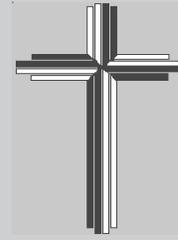


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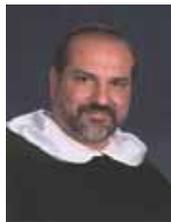
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## Letter from the Master of the Order to Pope Benedict XVI.

Rome , 20th April 2005. Feast of St Agnes of Montepulciano OP

**His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI**



*fr. Carlos Aspiroz, OP*

Your Holiness,

I am writing in the name of the Order of Preachers, of the Dominican Family, to offer you in all humility a sign of friendship and of filial obedience.

I cannot deny that I am afraid and tremble when facing the challenge to write for the first time to the new Successor of Peter. Nevertheless, I am encouraged by the fact that I had the opportunity to speak to you in your ministry as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on several occasions. During these meetings I could appreciate your gentleness and attention. Now the Lord has asked you to multiply these gifts in a new way at the service of the Universal Church right from the heart of the world.

You have chosen the name of Benedict. Your name tells us of the great patron saint of Europe and father of religious life in the West. Your name reminds us also of two of your predecessors who were Dominican – Blessed Benedict XI and Benedict XIII – and evokes the memory of Benedict XV, a builder of Peace!

During the funeral Mass for John Paul II you encouraged and consoled us by telling us: *"We can be sure that our beloved Pope is now at the window of our Father's home; he sees us and blesses us"*. Today he is watching and blessing you, then, especially ... to whom he was united in *"a sweet fellowship"*.

I am sincere; I shall never forget John Paul II's words and gestures during

(See Master's Letter P. 2)



*Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum;  
habemus Papam:  
Eminentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum,  
Dominum Josephum  
Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalem Ratzinger  
qui sibi nomen imposuit Benedictum XVI  
(If you need a translation, see page 19)*

## **MASTER'S LETTER, Cont'd from P.1**

his first visit to Argentina – in June 1982 – when my country was at war with Great Britain and its allies. There he told us: “Humankind has to question itself once more on the absurd and always unjust phenomenon of war, in whose panorama of death and suffering the only thing that remains in place is the negotiating table which could and should avoid it”. These were new words for new times! His teaching in favour of peace led him to live in “a solitude that is filled with howling”. The present conflicts are an eloquent sign that the big of the earth do not seem to understand the joys and hopes, the sorrow and anguish of humanity. Anyhow, peace will be the last word of history, because Christ is our Peace.

Holy Father, God wanted to give his Church “a suitable aid”; a new Pope for new times. May the Holy Spirit continue to renew you inwardly and impel you to offer to the Church and the world incessant words and gestures of reconciliation.

I am sure that the Lord will do great things in you and in the Church through your Petrine ministry. On contemplating the past, in the name of the Order I pronounce the *Magnificat* for the great things that the Almighty has done in the Church, his humble servant, especially since the Second Vatican Council, through your predecessors, and especially John Paul II, with whom you have collaborated so closely.

Looking to the future and thinking of all the things that God may want to do through you, Holy Father Benedict XVI, we pronounce our *Fiat*. Through your confession of Faith we will also say “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*”. Through your confession full of Hope we will exclaim once more “*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal Life*”, and in your confession of Love we will repeat untiringly “*Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you*”.

Together with all the sons and daughters of Saint Dominic I invoke the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Rosary, that She may accompany you during the moments of joy, light and suffering while guiding and peregrinating with the Church to the eternal glory of her Son.

Finally, I want to express our fidelity to you using the manner in which Saint Catherine used to address your predecessors Gregory XI and Urbanus VI when she encouraged and exhorted them, with veneration and tenderness, to fulfil their ministry: “Sweet Christ on earth!”

In filial love, I heartily implore your Apostolic Blessing for the whole Order.

Bro Carlos Alfonso Azpiroz Costa op

Master of the Order of Preachers

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# CHAPTER NEWS

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*Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Pro-Chapter Admissions at Holy Ghost Church  
Hammond, Louisiana, August 8, 2004*

**From Left to Right: Maggie Monistere, Jeannette Garofalo, Pauline Dvornak,  
Michael Dvornak and Frances Cicet  
Photographic Credit: Nat Garofalo**

## **BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI pro-CHAPTER CELEBRATES ADMISSIONS**

*by Pauline Dvornak*

The Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati pro-Chapter was formed in November, 2003. The pro-Chapter is based at Holy Ghost Church in Hammond, Louisiana. The pro-Chapter began with seven new members and one member already permanently professed. Our spiritual director is Fr. Marcos Ramos, O.P.

Six of the members were admitted during the 11:00 AM mass on August 8, 2004--the feast day of St. Dominic. Several Members from St. Dominic's Chapter in New Orleans also attended the mass. Members and guests of our pro-Chapter along with members of the Rosaryville Chapter of Ponchatoula, LA and the St. Dominc Chapter of New Orleans enjoyed lunch at Toplas Restaurant in Hammond.

The Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati pro-Chapter is doing well under the guidance of Fr. Ramos with instructions and lectures. Current members are: Frances Cicet, Pauline and Mike Dvornak, Jeannette Garofalo, Maggie Monistere, Bill McGee and Vickie Rogers, a permanently professed member. Nat Garofalo is to be admitted soon and Anna Bass is a new Inquirer.

## **TWO MEMBERS OF DOMINGO DE GUZMAN MAKE PERMANENT PROFESSIONS**

**Domingo de Guzman is a  
Spanish Speaking pro-  
Chapter**

*by Sr.Helen Marie Raycraft, OP*

**AUSTIN, TX** Domingo de Guzman celebrated the lifetime commitment of Marta Bran and Ray Vasquez on April 5, 2005. Their promises were made during a Eucharist celebrated by Father Ralph Rogawski, OP in the presence of the many members of the Dominican Laity and friends. Marta coordinates a Lay Preaching Team that gives three night missions in the neighborhoods to form small faith communities. Ray has been doing street preaching for many years and works very effectively with drug addicts and the unchurched. Marta and Ray are the first two of this Pro Chapter to make their final commitment.

