



# SENT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

## A CONGRESS TO CLOSE THE EIGHT CENTENARY AND AT THE SAME TIME RECONFIRM THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

### Nuns, sisters, brothers and lay Dominicans.

It is from the celebration of the Chapter of Trogir in 2013 that the idea of a Congress FOR the Mission of the Order was proposed as an important moment of the Jubilee celebration of the 800 years of the confirmation of the Order in 2016. The Congress will be somewhere between the two dates close to the approval and confirmation of the Order« of preachers »: according to the two papal bulls complementary to each other in the confirmation of an Order « of preachers » : see that of 22 December 1216 with the confirmation of Honorius III and that of 21 January 1217 which formally designates an « Order of Preachers ». This is why the International Congress for the Mission will be precisely in the space between these two dates, 22 December 2016 and 21 January 2017, as solemn closing of the Year of the Dominican Jubilee and, especially, as a point of departure for a new path for the mission of preaching of the Order. The Congress' main theme will be determined by the General Chapter for the Jubilee year celebration of the 800 years of the Order: SENT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL (Cf. ACG Trogir 50).

For the preparation of the Congress, the General Council of the Order has proposed the organisation of forums for the common reflection with the participation of brothers, sisters and laity, who work in the different fields and models of preaching today. These forums were organized by following the « *Mission mandates* » established since the General Chapter of Rome 2010 and formally determined in the Chapter of Trogir (Cf. ACG Trogir, 109 ss.).

### 1. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONGRESS FOR MISSION:

1. Promote awareness and understanding of the different areas and contexts of the mission of the Order today.
2. Encourage and promote mutual cooperation between the regions and the entities of the Order.
3. Promote the creation of collaborative networks in specific apostolic fields (which may occur ).
4. Identify presences and forms of apostolate of the Order that must be strengthened.

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<sup>1</sup> The original name of the Order of Saint Dominic is 'Order of preachers'... The real origin of this explicit denomination given by Pope Honorius III, is in the papal bull of 21 January 1217, currently preserved in the municipal library of Carcassonne (Cf. AFP 28 [1958] 95-100; V. Kudelka, MOPH, XXV, 79; SDF, 801-802).

5. Propose common values and guidelines to the mission of the Order, in the aim to further deepen our specific contribution to the mission of evangelization of the Church.

## 2. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONGRESS:

The main objective of the Congress will consider what the contribution of our preaching is to the mission of the Church and of the Order even in the immediate future:

- a. How can it help the Congress to RENEW THE PREACHING OF THE ORDER, and encourage us and to renew our mission of preachers?
- b. In what and how will the Order help to strengthen the preaching of the Church?
- c. What is our specific responsibility in this mission?
- d. How can brother and sister preachers put at the service of the Church the charisma that it expects from us?
- e. When priority is given by the Church to the gospel of the family, what is the specific contribution that the Order can bring, from its community tradition, on the one hand, and the reality of the "Dominican Family ", on the other?

## 3. THEMES OF THE CONGRESS:

In addition to the main theme of the Jubilee proposed by the General Chapter of Trogir: SENT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL, the congress workshops, forums preparations and the work of the groups will develop from the FORUMS OF MISSION, organized by following the « *Mission mandates* » established since the General Chapter of Rome 2010 and formally determined in the chapter of Trogir (Cf. ACG Trogir, 109 ss.).

1. *Migrants.*
2. *Indigenous people.*
3. *Interreligious Dialogue and Ecumenism*
4. *Ministry in city centres.*
5. *Pilgrimages and devotion of Rosary*
6. *Parish ministry.*
7. *Education and evangelization.*
8. *Salamanca process.*
9. *Schools of preaching.*
10. *Study like mission of the Order*
11. *Human rights*
12. *Campus ministry*
13. *Art and preaching*

14. *pastoral in prisons*
15. *pastoral of health*
16. *Media*

#### 4. METHODOLOGY OF THE CONGRESS

The Congress -which will bring together more than 400 brothers, sisters, lay people, with guests of different regions, is organized in four main sessions (one per day), according to the broad lines of the mission of preaching of the Dominican Order: Day 1: *Humanity*: justice, peace and care of creation; migrants, indigenous people, human rights... Day 2: *Meeting*: inter-religious dialogue, unity of Christians, listening, education, media and digital world... Day 3: *Service*: Ministry of the Word, campus ministry, ministry in urban centres, parish ministry, health care, prison ministry... Day 4: *Closing*: Return to the central theme of the Jubilee - and therefore the Congress : SENT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL. This theme will be developed each day as follows: Day 1: *The Gospel*. Day 2: *To preach*. Day 3: *Sent*.

