included Dominicans from the Saint Dominic Chapter and the Saint Martin de Porres Chapters both from Austin, Texas along with friends and family from out-of-town.

Following the liturgy, a reception was held in the parish center for members and guests. Of particular interest was a specially decorated cake, displaying the Dominican Shield with the words "To Praise, To Bless, To Preach," made by Adella Knappek. In

addition, a variety of tasty treats was enjoyed by all the attendees and a holy card of Saint Catherine of Siena was given to all as a memento of the celebration.

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OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY GROUP

by William Malloy

On February 11, 2005, we welcomed Lauren Brannon into our group. Lauren is a transfer student to the University of Dallas. Lauren was admitted to the Dominican Laity at the University of Virginia last January, and now that she is attending the University of Dallas, she has transferred to our Group. We are most pleased to have a student as a member of our Group, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we hope to attract more students to the Dominican Laity.

On March 6, 2005, at the 11:15 A.M. Mass at St. Albert the Great Priory we welcomed two new members who had been in formation. Margarita De Leon and Cheryl Denise Pumphrey completed their first period of formation and sought admission to the Dominican Laity. They were accepted and were formally admitted with The Rite of Admission after the homily at Sunday Mass. Father Mathias Robinson O.P., who is the Spiritual Promoter of our Group, was the celebrant at the Mass which was concelebrated by Father Andrew Kolzow O.P. and Father James Burke O.P. The Rite of Admission

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Laurie Biszko (representative of North America): entered a Lay Dominican chapter in New England as a young woman where she met and married her husband, Ray. Now mother and co-business partner with Ray, their Dominican Chapter is quite unusual: an itinerant chapter whose members travel to help new chapters or isolated Lay Dominicans all over the Eastern province. Sometimes they open their home to spiritual retreats. Sometimes they stop all the busy-ness in their lives to just focus on their family and the faith of their children. Laurie also serves on the board of directors of the Parable Conference to foster Dominican life and preaching mission throughout the USA.

Lay Dominican chapters: Apart from the individuals above, I can also share a model example from each continent:

Drougheda, Ireland: One day a drug addict was about to commit suicide and passed by the Dominican Nuns Monastery in Drougheda. In a desperate way, he went into the open chapel to pray and found the Dominican nuns at prayer. So inspired by their prayer, he could not go through with this attempt on his life, and came back day after day to hear the nuns pray. It led to his conversion with the help of a nun, to his becoming a Lay Dominican, and to the founding of a Lay chapter at the monastery made up of many ex-addicts. How do they preach? They reach out to all the other drug-addicts, bringing them back to God and to society.

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam: I was asked if I would like to go to the formation workshop for Lay Dominican formation directors at St. Dominic's Parish in Ho Chi Minh City. It turned out that there were 200 formation directors attending a 12-week (every Saturday) course which they would then take back to their chapters! Very impressive! I also went to lauds and vespers at the parish with only Lay Dominicans—full church of at least 300 chanting the psalms together! Bishops told me that they could not run their dioceses without the Lay Dominicans, who are in the thousands, as catechists, pastoral ministers, parish administrators, etc.

Bamenda, Cameroon: In western Cameroon, there is a monastery of Dominican nuns which became the founding place of a Lay Dominican Fraternity, which includes a converted member, who was once a leading Evangelical pastor, preaching against the Catholics there. Their Fraternity has the backing of the Bishop, and the support of the seminary which provides them access to courses and library. They have opened their own center for Lay Dominicans and are among the leading Catholics of their diocese.

Montevideo, Uruguay: a Dominican youth group started growing up and marrying one another in Montevideo, Uruguay. A few couples decided to continue as young adults by forming a new Lay Chapter of Lay Dominicans, with the help of some of the other senior Lay Dominicans. But they decided also to live together! They bought a huge complex and re-fitted it to have separate apartments for families but a common kitchen and dining area, a chapel, a social area, one phone number, one car, etc. They are teachers, catechists, youth directors, just families—whose kids seem to have names like Dominic, Catherine, Thomas, Rose, Martin...?!