El Pro Capítulo Domingo de Guzmán celebraba el compromiso final de Marta Bran y Ray Vazquez el 5 de abril, 2005. Ellos hicieron las promesas durante una Eucaristía celebrada por el Padre Raúl Rogawski, OP en la presencia de muchos miembros de los Laicos Dominicos y sus amistades. Marta coordinanda un Equipo de Predicadores Laicos que dan misiones de tres noches  
**(de Guzman Page 4 Col. 1)**



*Domingo de Guzman pro-Chapter makes two Permanent Professions*

*From Left to Right: Marta Bran, and Ray Vasquez*

**(de Guzman)**

en las vecindades para promover las comunidades de base. Ray es un predicador en las calles que trabaja con los addicts y las personas no iglesieros.

Marta y Ray son los primeros de este Pro Capitulo de hacer su compromiso final.

*Note: LUMINARIA is working on a Spanish Language edition. Ed.*

**NEW PROFESSIONS  
and  
OFFICERS FOR LAY  
DOMINICANS IN  
ATLANTA**  
*by Sarah Shealy*

**ATLANTA, GA.** The Atlanta-based Lay Dominicans of the Holy Cross (LDHC) pro-chapter continues to expand the Lay  
**(Cont'd Next Column)**

Dominican presence in Atlanta with 6 new permanent and temporary professions.

Two new members, J. Scott Farris, OP and Dr. Meghan Burke-Abowd, OP made permanent professions on November 6, 2004 with frs. Paul Watkins, OP, John Boll, OP, Cayet Mangiaracina, OP, and Sister Joyce Ann Herzig, OP in attendance. Jane Holt, Janet Ilardi, and Sarah Shealy made their temporary professions while Will Van Ness renewed his temporary profession on April 16, 2005.

These lay members bring their individual Dominican charism to diverse secular environments including a retail franchise, university math and chemistry departments, and an elementary school classroom.

Recently, Dr. Lanie LeBlanc has  
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handed over the LDHC reins to Scott Farris, OP who is a member of St. James parish in McDonough, GA and a native of Sulphur, Louisiana.

Scott already brings much leadership experience to LDHC. He has served provincially as Promoter of Peace and Justice.

Under his new leadership, LDHC hopes to build upon their Lay Dominican foundation with sponsored Peace and Justice events, in collaboration with Atlanta-based Dominican religious brethren. We also plan to explore the development and recognition of lay preaching opportunities that exist in an individual's life.

Other newly-elected officers and appointments in LDHC include Vice-Moderator, Dr. Meghan Burke-Abowd, OP, Secretary Sarah Shealy, Treasurer Janet Ilardi, Facilitator of Liturgy Brian Faulds, LDHC's Promoter of Preaching Jane Holt, Formation Director Dr. Lanie LeBlanc and LDHC's Promoter of Peace and Justice Will Van Ness.

**ATLANTA-BASED LAY  
DOMINICAN, LANIE  
LEBLANC, CELEBRATES  
HER 10TH YEAR**  
*by Sarah Shealy*

The Atlanta-based Lay Dominicans of the Holy Cross pro-chapter honored Elaine "Lanie" LeBlanc, OP, on her 10th anniversary as a professed Lay Dominican at the Church of the  
**(Cont'd on P. 5)**



*Elaine "Lanie" LeBlanc, Ph.D*

**(Cont'd from P.4)**

Holy Cross (LDHC) in Chamblee, Georgia on Saturday, May 14, 2005.

Included in her anniversary gifts and cards were messages of thanks from the Atlanta Archdiocesan Archbishop Wilton Gregory (who was educated by Adrian Dominicans) and Prior Provincial fr. Marty Gleason, OP.

Dr. Lanie LeBlanc, who serves on the board of directors at the Aquinas Center at Emory University in Atlanta and on the Southern Province's Executive Lay Council as Secretary, became a professed Lay Dominican May 30, 1995 as witnessed by Fr. Alberto Rodriguez, OP.

Faced with the dilemma of a non-existent lay Dominican group in Atlanta, she began the zealous task of building a lay community which now has 8 permanently and temporarily professed members plus several candidates and inquirers.

Relying on long distance spiritual guidance from several Dominican friars within the Southern Dominican Province, she has relentlessly taught and cultivated the lay preaching charism and the four pillars to the members of LDHC.

She has been a Stephen Minister in her parish for over a decade.

Lanie is moving to Dawsonville, GA, 45 miles north of Atlanta and the new site of Georgia's first Catholic college called Southern Catholic College. Her husband, Richard LeBlanc, will serve as Vice- President of Academic Affairs.

She will hand over the moderator reins to Scott Farris, OP, a newly permanently professed Lay Dominican, and will continue as Formation Director of LDHC.

## **MAGNIFICAT OF KATY INFORMAL GROUP**

*By Florence Bordelon*

**KATY, TX** Our group gained a new member in April bringing us to a total of two professed members: Nan Mundy and myself and five Inquirers: Ralph Bordelon, Bob Billie, Ric and Bobbie Jardiolin and Bill Kitchen.

We are happy to report that our benefit garage sale for the orphanage in Vietnam made \$442.24. When we gave the check to our Pastor, he assured us that although that amount of money might not do much in Katy it would go a long way in Vietnam and be much help to the orphanage. We felt very encouraged and plan to do more to help them.

Dominican saints are becoming our dear friends. Group members report on the life of their favorite Dominican saint and we discuss ways to imitate them. Bob Billie who has always enjoyed reading history says after studying the life of St. Pius V. He has now discovered a new interest in church history and will be reading more of that in the future.

We continue to study, pray and enjoy one another as our Inquirers prepare for admission into the Dominican Family.

LUMINARIA is proving to be very helpful. Reading about the chapters and the news of the Province gives us a sense of family. I especially enjoyed the  
**See KATY P.7**



*From Left to Right: Fr. Kauchak, O.P. Pastor of St. Joseph Church, and Spiritual Advisor, Wylene Remy, Shirley Johnson, and Carla VanVracken of the Rosaryville Chapter of the Dominican Laity. Professed on March 6, 2005.*

## **NEWS FROM THE ROSARYVILLE CHAPTER OF THE DOMINICAN LAITY**

*by Wylene Remy*

**PONCHATOULA, LA.** The Rosaryville Chapter of the Dominican Laity meets on the first Sunday of every month in the library of St. Joseph Catholic School, Ponchatoula, LA, at 2:00 in the afternoon. We begin our meetings with Evening Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours, followed by singing of the Dominican Blessing.

Currently, we are reflecting on Dominican Values - Seeking Truth, Practicing Compassion, Exercising Justice, Building Community, and Promoting Partnerships. Questions and answers are reviewed with insight on the subject by our religious promoter Father Justin Kauchak, O.P.