Each of the three days of the Congress will begin with a « *Key-note* », in a general introduction way, in order to open the daily work. After this intervention, the participants of the Congress will meet in workshop. Finally, each day at 14h (Rome time), all the provinces of the Order and the various branches of the Dominican Family will be connected virtually, in order to share experiences, ideas, suggestions, challenges and conclusions, from the different corners of the world about our common mission on the theme of the day. The last day of the Congress (21 January), will be a closing ceremony presided by the Master of the Order and representatives of the Dominican Family to present the conclusions of the Congress, obtained from the synthesis presented in different daily sessions of workshops and international panels made during the Congress.

Each evening, the Congress will move to go and pray in the various Dominicans places of Rome in a way of a pilgrimage of all participants: 18 *January*: Santa Sabina (Mass presided by the Master of the Order) and visit of the exhibition « Art and Preaching ». 19 *January*: Ecumenical Prayer to the Basilica of St Mary Major, where our Dominican brothers constantly exercise the ministry of reconciliation. 20 *January*: Visit to the Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva (Tomb of Saint Catherine of Siena and of Fra Angelico); to pay tribute to artist preachers and women preachers of the Order. 21 *January*: solemn ceremony of closure of the Congress and the Jubilee of the Order, presided by His Holiness Pope Francis, in the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, where the confirmation of the Order by Pope Honorius III took place 800 years ago.

## 5. VENUE AND PROGRAMME OF THE CONGRESS

The Congress will be celebrated in Rome, at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas - Angelicum, from 17 to 21 January 2017 and will be the solemn closing of the Jubilee of the 800 years of the confirmation of the Order.

### GENERAL PROGRAMME OF THE CONGRESS

#### TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2017: OPENING AND WELCOME

16:00 Registration

*(Pontifical University of St. Thomas, Angelicum)*

18:00 **OPENING CEREMONY: Aula San Giovanni Paulo II**

**1. “Nueve años... Un destino”**

*Emmo. Carlos Alfonso AZPIROZ COSTA, O.P. Ex-Master of the Order*

**2. Hymn of the Jubilee of the Order**

*Choral Institute Saint Dominic – Roman Congregation of St Dominic.*

**3. Opening Prayer:**

*Emmo. Cardinal Dominik DUKA, O.P. Archbishops of Prague.*

**4. Official Opening of the Congress:**

*fr. Bruno CADORE, O.P., Master of the Order*

**5. Inaugural Conference:**

*fr. Mauro JOHRI, OFM, cap. General Minister and President of the Union of Superiors General (USG).*

**6. Concert: Preaching with Music**

*fr. Robert MENLHART, O.P. and Die Vokalkapelle München*

**7. Welcome cocktail**

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18: *Theme of the day: **THE GOSPEL.***

*Module: **HUMANITY** (Justice, peace and care of the earth; Human Rights, Migrants, Indigenous Peoples...)*

08:30 - 08:55 **Opening Prayer**

09:00 - 09:45 **Key-note:**

*fr. Carlos MENDOZA ÁLVAREZ, O.P. (México)*

*sr. Teresa HIESLMAYR, O.P. (Austria)*

09:45 - 10:15 *Break . Coffee.*

10:15 - 11:15 **Session I for workshop**

*11:15 – 11:40 Break (each workshop at their own pace)*

11:40 - 12:30 **Session II for workshop**

12:30 - 14:30 *Lunch - 13:15 Art and Preaching: Dominikus Swiss Theater (Aula Minor)*

14:30 – 16:30 **Panel:** (*Internet connection in the entire Order*)

**Panel MODULE 1: HUMANITY:** *Justice, peace and care of the earth, Human Rights, Migrants, Process Salamanca, Indigenous peoples.*

*Moderator: fr. Jesús DÍAZ SARRIEGO, O.P. (Hispania)*

**PANELLISTS:**

- *Hno. Gioachino CAMPESE, CS. (Italia)*
- *Hna. Marcela SOTO AHUMANDA (Bolivia)*
- *Fr. Emmanuel NTAKARUTIMANA, O.P. (Burundi)*

18:00 Pilgrimage to Santa Sabina.

18:30 Eucharistic celebration in Santa Sabina (*presides: fr. Bruno CADORÉ, O.P.*).

19:30 Exposition “Art & Preaching”. Glass of wine.