Your Chapter! I will leave the example of a North American Chapter up to you!



THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR

I address this to all Dominicans but more particularly to those born after 1975. It has been evident for a long time now that the Holy Father's health was failing but, while we were expecting it, his death still came as a brutal shock; such is the way the death of a loved one affects us.

Many of the younger members of our order don't remember any but this Pope, John Paul the Great, and his death can certainly be a cause of some fear and trepidation; and the fear does have some basis in historical fact. However, let me repeat the very first words of John Paul to the world after his election in 1978: "Be Not Afraid."

I have something of an advantage in that I have seen six popes come and now six of them go. It has always been a source of utter amazement to me that the Holy Spirit always seems to guide the man the Church needs most to the forefront and the College of Cardinals sees the man the Spirit reveals.

History tells us that some of the popes did not rise to the grace of their calling from God, such as Pope Sixtus IV A.D. 1471-1484. We also have to look at the environment in which some popes gained the triple tiara; in a few cases it would have been impossible for the electors to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance, as when there were swords at their throats. They also had the fear of the machinations and political corruption of powerful families like the Borgias.

Somehow, the Holy Spirit, conveying the will of God, has always eventually prevailed. When corrupt or violent men have tried to "de-flower" Holy Mother the Church, God has always raised up sons and daughters to rescue her..

Let me assure you that in the last century, we have been very fortunate to have had a long series of wonderful popes culminating in this one, John Paul the Great. So I repeat his words to us: "Be Not Afraid."

TAPES FROM THE LPC

The LPC was a wonderful meeting and now, video tapes are available for you or your chapter. These tapes are very informative and entertaining and help explain some of what Dominican life is about. The profits (if any) go to support our Lay Dominican Province, so be generous.

Tape #1 is Ray Vasquez's commentary on the Charism of Lay Dominican Preaching

Tape #2 is Laurie Biszko's explanations of the Dominican Family

Tape #3 is Annette Bourgeois' "Taunte NaNa" A Cajun Girl Goes to the City

Tape #4 is Father Marty Iott's Homily from the mass for the installation of the new officers of the Executive Council.

Each tape is \$12.50 and the shipping and handling is \$5.50 for any or all of the tapes. Please specify the tapes you would like

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Woman's New Life Center:

Saving lives, saving souls

Marking three years of operation as of October 2004, the Woman's New Life Center has become a model for pregnancy centers around the country. Founded by Lay Dominican candidate Susan Mire, the center has been identified as one of the leading pregnancy centers in the nation.

Offering ultrasound to show abortion-minded women their babies, professional counseling, and, most recently, prenatal care, the Woman's Center has assisted hundreds of women in crisis since opening in 2001. In the fall of 2003 the Woman's New Life Center received a \$35,000 grant from the Institute of Youth Development. This grant both catapulted the center to its next stage of growth and brought it to the forefront of the pregnancy center movement.

A study done of crisis pregnancy centers in the late 1990's by Care Net demonstrated that offering ultrasound, medical services, and counseling not only draw women in crisis pregnancies but also yield dramatically higher rates of women choosing life for their unborn child. One study done at a Boston crisis pregnancy center showed that 76% of abortion-vulnerable women who viewed their unborn babies with ultrasound ultimately gave birth to those babies. Using this medical model, the Woman's New Life Center has resulted in at least 190 unborn babies and their mothers spared from abortion.

The Woman's New Life Center also maintains a growing post-abortion ministry. The center is a national partner with Rachel's Vineyard ministries, which offers healing retreats and aftercare to women and men experiencing the pain of an abortion. The retreats are held three times a year, and individuals may receive post-abortion counseling in the office.