On March 6, 2005, Wylene Remy and Shirley Johnson made their permanent profession and Carla VanVrancken took her first profession in St. Joseph

Church before our regular meeting with Vicki Rogers, moderator and Father Kauchak officiating. Family members of the candidates were also present. A reception followed the ceremony.

At our April 2005, meeting election of officers was held. The following persons were elected:

Wylene Remy, Moderator  
Shirley Johnson, Vice Moderator  
Carla VanVrancken, Secretary  
Kathryn Derveloy, Treasurer

In May several members attended the Dominican Retreat held at Rosaryville.

Future events include plans to celebrate the feast of St. Dominic with a special mass and a meal at a local restaurant. All of the priests in the Deanery are invited.

The next scheduled meeting will be June 5, 2005 at 1:00 in the afternoon with pot luck to be shared by members and invited prospective new members.

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## ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPTER

*by Rosemary Testa*

**SARASOTA, FL** It has been an exhilarating, eventful, and memorable year for the St. Joseph Chapter in Sarasota, Florida.

Dominican Member Eugene Willis who is in the process of studying for the Permanent Diaconate gave a presentation at our September through May meetings on "Women in the New Testament versus Women of Today." He was very articulate and really extended an abundance of "food for thought" as he made these biblical women come to life.

On May 15 Gene graduated from the Bishop Edmund Rice School and on June 4 at the Ehipany Cathedral in Venice, Bishop John J. Nevins bestowed on him the Rite of Reader toward becoming a Permanent Deacon. Both he and his wife Suzanne Willis are active members in our chapter and in the San Pedro Parish in North Port.

On March 19 (St. Joseph's Feast Day) we celebrated with a Mass and Ceremony of Commitment followed by a Day of Reflection entitled "The Eucharist" given by the Reverend Father Gerard Austin, O.P.

Our Moderator, Virginia Fleming and Vice-Moderator Jeanne Faulks, along with our Spiritual Director Sister Gloria Hillman, O.P. extended the Rite of Admission to Shane O'Neill, Annabelle Owen, and Dorothy

Sloan. Each received The Rule and Directory book and the Dominican Pin.

Ann Dombrowsky made her Final Commitment and received a Bible and Certificate. Unfortunately, our dear member Nancy Harrington was unable to participate because she was in a nursing home recovering from a fall

On Thursday, June 9, we visited the Holy Cross Church in Palmetto and saw the beautiful mosaic picture of the Resurrection of Christ that was created by our Dominican member and renowned artist, Audrey Keisacker.

The mosaic, which hangs in the Chapel, is unusual because one sees Mary, the Mother of Jesus, with her right arm outstretched toward her resurrected Son, while in her left hand, she holds the crown of thorns.

After lunch we went to the St. Francis Cabrini Church in Parrish to view more of Audrey's work. There we saw the beautiful wooden hand-sculptured statues Our Lady of LaLeche in an alcove to the left of the altar, and the one of St. Joseph holding the child Jesus upon his lap in the alcove to the right.

We also viewed a unique carved creation on the front of the altar depicting the Last Supper and the huge Cross hanging behind the altar.

This very talented and humble woman is in her 80's. She is very sprite and is such a spiritually

motivated person. We are proud to have her as a Dominican member.

We have twenty three members of our chapter at the present time. During the summer we continue to meet once a month for a community luncheon and to invite new potential members to share our spirit and perhaps incite them to become new members.

### **KATY (Cont'd from P.5)**

talk given by Fr. Jerry Stookey. His idea of sharing with one another how we have lived out our Dominican charism since our last gathering seems like it would be helpful to us. I think we will learn a lot from each other's successes and also from attempts that were not so successful and this will surely bind us together in a stronger community spirit.

Remember us in your prayers.

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### **LOUISIANA REGION SPONSORS A DAY OF FORMATION**

*On page 10, you will find an application form for a Day of Formation sponsored by the Louisiana Dominican Laity Region.*

*This is to be a day-long event in which the Four Pillars, Dominican History, the Charism of Lay Preaching and much more will be presented. It is open to all interested persons.*

*The date is October 8, 2005 and the cost is \$10.00 per person.*

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# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S PAGE

## **DLIPC REPORT**

*by Cynthia Donnelly,  
Provincial Vice-Moderator*

Electing a new North American representative for the International Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities (ICLDF), and passing a new proposal in regard to the formation of the U.S. Secretariat, were two of the tasks completed by the Dominican Laity Inter-Provincial Council (DLIPC) during its June 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Council met in Washington D.C. following the close of the Eastern Province's 200<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration.

Doris Stukes of the Eastern Province was elected as the North American delegate to the ICLDF. Her term will officially begin when Laurie Biszko's term ends, which is the day after the next ICLDF meeting. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for January of 2007. The DLIPC elected Doris during their June 2005 meeting because they will not meet again before Laurie's term expires. This will also give Doris some time to work with Laurie before assuming her duties to the council.

To help insure that all branches of the Dominican Family are represented fairly at the level of Secretariat, the DLIPC drafted a proposal that no other existing Dominican entity be allowed to administrate, program or house the Secretariat. It proposed that the Secretariat be an independent entity in and of itself.

The Eastern Province, whose formation materials are listed as resources in the Southern Provinces' list of formation materials, reported that it is revising its formation modules. When completed, they will be available in CD-ROM or hard copy form.

What does the DLIPC usually do and who attends? The purpose of the DLIPC is to facilitate communication and collaboration among the Provincial Dominican Laity Leadership of the North American Provinces. This includes: enabling leaders

in the provinces to share concerns and helpful information with each other; electing, supporting and informing the ICLDF delegate who, in turn, communicates with DLIPC; representing the U. S. Lay Dominicans to the Master General through the Promoter General, as well as through the ICLDF delegate; and representing the U. S. Lay Dominicans to entities such as the committee that is forming the Secretariat.

Each of the four U.S. provinces sends its moderator and one other delegate to represent it at the DLIPC. Fr. Gerald (Jerry) Stookey, OP, Promoter General of the Dominican Laity, is also a voting member of the council and was in attendance.

Representatives from Canada are also invited, but only one representative, Ann Marie Sweeney from British Columbia, was in attendance this year. The DLIPC is working toward including representatives from the French and Vietnamese-speaking Canadian Provinces/Vicariates as full voting members of the council with Fr. Stookey's help.

