



ORDER OF PREACHERS



The New International Commission of the IDYM



The International Assembly of Representatives of the Dominican Youth Movements was held on 16 and 17 July, 2013 in Bogota, Colombia, with the participation of representatives from the United States, Zimbabwe, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, Guatemala, Brazil, the Philippines, Nigeria, Bolivia, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Granada, Italy and Venezuela. We also had a virtual presence of representatives from the Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Central Africa.

With the reorganization of the IDYM, a new International Commission was inaugurated and its officials were elected. The following are the new members of the International Commission.

International Coordinator: Jose Alberto de Blas (Spain)

International Promoter for Formation: Lyamar Díaz-Rodriguez (Puerto Rico)

International Promoter for Communication: Sean Mundy (USA)

International Promoter for Missions: Leonardo De Laquila (Brazil)

International Promoter for Finance: Daniel Toledo (Guatemala)

The new International Commission will work directly with the Promoter General for the Laity, fr Rui Carlos Antunes e Almeida Lopes.

The following were proposed as members of the International Advisory Committee: Fr Brian Pierce (USA), Fr Jorge Angarita (Colombia), Fr Carlos Rodriguez (Spain), Fr Felix Hernandez (Spain), Sr. Célida (Venezuela), Fr Wilmar Ruiz (Colombia), Sr. Gina Flemming (USA), Sr. Geraldine Céspedes (Dominican Republic), Fr Oluyemi Taiwo (Nigeria) and Fr David Kammler (Germany).

Profile of the International Commission of the IDYM

José Alberto de Blas Moncalvillo (Spain) - International Coordinator

He is 33 and does online project work with the Internet Office of the Dominicans in Spain. He has also worked with San Martin de Porres Foundation in Madrid and the NGO Action Verapaz. He grew up in the faith in the youth group of Santo Cristo del Olivar Parish, Madrid. As a Dominican youth, he has been part of the World Youth Days celebrations and the International Commission of the IDYM for many years.

**Lyamar Diaz- Rodriguez (Puerto Rico) – Promoter for Education**

She is 24 and currently in her final year as an undergraduate student of Finance and Accounting. She had her first encounter as a Dominican youth at San Antonio College in Isabela. In 2007, she was part of the National Preaching Conference for Dominican Schools and Colleges in the United States and Puerto Rico. In 2011, she was chosen as a member of the Formation team responsible for the creation and training of Dominican youth groups in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. In 2012, she was also a volunteer for the rebuilding of homes devastated by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

Leonardo De Laquila (Brazil) – Promoter for Missions

He is 32 with a Degree in Ancient Music and Philosophy. He is the founder and president of the Dominican Youth Movement in Brazil. He has served as a volunteer with both the Vincentian Fathers and the Dominican Commission for Justice and Peace in Brazil. He is now a professor of religious education at the St Louis School of the Jesuits and St Catherine of Siena School of the Dominican Sisters.

Sean Mundy (USA) - Promoter for Communication

He is 25 and a teacher at St Pius V School, a Dominican Grammar School in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago. He met the Dominicans at St Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY. At the college, he attended the “Preaching In Action” conference where he met several Dominicans and learned about Dominican Spirituality which helped to reinvigorate his faith. He is one of the founding members of the Dominican Youth Adults, USA and currently the National Coordinator of the Executive Board.

Daniel Eduardo Toledo (Guatemala) - Promoter for Finance

He is 27 and an undergraduate of Industrial Engineering. He is also an investor, entrepreneur, and professional coach and squash player. He is also studying theology in his Dominican parish. He is currently the assistant coordinator and Confirmation catechists for the Dominican youths in Guatemala. He has helped in the creation of several Dominican youth groups in many parts of Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

An Historical Meeting of Dominican Family Justice and Peace Promoters in Africa

From 21 to 27 October 2013, Seventeen (17) Promoters of Justice and Peace from Inter-Africa of the Order of Preachers (IAOP): 7 brothers, 6 sisters of Dominican Sisters Africa (DSA), and 4 lay Dominicans represented all regions of Africa gathered in Johannesburg, South Africa, to develop a strategic plan for Dominicans to become a stronger force for justice and peace in Africa. It was an historic event, as it was the first time that all branches of the Dominican family have come together in such a meeting to develop a common vision of how to address justice and peace in our different entities. The participants were delighted with the presence of Sr. Celestina Veloso Freitas, O.P., the International Coordinator of Justice and Peace for Dominican Sisters International (DSI), and Fr. Carlos Rodriguez Linera, O.P., General Promoter for Justice and Peace, who are both based at Santa Sabina in Rome. Friar Neil Mitchell, OP., gives us an account of this meeting.