Time and again over the last three years, the Woman's Center staff and volunteers have witnessed the life-saving change that occurs when an abortion-minded woman sees her unborn child on the ultrasound screen. That woman can also have the comfort of receiving life-affirming medical care, counseling, and, if necessary, post-abortion healing. What seemed insurmountable and overwhelming to the woman in crisis is being transformed into hope, empowerment, and new life.

Susan M. Mire, MA
Veritas Chapter
Woman's New Life Center
Founder/Executive Director

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S PAGE

Three Important Gatherings

By *Lanie LeBlanc OP*
Lay Provincial Secretary



Lanie LeBlanc

December 2004 was an important month for the Southern Dominican Province USA, both for the friars and the Dominican Laity. December 8 marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of our Province. This landmark (pun definitely intended) was celebrated by the friars, laity, and sisters who gathered at St. Anthony of Padua Church for the celebration of the Eucharist. The celebrant and homilist was the Prior Provincial, Fr. Martin J. Gleeson, OP. In addition to the friars and sisters who live in the area, the celebration was attended by the Executive Council members of the Lay Province and many friends and benefactors from surrounding areas. The Dominican Laity Chapters in the area provided an impressive array of food and refreshments for the reception. As the saying goes “a good time was had by all!”

Fr. Gerald Stookey, OP, Socius for United States Provinces and Promoter for the Laity of the Order, was also in attendance. Fr. Jerry was invited by the Southern Dominican Laity to speak to the laity in the school cafeteria prior

to the Mass. His topic was “100 % Laity, 100 % Dominican”. A transcription of his talk will be published in sections in forthcoming issues of *Luminaria*, the newsletter of the Southern Dominican Lay Province. As the title suggests, Fr. Jerry spoke of the equal and important position of the Dominican Laity within the Order of Preachers. He encouraged those present to be a part of renewing our Dominican preaching identity, the same task that is redefined in every age. He reinforced that the Dominican Laity groups are not primarily devotional or private or study groups, but share in the common preaching mission of the Order. In conjunction with our baptismal mandate and the initiatives of Vatican II, he urged the Dominican Laity to preach where we are because where we are is where we need to be preaching, in those places where friars and nuns and sisters can not be.

The day following these two events, Fr. Jerry, Fr. Marty Gleeson, and the members of the Executive Council of the Lay Province met again to discuss important issues and foster explicit cooperation between the two branches of the Dominican Family. Many issues were discussed including finding a balance between establishing a more independent Dominican Laity and the need for mutual cooperation among all the branches of the

Order. One especially important topic discussed was the necessity for more effective communication between the branches especially in the South. The need for willing and knowledgeable Spiritual Promoters for each laity group from among the friars and sisters was seen as an important step in a better understanding of how the members of the Dominican Laity can live the mission of preaching. Finally, we discussed that vocational endeavors should be inclusive of all branches of the Order for the purpose of promoting the concept of our mutual mission rather than dwelling on our necessary differences. This meeting was extremely fruitful not only in generating mutual support and ideas but in fostering what lies beneath the concept of Dominican Family, a great love and respect for community. Our meeting was concluded in the Dominican fashion of celebration by sharing a delicious luncheon prepared by Lisa Trigo, wife of the Lay Provincial Vice-Moderator and Acting Treasurer, Bruce Trigo OP.

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Jesus certainly had a sense of humor. If you think about it, one of His great admonitions to us was to love our enemies. . . The unspoken part of that statement is: “It’ll drive ‘em nuts waiting for the other shoe to drop.”

The worst thing that can be done to a person who has badly used us is nothing at all. Intended or not, that “inaction” can cause stomach churning suspense.



From Left to Right: Bruce Trigo, OP; Druscilla Chauffe, OP; E;aine "Lanie" Leblanc, OP; fr. Marty Gleason, OP, Prior Provincial; and fr. Jerry Stookey, OP, Promoter General of the Laity

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Laity Inter-Provincial Council, Parable, the Secretariat, and the International Council of Dominican Lay Fraternities, that Scott Farris is our promoter of Peace and Justice, that welcoming packets have been developed to assist the formation of new chapters, and that the Executive Council will focus their efforts on the 13 priorities approved by the Lay Provincial Council. If any of this is news to you or if you want more information, I suggest you see your chapter moderator. It should also be obvious that this quarterly publication of *Luminaria* is another first for the laity of this province. So yes; I am excited that the many years of often unseen work is now becoming visible.