Also in attendance at the DLIPC this year were:

Central Province: Ruth Kummer, Provincial President; Fr. James Motl, Provincial Promoter

Eastern Province: Dorothy Murphy, Provincial Moderator; Doris Stukes, delegate; Fr. James M. Sullivan. O.P., Provincial Promoter

Southern Province: Bruce Trigo, Provincial Moderator; Cynthia Donnelly, delegate

Western Province: Karen Woods, Provincial President; Bill Rabalais, delegate

ICLDF delegate from North America: Laurie Biszko

The next DLIPC will be hosted by the Southern Province in October, 2006.

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## **PROVINCIAL MODERATOR'S NOTE**

*by Bruce Trigo  
Provincial Moderator*

In pre-viewing this newsletter, I was delighted to see the poetry entries; I would like our members to continue to submit poetry. In addition, I think it would be enriching for us if we included works of art from the artists in our province. Please send pictures and poetry entries to Wayne at wandrews4@cox.net

Also desirable are short biographies of Lay Dominicans in the South whose stories would inspire and encourage the rest of us. On a similar note, I would like to see submissions detailing apostolic works of individuals and/or the chapters. I know we have many saints among us, and their stories need to be told. We know that none of us are perfect saints yet, but Scripture says, "In the same way your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father (Matt. 5:16)."

Perhaps some of us are saying, "I am not an artist," or "I don't have an interesting story to tell." Even if that is true, you can still help by encouraging a chapter member to submit his/her story, poetry, or artwork. Offering to write someone's story for him/her would also be a way to help.

Let me just finish by saying a word of thanks to Wayne Andrews, his staff, and all those who have submitted entries to the newsletter.

God Bless!

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*Do not grieve or complain that you were born in a time when you can no longer see God in the flesh. He did not in fact take this privilege from you. As he says: "Whatever you have done to the least of my brothers, you did to me."*

**AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO**

## **GETTING TO KNOW DORIS STUKES, NEWLY-ELECTED NORTH AMERICAN ICLDF REP.**

*by Cynthia Donnelly,  
Provincial Vice-Moderator*

Doris Stukes, a member of the St. Martin de Porres Chapter in Alexandria, Virginia, was elected to the International Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities (ICLDF) by the Dominican Lay Inter-Provincial Council (DLIPC) on June 14<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C.. She will take Laurie Biszko's place as the North American delegate after the next ICLDF meeting in January 2007.

Doris served as the Region V representative for the Eastern Province before serving another nine years as the Provincial Moderator. She was also a member of the commission for the revision of the Rule for the Third Order and was on the Eastern Province's first formation program committee. She was the first Lay Dominican to be invited to a General Chapter of the Friars (Oakland, CA, 1992).

Several years ago, Doris received the Cardinal's medal for Outstanding Lay Woman from Cardinal Hickey.

She retired from the Veterans Administration a few years ago as a high ranking official who was charged with Quality Assessment for Patient Care. She also served 23 years as a sacristan for a VA chapel, and that is where she met Dominican chaplains.

Doris is also a volunteer for the Extended Parish Services (EPS) Training Program at Trinity University. She is a convert to Catholicism, and is currently a member of St. Dominic's Church in Washington D.C., where she has been a member of the Liturgy Committee and a lector for many years.

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*Do not fail to apply yourself to whatever inspires the most devotion in you. The most beneficial prayer will be the one that moves your heart in the most beneficial way.* **BL. JORDAN OF SAXONY**

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**DOMINICAN LAITY**  
**DAY OF FORMATION**  
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*REGISTRATION FORM*

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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I belong to \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter/Group,

Located in: City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am:
1.    \_\_\_ Curious about the Dominican Laity
  2.    \_\_\_ In an Inquiry Class
  3.    \_\_\_ A Candidate for Temporary Profession
  4.    \_\_\_ Temporarily Professed
  5.    \_\_\_ Permanently Professed

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2005

Location:    St. Anthony of Padua School Auditorium  
              4641 Canal Street  
              New Orleans, Louisiana

Amenities:   Lunch, coffee, soft drinks, snacks

Cost:        \$10.00 per person

Registration: We would ask interested parties to pre-register by filling out this form and returning it to:

LUMINARIA  
609 Sheldon Lane  
River Ridge, LA 70123-1418

This will give us an idea of possible attendance levels so that adequate preparations may be made; you may also register at the door. Payments may be made with the pre-registration form or at the door. Make checks or money orders payable to: St. Anthony Priory.

**I have enclosed my check or money order in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

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# AN AFRICAN TRAGEDY

## WHAT THE DOMINICANS ARE DOING ABOUT IT AND HOW YOU CAN HELP!

*Much is written or spoken these days about the war torn areas of the world and the tragedies occurring in those places like Iraq or Afghanistan. But, tragedies of nearly unbelievable proportions that go unreported or at best under reported are occurring each and every day on the African Continent. What follows is an article provided by Susan Satter and her staff at the Eucharistic Missionaries of Saint Dominic, located in New Orleans. Several congregations of Dominican sisters came together and formed The Dominican Alliance African Connection.*

*The Dominican Alliance began in 1996 with four U. S. Dominican women's congregations. Today there are eleven member congregations: Akron Dominican Sisters, Ohio, St. Mary of the Springs, Ohio, Eucharistic Missionaries of St. Dominic, New Orleans, Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, Kansas, Dominican Sisters of Houston, Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena of Kenosha, WI, Dominicans of St. Catharine, Kentucky, Congregation of St. Rose of Lima, Oxford, MI, Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, Sinsinawa Dominicans, WI, Dominican Sisters of Springfield, IL.*

In December 2003, while marking World AIDS day in Zambia, U. S. Health Secretary Tommy Thompson remarked, "The world is losing the battle against HIV infection and AIDS and must do more to halt the deadly pandemic." According to MSNBC, one in every five people is HIV positive in Zambia. The country is also suffering from the ravages of more than two years of drought and famine. There are precious few Zambians between the ages of 35 and 55. Most have died from AIDS. The health care delivery system has virtually collapsed due to a shortage of drugs, equipment and qualified staff. Churches provide about 60% of functional health care in rural areas, but these are inadequately funded.

The Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, are the only Dominicans in Zambia. They struggle to provide care for the people, especially the children and those infected with HIV/AIDS. The 69 sisters are native Zambians, Swiss, and German. They minister in the areas of education, health care and social service. They sponsor two private high schools with help from government grants and have founded three health clinics and three homes for children orphaned by AIDS. They also coordinate five community schools for children who cannot afford government school.