**THURSDAY JANUARY 19:** Theme of the day: **TO PREACH**

*Module: ENCOUNTER (Interreligious Dialogue, Christian Unity, Education, Dialogue Science-Faith...)*

08:30 - 08:55 **Opening Prayer**

09:00 - 09:45 **Key-note:**

*Sr Mary Catherine HILKERT, O.P. (USA)*

*Fr. Felicísimo MARTÍNEZ, O.P. (España)*

09:45 - 10:15 *Break . Coffee.*

10-15 -11:15 **Session I for workshop**

*11:15 – 11:40 Break (each workshop at their own pace)*

11:40 - 12:30 **Session II for workshop**

12:30 - 14:30 *Lunch... 13:15: Art and Preaching: Piano Concert (Aula Minor): fr. Arnaud BLUNAT, O.P. (France)*

14:30 - 16:30 **Panel:** (*Internet connection in the entire Order*)

**Panel MODULE 2: ENCOUNTER:** *Interreligious Dialogue, Christian Unity, Education, Dialogue Science-Faith...*

*Moderators: fr. Jorge SCAMPINI, O.P. (Argentina)*

**PANELLISTS:**

- *fr. Paul LAWLOR, O.P. (Iran)*
- *Prof. Claudio CARVALHAES (Brasil)*
- *Mme. Natalia TROUILLER (France)*

18:00 Pilgrimage to Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore  
18:30 Ecumenical Prayer

**FRIDAY JANUARY 20:** Theme of the day: **SENT**  
Module: **SERVICE** (*Campus ministry, parish ministry, pastoral in prisons, Health pastoral care...*)

08:30 - 08:55 **Opening Prayer:**

09:00 - 09:45 **Key-note:**

*P. Guilles ROUTIER (Canada)*

*Sr. Gemma MORATO, O.P. (Spain)*

09:45 - 10:15 *Break . Coffee.*

10:15 - 11:15 **Session I for workshop**

11:15 – 11:40 *Break (each workshop at their own pace)*

11:40 - 12:30 **Session II for workshop**

12:30 - 14:30 *Lunch... 13:15: Concert (Aula Minor) fr. Jean-Dominique ARBRELL, O.P. (France)*

14:30 - 16:30 **Panel:** (*Internet connection in the entire Order*)

**Panel MODULE 3: SERVICE:** *Campus ministry, parish ministry, pastoral in prisons, Health pastoral care..*

**Moderator:** *fr Leobardo ALMAZÁN, O.P. (USA)*

**PANELLISTS:**

- *Sr. Faustima JIMOH, O.P. (Nigeria)*
- *sr. Luma KHUDER (Iraq)*
- *Mr. Jean DELARUE*

18:00 Pilgrimage to Santa Maria Maggiore

18:30 – 19:00 Prayer in Santa Maria Sopra Minerva (*Tombs of St. Catherine of Siena and fra Angelico*). Tribute to Dominican women preachers and Dominican artists.

*Art and Preaching: Spectacle of Dance on Saint Dominic's Life directed by fr. Dominic WHITE, O.P. from England.*

**SATURDAY JANUARY 21: Theme of the day: CLOSING**

08:30 – 09:00 Groups sharing

09:45 – 10:00 Prayer

10:00 – 10:15 *Coffee*

10:15 – 11:15 Conclusion with the representatives of the Dominican Family

11:15 – 12:00 Address of the Master of the Order, fr. Bruno CADORÉ

11.45 – 12:00 Missioning the Order

**CONCLUSIONS GROUP:**

- *fr. Bruno CADORÉ, O.P.*

- *Mr. Duncan MacLAREN, O.P. (Scotland)*

- Sister Ann BRADSHAW, O.P. (Trinidad & Tobago)
- fr. Gustave INEZA, O.P. (Ruwanda)
- Sister Rosita YAYA, O.P. (Philippines)

14:00 PONTIFICAL CEREMONY of closure of the Congress and the Jubilee of the Order, presided by the Pope Francisco in the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

## 6. COSTS OF THE CONGRESS

Taking into account that the Congress will be held at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas (Angelicum) in Rome, several religious houses neighboring the Angelicum and The Grand Hotel "Tra Noi" are provided for accommodation. Thanks to an agreement between these different institutions that will host the 500 participants, the organization of the Congress can offer very convenient prices for the registration and the total costs (including accommodation and meals) from Tuesday 17 to Saturday 21 January, the materials of the Congress and the full participation to all events programmed:

1. **Single room:** total between 350 and 400 euros (*depending on the participation in ceremonies and dinner for the opening and closing of the Congress*).
2. **Shared room:** Total 300 and 350 euros (*depending on the participation in ceremonies and dinner for the opening and closing of the Congress*).
3. **No room** (residents of Rome): total between 200 and 250 euros (*depending on the participation in ceremonies and dinner for the opening and closing of the Congress*).

## 7. REGISTRATION :

For your registration to the Congress you must only send us your name and your passport number to [romaop2017@curia.op.org](mailto:romaop2017@curia.op.org) and you will receive your registration form by email with the practical information for your registry, payment and participation.

Very fraternally,

The Organization Committee of the Congress.