A LETTER FROM THE LAY PROVINCIAL MODERATOR



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Easter and May the Peace of the risen Christ be with you!

Bruce Trigo

As your newly elected lay provincial moderator I send my greetings to each one of you. I am very excited (and a bit nervous too) to serve the Southern Province Laity in this role. I look forward to working with you and hopefully I will have the pleasure of meeting many of you over the next three years. The road ahead will be both joyful and challenging so I am relying on your prayerful support.

I would like to begin by saying a big Thank You to Dru Chauffe our outgoing provincial moderator. Dru brought a tremendous level of dedication and vision to our province and has worked tirelessly in laying a strong foundation that we can build upon. At our Lay Provincial Council meeting, this past January, we began to see some of the fruits of this work and I have encouraged your moderators to share this work with you.

By now you should know that a new particular directory for our province was ratified and will be available by mid-April, that a resource list for the inquiry and candidacy formation topics is complete, that annual assessments will increase for each of the next three years, that we are in collaboration with Dominican

As I look ahead I hope to build on this foundation and keep the momentum of the past council moving forward. I envision a web site developing in the near future. I see the renewal of our chapters with the strengthening of our formation program, our new directory and a focus on Lay preaching. I see a growth of new chapters. I see us becoming more involved with various apostolates and collaborations as we develop other sources of income.

I pray that during this time of Easter, as we celebrate the risen Christ passing from death to new life, we will experience this new life in our vocations as Lay Dominicans of the Southern Province.

Bruce Trigo, O.P.



POMPEII (cont'd from P. 6)

was performed by William Malloy, Moderator of the Group assisted by Lorna Quinn, Vice Moderator. Several permanently professed members were in attendance at the Mass and each of them wore the long scapular of the Dominican Laity as a symbol of support for the new members and as a witness to the congregation. At the conclusion of the Right of Admission, the congregation gave a round of applause to the new members.

Our Group now has nine permanently professed members, two temporarily professed members and three who have been admitted to the Group. There are currently four potential members that are in formation.



SAINT JOSEPH CHAPTER

by Virginia Fleming

SARASOTA, FL. On March 19, 2005, the St. Joseph Chapter celebrated four new admissions, Anabelle Owens, Patricia Buck, Shane O'Neill, Dorothy Sloan. We also celebrated two permanent professions, Ann Dombrowski and Nancy Harrington. Fr. Gerald Austin led our Retreat on St Joseph's Feast Day, the Commitment Ceremony was held later that same day.

Love from St Joseph.

“Magnificat of Katy” Informal Group

By Florence Bordelon

Hello to all our Dominican sisters and brothers.

Is it legitimate for an informal group to claim you as family? In our enthusiasm we are taking that liberty and hoping no one will be offended.

After reading the January-March Luminaria from cover to cover we felt we knew some of you and thought it would be good to let you know a little about us.

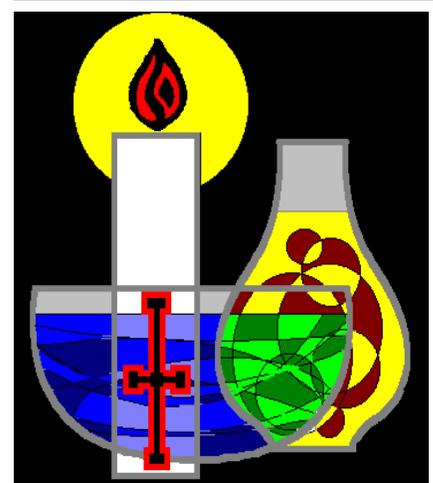
An ‘informal group’ probably does not require a name but we thought it was important to name ourselves. After many suggestions and plenty discussion we settled unanimously on “Magnificat of Katy”. Our little town of Katy, on I-10, just a few minutes west of Houston, TX has a story behind it’s name but we choose, with a little stretch of the imagination, to think that it is a short, endearing way of referring to St. Catherine of Sienna. Since we were all certain we wanted to have Our Blessed Mother as part of our name we decided to take a double name. Pray with us that we will faithfully accept the challenge embodied in belonging to a group named after these two wonderful saints.