One of the sisters' most promising ministries is the Kavu Clinic in rural Fatima where pregnant mothers who are carrying the HIV/AIDS virus are given an antiretroviral drug just before delivery. Their newborns are also given one dose of the same drug shortly after birth. The two doses of this drug usually prevent the transmission of AIDS from mother to child. These infants must be fed formula because the infected mothers cannot breastfeed.

In April 2000, five Dominican Alliance Sisters traveled to Zambia and spent three weeks with the Zambian Dominican sisters. The visiting Dominican Alliance Sisters were profoundly affected by what they saw and experienced in Zambia. After returning to the U. S., they formed the Alliance African Connection Committee in order to continue and strengthen relationships with their Zambian Sisters.

There are representatives from eight of the Alliance congregations on The African Connection Committee (ACC). Through the ACC, the Alliance Sisters have an ongoing dialogue with their Zambian Sisters asking

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them, “What can we do together for the sake of mission?” Once the needs are determined, the Alliance sisters respond as best they can. Still, response takes time and sometimes requires outside funding.

One example of this partnership at work is the Holy Bears© Project. Some of the drugs and food for the newborns in the Kavu Clinic are purchased through the sale of small toy bears by Alliance Members. The bear was named “Bupe”, (pronounced wupe and meaning gift) by one of the Zambian Sisters. Each has a map of Africa sewn on its body. The bears are sold for \$10.00 each. The profit from each bear gives one baby the chance to live AIDS free! The cost of the two injections is only \$4.00. Sadly, according to the World Health Organization, only two percent of African people who need the drugs get them.

The Holy Bear Project began in Catholic Charities in Houston, Texas with the help of a Houston Dominican, Sr. Mary Brenda, OP, a member of the ACC. Sr. Mary remembers a challenge given to her community in 2000 by Sr. Margaret Ormond, OP, International Coordinator for Dominican Sisters International after sharing her own experiences with Dominican Sisters across the world. Sr. Margaret said, “Get to know your sisters. I dare you to fall in love – to let their stories, their lives get under your skin and into your hearts.” Sr. Mary said of her response to this challenge, “Four years later this is exactly what has happened. The project is about more than selling bears and raising money. It is about building relationship – sharing hope – about being vulnerable and growing strong together. It’s given me an authentic experience of becoming and understanding what it means to be “Word Made Flesh.”

The African Connection Committee has developed other projects to meet the expressed needs of their Zambian Sisters. They are:

- Establishment of e-mail connections with the Zambian Dominican Sisters by providing a computer and internet service for each local community in Zambia.
- Mailing used books to the Zambian Dominicans. These include spiritual and theological books, English language children’s books, textbooks, and other health and educational materials in good condition.
- Providing educational opportunities that will allow the Zambian Sisters to continue and expand their various ministries. The Sisters will study at schools both in Africa and in the United States.
- Proposal pending approval of Alliance Leadership to design a brochure and a Web Page, each of which outlines the life and ministry of the Zambian Sisters and how the Dominican Alliance is connected to them. Both will clearly show the needs of the Zambian sisters and offer specific ways one can offer financial support to the Sisters.
- Proposal pending approval of Alliance Leadership to continue working toward sending one or more Dominican Alliance Sisters to Zambia for an extended stay during which she/they would share in the life and ministry of the Zambian Sisters. Discernment would be based on the expressed needs/ invitation of the Zambian congregation and the call felt by individual Alliance Sisters in dialogue with congregational leadership. The committee hopes this project will become a reality within the next 2-3 years.
- Explore the possibility of expanding their African Connection to include Nigeria where Alliance member, Great Bend, founded a daughter congregation, The Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena of Gusau, Nigeria.

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The Zambian sister currently studying in the United States is Sr. Rosemary Mwima, the former novice director for the Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She came to the United States in January 2003 at the invitation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus, Ohio.

She is living with the Columbus Sisters and attends Ohio Dominican University. Sister will receive a bachelor's degree in Theology in December 2004. She will then continue her studies to obtain a Masters Degree. Sr. Rosemary feels blessed to be studying at an American University and is very grateful to the St. Mary of the Springs Dominicans for their hospitality and support.

When asked about life in Zambia, Sr. Rosemary speaks of the hardships her people face because of HIV/AIDS infection and drought and famine. Sr. Rosemary explains, "My community struggles to minister to our people. But, most of our Sisters lack the proper papers needed to find employment to support themselves and their ministries. People respect the sisters and know they are dedicated, but now they expect more from our sisters. We are no longer automatically selected for teaching positions. Education will allow us to take care of ourselves. It is not always a joy to ask for help and we cannot live forever on donations. We want to be self-sustaining. Higher education will also empower us as African women, increasing our confidence and effectiveness in ministry and also in daily negotiations within a male dominated society."

At a recent meeting of the African Connection Committee, Sr. Rosemary was asked if she and her sisters in Zambia would welcome one or more of the Dominican Alliance Sisters to stay with them for an extended period of time. Sr. Rosemary enthusiastically responded, "Yes, we want you to come and see for yourselves what we go through and how we actually live. You will have an opportunity to use your gifts and we will gain from the experience of self discovery."

At the same ACC meeting, Sr. Kathleen Kenny, a Springfield Illinois Dominican and an ACC committee member noted, "Relationship building was the starting point and grounding point of the African Connection Committee."

This developing relationship has proven to be mutually beneficial for the Alliance Sisters and the Zambian Sisters. Sr. Rosemary is visiting some of the Alliance congregations this summer, expanding their horizons by teaching the Sisters about African culture and the realities of life in Africa today.

Though the Internet has made it possible to communicate with people all over the world, the Dominican Alliance Sisters know that the best way to build lasting relationships with their African Sisters is slowly over time through shared experiences.

The African Connection Committee members and all of the Dominican Alliance's Sisters are grateful for the opportunity to participate in the ministries of the Zambian Sisters through collaboration and look forward to deepening and strengthening the relationship for the sake of mission and in response to Sr. Margaret Ormond's challenge, "Get to know your Dominican Sisters across the world, fall in love – let their stories, their lives get under your skin and into your hearts. "

For more information about the  
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and how you can help, contact:

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Susan Satter is the Dominican Alliance Communicator for the Eucharistic Missionaries of St. Dominic.

The mission statement of the Dominican Alliance is “Itinerant Dominican Women, committed to collaboration, link their energy, resources and personnel to preach the Gospel.”



*Pictured with Zambian Dominican, Sr. Rosemary Mwima, (center),  
are Houston Dominican, Sr. Mary Brenda (left)  
and St. Mary’s –New Orleans Dominican, Sr. Robin Richard,  
both members of the African Connection Committee.*

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## **PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT ZAMBIA**

*source BBC Africa*

The country is landlocked (See Map) and sparsely populated by more than 70 ethnic groups, many of them Bantu-speaking. It is known for its spectacular scenery in places such as the Victoria Falls along the Zambezi River, the Bangweulu Swamps and the Luangwa River valley.

In the late 1960s Zambia was the third largest copper miner, after the United States and the Soviet Union. World copper prices collapsed in 1975 with devastating effects on the economy.

Even so, Zambia still receives most of its foreign earnings from copper, and there is some optimism about the future of the industry, which was privatised in the 1990s. Electronics manufacturers have fuelled demand for copper.

Aids is blamed for decimating the cream of Zambian professionals - including engineers and politicians - and malaria remains a major problem. Three-quarters of Zambia’s population lives below the World Bank poverty threshold of \$1 a day.

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Zambia hosts tens of thousands of refugees who have fled fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**President:** Levy Mwanawasa

- Population: **11 million** (UN, 2005)
- Capital: **Lusaka**
- Area: **752,614 sq km (290,586 sq miles)**
- Major language: **English (official), Bemba, Lozi, Nyanja, Tonga**
- Major religions: **Christianity, indigenous beliefs, Hinduism, Islam**
- Life expectancy: **33 years (men), 32 years (women)** (UN)
- Monetary unit: **1 Kwacha = 100 ngwee (4637.50 Kwacha = 1 U.S. Dollar)**
- Main exports: **Copper, minerals, tobacco**
- GNI per capita: **US \$380** (World Bank, 2003)



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# LUMINARIA'S POETS

*A few Months ago the Western Province ran a Dominican Poetry contest; LUMINARIA was notified too late for that notice to make it into print. However, some Dominicans heard about the contest and submitted poems. Below, you will find some of those poems. If you think that this should be a regular feature of LUMINARIA please make your wishes known.*

## **I'VE GOT YOUR BACK, JESUS** *by Jene de Cuir*

You tell us to love,  
And we hate instead.  
You touch our soul,  
But we lose our head.  
We should be strong,  
But we are so weak.  
But don't worry, Jesus,  
I've got your back.

"My way or the highway"  
Once was my code.  
My friends my enemies soon became  
And soon they hit the road.  
Your friends, too, abandoned you  
And left you to attack.  
Well, don't worry, Jesus,  
I've got your back.

Day by Day you encounter  
Our hate and shameless sin.  
Day by day you offer strength  
And face the awful din.  
I feel your discouragement  
When you face that awful fact.  
Just don't worry, Jesus,  
I've got your back.

When others fail to love your love  
And haul you back to Calvary,  
Please let me be the one who stands  
And dares them to proceed.  
Please know that our love together  
Will share a lasting pact.  
And, please don't worry, Jesus,  
I've got your back.

## **YOUR BEAUTY IS TOLD** **Gwendolyn St. Romain**

TO WATCH IS DISTRESSING  
I NEED TO SCREAM  
YOU LABOR TO BREATHE  
AS YOU HANG FROM THE BEAM

YOUR FLESH WON'T STOP DRIPPING  
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD  
AND YET YOU SUFFER  
WITH DEATHLESS LOVE

YOU SAY SOMETHING DEEPER  
MY HEART DOES NOT KNOW  
YOU'RE CALLING ME CLOSER  
DO I DARE TO GO?

YOUR LEFT EYE IS OPENED  
IT SAYS TO ME  
"I DO THIS TO HAVE YOU  
ETERNALLY"

TEACH ME TO LOVE  
LIKE YOU KNOW HOW TO DIE  
THE DEPTH OF YOUR HEART  
IS AN ENDLESS SKY

HERE LIKE THE SUNSET  
YOUR BEAUTY IS TOLD  
BUT ONLY TO THOSE  
WITH THE EYES TO BEHOLD



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**THE NOVICE**  
**Pauline Dvornak**

Heel, toe, heel, toe,  
Do we know how we go?

Call it “pillar”? Call it “post”?  
Which of four do we do most?

Sit? Kneel? Stand? Go?  
Sometimes though not in that row!  
Comprehend? Contemplate?  
Cogitate to communicate!

Heel, toe, heel, toe,  
Do we know when to go?

From the then,  
Through the now,  
Some are faster,  
Some are slow.

Have you heard? “Get up, let’s go!”

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**THE WATER JAR**  
**Charlotte Mercer**

My empty jar, my empty life—  
-Five men have had me for wife.  
I went alone to draw from the well  
To quench the fires of my current hell;  
To fill my vessel with a cool draught.  
A Jew demanded of me a drink,  
I laughed.

”Do you know the source of this command?  
If only you knew that a drink from my hand  
would satisfy your every desire  
and would replace that hellish fire-  
with water that will never cease  
to sustain you with its peace.”

”Give me of this water, sir,  
That I may no longer stir  
Each day the embers of my sin  
But find a welling spring within.”

”Go call your husband.”—”I have none.”  
”I know you have had more than one.”  
”I see you are a prophet true,  
But we do not believe as you.”

”I will help you understand.  
For the hour is at hand  
When God’s grace you will see.  
The Messiah you await, I am he.”

My jar, still empty, I leave behind.  
My vessel full of life I find  
To pour out to those who give ear;  
My townsfolk I no longer fear.

For if he is God’s own Anointed,  
For this task I am appointed  
To share my overflowing cup—  
-To find others and to fill them up.

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**JUST FOR A MINUTE**  
*Unknown*

I remember when I was only four  
Mother would bring me ‘round to the store,  
And just outside of the church she’d stand,  
And “Come in,” she’d say, reaching down for my  
hand,

“Just for a minute.”

And then when I started going to school,  
She’d bring me down every day as a rule;  
But first the steps of the church we’d climb  
And she’d say, “We’ll go in – you’ve always got  
time –

Just for a minute.”

When I got real big, I mean seven years old,  
And went by myself, but was always told.  
“When you’re passing the church, don’t forget to  
call  
And tell the Lord about lessons and all  
Just for a minute.”