We are a small group of 6 men and women. Two professed and four inquirers who are filled with enthusiasm and a desire to know more and more about Dominicans. At this present time we gather weekly for prayer, study, singing,

eating, and discussing plans for a ministry we can all participate in together. In March we prepared a streamlined version of a Seder Supper for our parish R.C.I.A. and another project in the works is raising funds for an orphanage run by the Dominican Sisters of Rosa de Lima Province in Viet Nam. They are very dear to the heart of our Pastor, Fr. John Kha Tran. The last week of April we will have a garage sale for their benefit. I thought it was rather providential that our pastor would return from his trip home to Viet Nam with pictures of these Dominican Sisters and the orphans just when we are trying to discern a group ministry.

Our Dominican family is always welcome. If you are passing through Katy give us a call at 281-391 8604 and join us for our Monday night meeting. We would be so happy to meet you.

Again I ask for your prayers as we try to discern a group ministry and that we will grow in numbers and develop into true Dominicans.





St. Catherine of Siena, Rockdale, Texas
L to R: Gloria Thrasher, Dolores Masiel, Fr. Ralph Rogawski, OP,
Theresa Alvarez, Connie Lopez and Sr. Helen Raycraft, OP



St. Catherine of Siena, Rockdale, Texas
L to R: Gloria Thrasher, Dolores Masiel, Connie Lopez and Theresa Alvarex
Center: THE CAKE

Lay Provincial Council 2005

NEW ORLEANS, LA The Dominican Conference Center at 540 Broadway in New Orleans played host to the triennial meeting of the Lay Dominican Council for the Province of Saint Martin de Porres. Along with the three members of the Executive Council, Dru Chauffe-Moderator, Bruce Trigo-Vice-moderator and acting treasurer and Lanie Leblanc, Secretary, there were 29 Dominicans from across the province in attendance. The amount of work accomplished on behalf of the laity of the province was truly remarkable.

Below are included comments from some of the participants:

It was impressive to see how much work the three committees that were established at the last LPC were able to accomplish in three years. Laurie Biszko, from the Eastern Province, did us a terrific service by explaining the Secretariat to us, as well as painting for us a picture of how the national and international Lay Dominican fraternities have been functioning. Enjoying each other in community is always the biggest blessing for me, but this year Annette and her group from Lockport made us laugh so hard my sides are still hurting . . . and my stomach is still delighting in the cuisine!

Cynthia Donnelly - Elected Provincial Vice-Moderator by the LPC

I particularly enjoyed connecting just the names of people with their faces and experiences. Many people shared freely about their families and hobbies in addition to their Dominican-based activities. It felt a bit like a family reunion with relatives I just met.

Dr. Elaine "Lanie" LeBlanc - Re-elected Provincial Secretary by the LPC

Dear Wayne; I thought it was a good meeting. It was the 1st I attended , so I'm not an expert.

Love, Virginia Fleming

It is the first time that I have ever been to a LPC meeting and I was very impressed with the hard work and dedication that everyone put into the event. There was also fun and community. Annette Bourgeois was hilarious as the Cajun granny, and I very much enjoyed meeting other Lay Dominicans from around the Country.