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## **BOUQUETS AND BRICK BATS**

Wayne,  
Got a chance to look at it (LUMINARIA) today.  
Looks great. Noticed the changes and additions . . .  
24 pages!! You're a machine!!

Thanks for doing such a terrific job. I know it is not  
easy . . . thanks for your ministry . . . this labor of  
love.

Cynthia

Veritas . . . Gloria . . . and all that Latin jazz. (Smile)

*Thank you, Cynthia. And thank you for your ministry as  
Provincial vice-Moderator.  
Ed.*

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Dear Bruce and Wayne:

I just got my Luminaria and I wanted to  
congratulate Bruce on becoming our Provincial  
Moderator. Since it also has his picture, I can put a  
face to the name. Attached is my ugly mug and my  
lovely wife. Fr. Stookey's talk is outstanding. Wayne  
must be a little closer in age to me since he remembers  
six prior popes. The only ones I remember real well  
started with Pius XII. I saw him in a group audience  
and I snapped a picture of Paul VI on his sedia  
gestatoria from about six feet away. I loved most  
John Paul II, but unfortunately, I never saw him in  
person.

Since the Schiavo case, I have written a lot of  
Living Wills. I have modified the Oklahoma statutory  
Living Will (it is probably the same or similar in most  
states) to include the following paragraph:

**IF MY DEATH SHOULD APPEAR IMMINENT,  
I MOST URGENTLY REQUEST THAT A  
CATHOLIC PRIEST SHOULD BE CALLED  
IMMEDIATELY TO ADMINISTER TO ME  
THE LAST RITES OF THE CATHOLIC**

(Go To the top of the Next Column)

**CHURCH, WHETHER I AM CONSCIOUS OR  
NOT, AND NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES  
SUCH AN EMERGENCY MAY OCCUR.**

Since Living Wills are included in medical charts, I  
have put it in caps and bold face at the top of the list,  
and I am deliberately using "last rites" so that it will  
be absolutely clear even to non-Catholics. You may  
wish to recommend similar language to our Lay  
Dominican brothers and sisters.

Vivat Jesus! and best regards, Stan

*Thank you Stan! By the way, Stan, I was born in the very  
early years of Pius XII Pontificate. So, there was Pius XII,  
John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul the Great and,  
now Benedict XVI. Sorry, at that writing, there were only  
five popes; for a math/engineering major I don't count too  
well.*

*Stan's Living Will suggestions for Catholics can be found  
on the LUMINARIA web site, [www.infodat-llc.com/  
luminaria](http://www.infodat-llc.com/luminaria). If you don't have access to the web, and you would  
like a copy, send a stamped, self addressed #10 envelope to  
LUMINARIA, 609 Sheldon Lane, River Ridge, LA 70123-  
1418. Include a note specifying that you want the Living Will.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Stan Twardy*



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## POETS CONTINUED

### JUST FOR A MINUTE

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Some times I run most of the way  
Or meet some guys and we stop to play,  
But I manage to squeeze out time enough  
To make for the church where I pant and puff  
Just for a minute.

And now it's a habit I've got  
In the evening, coming from Casey's lot,  
Thought it takes me out of my way a bit,  
To slip into the church with my bat and mit,  
Just for a minute.

But sometimes I see some other fellow  
Standing around, and I just go yellow.  
I pass by the door, but a voice from within  
Seems to say, real sad: "So you won't come in  
Just for a minute."

*Submitted by Marie Wodjac, OP*

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### PROVINCIAL MODERATOR'S REFLECTION FOR THE PROVINCE

*by Bruce Trigo  
Provincial Moderator*

When our previous pope John Paul II was elected, one of the very first messages he gave the Church was "Be not Afraid; open wide the doors to Christ." John Paul II was urging us to heed the words of Our Lord who on many occasions exhorted the apostles to be not afraid. We hear of one such occasion in the gospel reading for the twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Three times Jesus encourages the apostles to be not afraid. Jesus said to the Twelve, "**Fear no one** . . . and **do not be afraid** of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul . . . **So do not be afraid**, you are worth more than many sparrows (Matthew 10:26, 28, 31)."

In this gospel, the words are spoken to the apostles after they have been called and are being prepared to be sent out. This event should not seem very different

from our own experience as Lay Dominicans. As our preface says, "Living Dominican Life is about preparing oneself to be sent like the apostles." And part of our preparation for being sent is hearing and contemplating the Word. But are we just hearers of the word or do we act on this word? Are we afraid to try something new, afraid to let someone else lead us, afraid go to someone different, afraid of not having the complete answer, or afraid because we feel inadequate?

If we aspire to the perfection of our vocation, if we want to renew our chapters and see new chapters come into existence, if we want to transform the world we live and work in, we must heed our Lord's exhortation and be not afraid.

As Provincial Moderator, I wonder if we have been as radical as we need to be. What comes to mind is the radical approach Dominic and Diego took when giving the Cistercian monks advice on how to make their preaching mission successful – they had to become poor like the people to whom they preached, and like the Albigensians who were misleading the people. That was a message the Cistercians never expected to receive. What unexpected message might our province be receiving? Whatever it is, let us not be afraid of it, but rather act on it.

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#### Translation of Latin Quote from Page 2

*I announce to you with great joy, we have a Pope: the most eminent and reverend lord, Lord Joseph Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church Ratzinger, who has taken to himself the name of Benedict XVI.*

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**I know it has been said many times before, but I will say it once again:**

**On page 22 is a set of instructions for article submissions, particularly important is the area of deadlines. To make your newsletter as good as it can be, we of the editorial staff have to have the information in our hand by the date specified.**

**The late nights and stress of last minute submittals has a telling effect on all of us, so, please help us!**

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# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

## THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2005

### JULY

- 1-2 Friday and Saturday weekdays in Ordinary Time or BVM on Saturday  
3 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
4-8 Monday - Friday of the fourteenth week in Ordinary Time  
9 **Saint John of Cologne, OP Priest and Martyr and his companions**  
10 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
11 Monday, St. Benedict, Abbot  
12 Tuesday, weekday in Ordinary Time  
13 Wednesday, weekday in Ordinary Time or St. Henry  
14 Thursday, Bl. Kateri Tekawitha, virgin  
15 Friday, St. Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church  
16 Saturday, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel or weekday in Ordinary Time  
17 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
18-21 Monday - Thursday, weekdays in Ordinary Time or Monday, St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest;  
Wednesday, St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr; Thursday, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and  
doctor of the Church  
22 **Friday, St. Mary Magdalene**  
23 Saturday, BVM or St. Bridget of Sweden, religious or weekday in Ordinary Time  
24 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
25 **Monday, St. James, Apostle**  
26 Tuesday, St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
27-28 Wednesday and Thursday, weekdays in Ordinary Time  
29 Friday, St. Martha  
30 Saturday, BVM or St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church or weekday in Ordinary Time  
31 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### AUGUST

- 1 Monday, St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church  
2 Tuesday, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop or St. Julian Eymard, priest or Bl. Jane Aza, mother of Holy  
Father Dominic or weekday in Ordinary Time  
3 Wednesday, weekday in Ordinary Time  
4 Thursday, St. John Mary Vianney, priest  
5 Friday, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome or weekday in Ordinary Time  
6 **Saturday, Transfiguration of the Lord**  
7 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8 **MONDAY, HOLY FATHER DOMINIC, priest**  
9 Tuesday, weekday in Ordinary Time  
10 Wednesday, St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr  
11 Thursday, St. Clare, virgin  
12 Friday, weekday in Ordinary Time  
13 Saturday, BVM or St. Pontian, pope and martyr or St. Hippolytus, priest and martyr or weekday in  
Ordinary Time  
14 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
15 **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
16-19 Weekdays in Ordinary Time  
20 Saturday, St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church  
21 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
22 Monday, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
23 **Tuesday, St. Rose of Lima, OP, virgin**  
24 **Wednesday, St. Bartholomew, Apostle**  
25-26 Weekdays in Ordinary Time  
27 Saturday, St. Monica

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# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

## THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

### JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2005

#### AUGUST (Cont'd)

- 29 Monday, The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist  
30-31 Weekdays in Ordinary Time

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 Weekdays in Ordinary Time  
3 Saturday, St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church  
4 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
5-7 Monday-Wednesday, weekdays in Ordinary Time (Labor Day)  
8 Thursday, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9 St. Peter Claver, priest  
10 BVM or weekday in Ordinary Time  
11 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
12 Monday, Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary or weekday in Ordinary Time  
13 Tuesday, St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church  
14 Wednesday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
15 Thursday, Our Lady of Sorrows  
16 Friday, St. Cornelius, pope and martyr and St. Cyprian, bishop and martyr  
17 Saturday, BVM or St. Bellarmine bishop and doctor of the Church or weekday in Ordinary Time  
18 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
19 Monday, St. Januarius, bishop and martyr or weekday in Ordinary Time  
20 Tuesday, St. Andrews KimTaegon, priest and martyr, St. Paul Chong Hasang, martyr and their companions  
martyrs,  
21 Wednesday, St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist  
22 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
23 Friday, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest  
24 Saturday, BVM or weekday in Ordinary Time  
25 TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
26 Monday, St. Cosmas, martyr and St. Damian, martyr or weekday in Ordinary Time  
27 Tuesday, St. Vincent de Paul, priest  
28 **Wednesday, St. Dominic Ibanez de Erquincia, OP, and St. James Kyushei Tomonaga, OP, priests  
and martyrs, St Lawrence Ruiz, OP, martyr and their companions, martyrs**  
29 Thursday, St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, archangels  
30 Friday, St. Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR

“Annuncio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus Papam!” With these words from the loggia of the Hall of Blessings, Benedict XVI (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger) was presented to the world. Already, there is much speculation about this new pope. Will he be a good pope? Will he be a pope who doesn’t rise to his calling from God? Or, will he be a pope that falls somewhere between the two extremes? Only time is going to provide answers for these questions and no amount of speculation is apt to alter that truth.

One of the certainties that we, as Catholic Christians, must hold on to is that this is the man the Holy Spirit has selected to be the shepherd of our Church. Regardless of any opinions to the contrary, by his very position as our Holy Father, we owe him our filial obedience. “Be Not Afraid.”

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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:

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

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

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION**

For the rites of admission and profession:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**fr. John Morgenthaler, OP**

Born June 1, 1909;  
Died July 30, 2004

**fr. John Ignatius Reardon, OP**

Born November 12, 1921;  
Died November 22, 2004

**fr. Angel Vizcarra, OP**

Born December 9, 1922  
Died December 5, 2004

**fr. Daniel P. Madden, OP**

Born September 29, 1931  
Died December 30, 2004

**fr. A. Robert Bordenkircher, OP**

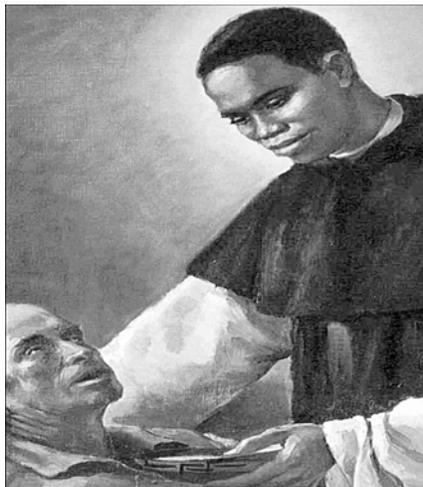
Born September 22, 1922  
Died February 21, 2005

**fr. Kevin Thissen, OP**

Born March 1, 1936  
Died June 6, 2005

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*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 THEY LOVE WHO ARE ILL AND HAVE REQUESTED PRAYERS.

**Maria S. George, OP**

Moderator, St. Anthony of Padua, New Orleans

**Antoinette Peres, OP**

St. Dominic's New Orleans

**Mary Brigtsen**

Mother of Mary Reynolds, OP  
St. Dominic's New Orleans

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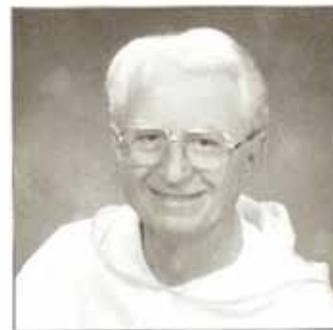
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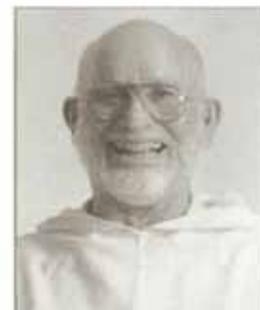
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