William Malloy - Elected Provincial Treasurer by the LPC

I thought the LPC meeting was very good. I found the dedication and enthusiasm for our Dominican vocation very inspiring - and humbling, particularly the selfless hard work put in by the members of the executive council. I think the local chapter members who helped in the various aspects of hosting did a great job. It was a real pleasure to meet the people from different parts of the province and to experience their love for Our Lord, His Church, and our father St. Dominic. It was a chance to build on the community aspect of our Dominican vocation. It was a grace-filled event.

Jim Brown

LPC 2005

Much was accomplished in the realm of proposals and priorities for the Lay Province. you will note that we have included those below:

Proposals that were passed at the Lay Provincial Council Meeting January 2005

1. Do you want to vote on the **Secretariat** proposal now?
2. Do you want to accept the proposal to **establish the U.S. Dominican Secretariat**?
3. Should the Southern Dominican Laity remain a part of **Parable**?
4. Should the Executive Council appoint one person to update this **listing of formation materials** including its connection with the lay province's future web site.? This person would report directly to the Executive Council.
5. Does the **Preface** speak to Dominican Laity life in the Southern Province so that the Lay Provincial Council should ratify the Preface as its description?
6. Should the Lay Provincial Council ratify the **Directory** and its revisions with the amended corrections made at this meeting with the exception of the Appendices and commend its final editing to the Directory Committee to be formed later?
7. Should the current **yearly dues** of \$20 be **raised** by \$10 the first year of 2005-2006 then \$5 more the second year of 2006-2007, and \$5 more the third year 2007-2008?
8. Should the next Executive Council appoint a **Financial Development Committee** to examine and locate other opportunities for revenue for the Southern Dominican Laity?
9. Should the **Directory Committee** have a camera-ready copy of the Directory available to the printer by mid-April?
10. Should we adopt the **revised proposed budget** for 2005 - 2008?
11. Should we ratify the following **priorities for 2005 - 2008** (listed separately) ?

SEE PRIORITIES NEXT PAGE

LPC 2005

The following priorities for 2005-2008 were ratified by the Lay Provincial Council. These are not listed in priority order, however.

1. Continue **visitation** to chapters/pro-chapters by the Executive Council at least once within the three-year period.
2. Continue efforts to **collaborate** with members of the Dominican Family and between our provincial chapters/pro-chapter.
3. Encourage local chapter councils to take turns in **hosting** the Provincial Council meetings.
4. Establish a **Financial Development Committee** to find creative ways to provide the funds to support provincial endeavors.
5. Look for creative ways to attract **new members**. Develop printed materials for that purpose.
6. Continue efforts to develop a **web page** for the Southern Dominican Laity with links to other Dominican web sites.
7. Continue to send the **newsletter** out in whatever format works and is cost efficient.
8. Investigate initiatives that focus on **lay preaching** including Parable and the efforts in the San Antonio and Austin areas in order to develop a program for forming lay evangelizers.
9. Form **on-going committees** and urge individual chapters to take ownership of these committees through their involvement in the, i. e. Formation, Communication, Lay Preaching. These committees would report directly to the Executive Council on a regular basis.
10. Share strategies for facilitating better **communication with elderly members** to better meet their needs.
11. Establish a committee for the purpose of incorporating **bilingual people** (especially Hispanic and Vietnamese) into the Southern Dominican Laity.
12. Encourage chapters/ and pro-chapters to employ and share new avenues for **spiritual renewal** through activities such as study days, retreats, days of reflection, and days of formation.

LPC MEMORIES



MORE LPC MEMORIES



BOUQUETS AND BRICK BATS

LUMINARIA EDITOR

What a pleasure to receive the LUMINARIA. I have been in this chapter since 2001 and this is the second copy I have received.

I did fill out the sub. form to be sure I do receive them in the future.

Keep up the "God" work
Rose Miller

Rose,

Your words are most kind and I thank you very much. For me, this is a labor of love.

Ed.

A young Nun who worked for a local home health care agency was out making her rounds when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, there was a gas station just one block away. She walked to the station to borrow a can with enough gas to start the car and drive to the station for a fill-up.

The attendant regretfully told her that the only gas can he owned had just been loaned out, but if she would care to wait he was sure it would be back shortly.

Since the nun was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. After looking through her car for something to carry to the station to fill with gas, she spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried it to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried it back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into the tank of her car, two men watched her from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If that car starts, I'll join the Catholic Church tomorrow!"

Submitted by Stan Twardy

Hi Wayne,

My name is Wylene Remy and I am the Vice-Moderator for the Rosaryville Chapter in Ponchatoula, LA. You may know our moderator Vicky Rogers.

I was in charge of our last meeting on January and the discussion of the Luminaria arose. Some of the members are receiving a hard copy in the mail already. I asked the question about email and some were agreeable and some were not as they do not have access to a computer.

This is my question- if one is already receiving the hard copy in the mail should the form be filled out again and mailed in? If one receives the hard copy and would also like email should the form be sent in?

We did not want to generate double mailings. If you would reply to ([E-mail address omitted](#)) and let me know so I can tell our members.

May God bless you and keep His hand in all of your work.

Your sister in Christ,
Wylene Remy (formally Wylene Remy Knight)

*Good question Wylene; glad you asked. We are trying to cut the costs of producing LUMINARIA by sending it out as a PDF on the Internet. But we also need to get as accurate a mailing list as possible for those who do not have access to the Internet. It costs the province a little more than a dollar in postage for each incorrectly addressed Luminaria that is returned to us. **RULE-OF-THUMB:** Fill out the form and send it in.*



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

APRIL-JUNE, 2005

APRIL

- 1 Friday in the Octave of Easter
- 2 Saturday in the Octave of Easter
- 3 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 4 **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**
- 5-9 Easter Weekdays
- 10 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 11 St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
- 12 Easter Weekday
- 13 Easter Weekday or St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- 14-16 Easter Weekdays
- 17 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 18-19 Easter Weekdays
- 20 **St. Agnes of Montepulciano, OP** or Easter Weekday
- 21 Easter Weekday or St. Anselm Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 22 Easter Weekday
- 23 Easter Weekday or St. George, Martyr and St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- 24 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 25 St. Mark the Evangelist
- 28 **St. Louis Mary de Montfort, OP** or Easter Weekday or St. Chanel, Priest and Martyr
- 29 **St. Catherine of Siena, OP, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
- 30 **St. Pius V, OP, Pope**

MAY

- 1 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 3 St. Phillip and St. James, Apostles
- 4 Easter Weekday
- 5 **St. Vincent Ferrer, OP, Priest**
- 6 Easter Weekday
- 7 *Patronage of the Blessed Virgin* or Easter Weekday
- 8 **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**
- 9 Easter Weekday
- 10 **St. Antoninus of Florence, OP, Bishop**
- 12 St. Nereus and St. Achilleus or St. Pancras, Martyrs
- 13 *Our Lady of Fatima* or Easter Weekday
- 14 St. Matthias, Apostle
- 15 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
- 16-17 Easter Weekdays
- 18 St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- 20 St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest
- 21 **Bl. Hyacinthe-Marie Comier, OP, Priest** or St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Martyr and his companions
- 22 **TRINITY SUNDAY**
- 24 **Translation of Holy Father Dominic**
- 25 St. Bede the Venerable priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
- 26 St. Phillip Neri, Priest
- 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop or Weekday
- 29 **THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**
- 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

JANUARY-MARCH, 2005

JUNE

- 1 St. Justin, Martyr
- 2 St. Marcellinus and St. Peter, Martyrs or Weekday
- 3 **MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
- 4 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 5 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- 6 St. Norbert, Bishop or Weekday
- 7 Weekday
- 8 **Bl. Diana and Bl. Cecelia, OP Virgins** or Weekday
- 9 St. Ephrem of Syria, Deacon and Doctor of the Church or Weekday
- 10 **Bl. John Dominici, OP, Bishop** or Weekday
- 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle
- 12 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- 13-17 Weekdays
- 18 BVM or OP Votive Mass or Weekday
- 19 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- 20 Weekday
- 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
- 22-23 Weekday
- 24 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
- 25 BVM or Weekday
- 26 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church or Weekday
- 28 St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
- 29 ST. PETER and ST. PAUL, Apostles
- 30 Weekday

SPECIAL EVENT

April, 2005

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP, will speak in the Cor Jesu Chapel at Barry University 11300 NE Second Avenue, Miami Shores, Florida, at 5:00PM, April 19, 2005. His talk is entitled:

“How Can We Talk About Our Faith? Break Bread and Breaking the Word”

For further information, you may write to: **Center for Dominican Studies**
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Miami Shores, FL 33161-6695

Telephone: **1-305-899-4805**

E-mail: **dcaron@mail.barry.edu**

Fr. David Caron, OP, the director of the center has asked Lay Dominicans interested in the educational offerings of the center, to provide mailing addresses or email addresses to him so that you may be included in the center's data base.

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:

JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2005	Deadline June 1, 2005
OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2005	Deadline September 1, 2005
JANUARY-MARCH, 2006	Deadline December 1 2005
APRIL-JUNE, 2006	Deadline March 1, 2006

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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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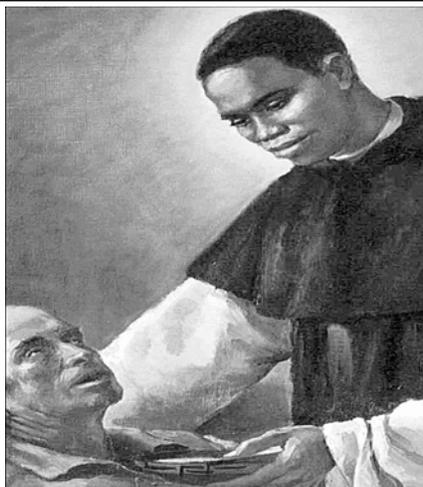
Molly Jean Ward, long time family friend of Wayne Andrews of St. Dominic Chapter, New Orleans. February, 2005.

Theresa Marie Schindler Schiavo, 31 March 2005, 9:05 AM. The story is all too well known and need not be repeated here. May she, now, finally rest in peace.

His Holiness John Paul II, John Paul the Great, called from us by God, our Heavenly Father, 2 April, 2005. Valient soldier for the cause of the love and peace of Christ; apostle of truth; prophet of life.

Sister Lucia, the last survivor among the three Portuguese children to whom the Virgin Mary appeared at Fatima, 18 February, 2005.

We Pray for all our deceased sisters and brothers called home to God bearing the sign of faith



ST. MARTIN de PORRES

THIS COLUMN IS RESERVED FOR OUR DOMINICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND THOSE TEY LOVE WHO ARE ILL AND HAVE REQUESTED PRAYERS.

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

Chris Salmon, Brother-in-law of Lou Jordan of St. Dominic's Chapter New Orleans. Pneumonia is on a ventilator in the ICU unit of University of Virginia Hospital.

Pat Salmon wife of Chris Salmon also suffering the after effects of pneumonia.

Prayers for a miracle are urgently requested.

We pray for all who are ill and in need of healing and comfort for body mind and spirit.



CORRECTION

In the January-March Issue in an article re regarding the Veritas Chapter of Oklahome City, OK, Fathers Aloysius Lyimo and Nelson Okello were incorrectly listed as belonging to the Order of Preachers. They are, in fact, members of the Apostles of Jesus, an order established in many parts of Africa.



St. Dominic Guzman

Light of the church, teacher of truth, rose of patience, ivory of chastity, you freely poured forth the waters of wisdom; preacher of grace, unite us with the blessed. Alleluia.

V. Blessed Father Dominic, pray for us.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Grant we beseech you, almighty God, that we who are weighed down by the burden of our sins, may be relieved through the patronage of the blessed Dominic your confessor and our father. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

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