«In the opening presentation, Fr. Mike Deeb, O.P., Councillors of IAOP for Justice and Peace and the Dominican Family, explained the “See, Judge, Act” and “Pastoral Circle” as effective methods of evangelisation which enable the church to put its energy into transforming humanity. All the entities and all the branches of the Dominican family in Africa then presented reports detailing where they are at in justice and peace work and elaborating the issues they face. The participants noticed that throughout Africa they all face the same kind of problems: poverty, inequality, unemployment, war, violence, oppression, corruption, environmental destruction, sexual abuse, etc. One of the days of the meeting was devoted to an outing which exposed participants to some South African realities.

Fr. Emmanuel Ntakarutimana, O.P., Promoter of Justice and Peace for the friars’ Vicariate of Rwanda and Burundi, and President of the National Independent Human Rights Commission of Burundi delivered a presentation on the challenges of justice and peace work in Africa. He described the problem of the world’s moral deficit. In reminding us of the five frontiers of evangelization for the Order, defined by the General Chapter of Avila (1986) (those facing death, those who are dehumanised, those of other Christian denominations, other faiths and secular ideologies), Fr. Emmanuel called on us to pool our expertise with so



many others and so many institutions who are all working to lift the veil of trauma which covers Africa and incapacitates people from developing themselves.

Fr. Carlos, spoke about the work of the Dominican delegation to the United Nations which seeks to influence, in the way of the Gospel, the public policies which states make, so that these are made in accordance with the common good. Fr. Carlos commended also the “Salamanca process” as a way of reconnecting our Dominican institutions with reality.

The final sessions of the meeting were devoted to identification of the key areas confronting us in Africa, and to the development of strategies which will enable us to become a greater force for justice and peace. The promoters committed themselves to holding, before the end of 2014, regional training sessions to build these capacities in our promoters.» Congratulations!

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Fr. Gabriel Samba, op

The Texts of the Acts of the General Chapter of Trogir 2013 Are Now Available

The Acts of the General Chapter of Trogir 2013 are now available. These are the fruits of the prayerful reflections and deliberations of the friars. The Acts cover the following areas; the Jubilee of the Order and its Renewal, Formation, Studies, Preaching, Community Life, Economy and the LCO.

The original text of the Acts is available on the website of the Order for free download. In this text, the conclusions of the friars are preserved in their original languages. Therefore, we have a combination of Latin, English, Spanish and French texts in it.

[Download Full Original Multilingual Text of the Acts](#)

We also have the full translations in Spanish, Italian and English. The Spanish and Italian texts are available on the website of the Order for free download.

[Download the Full Spanish Translation of the Acts](#)

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The full English translation has been published by the New Priory Press and it is available for sale. Visit their website newpriorypress.com to place your orders. You can also click directly on this link - <https://www.createspace.com/4506596>

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Introducing the Institute M.-Dominique Chenu (IMDC)

Today, our commitment to rigorous and assiduous study (as Dominicans) in the service of the Church is reflected in the maintenance of academic centers and projects such as the Leonine Commission in Paris, the Biblical and Archaeological School (EBAF) of Jerusalem, the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome, the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, ESPACES in Brussels and other European cities, the Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies (IDEO) in Cairo, and DOMUNI. In addition, the Order sponsors many other institutions of higher education, while many of its members continue to undertake teaching and research missions in theology and philosophy faculties worldwide.

The Institute M.-Dominique Chenu (IMDC) is run by the Dominican Order (Province of Teutonia, Germany) as an independent centre for philosophical and theological scholarship in Berlin, Germany. It bears the name of the French theologian and specialist on councils, Marie-Dominique Chenu OP (1895-1990).

After having visited Germany, the Master of the Order in 1997, Timothy Radcliffe, wrote: “I was especially intrigued by the plans for a potential ‘Institute for Theology and Society.’ This could be exactly the kind of project we would want to support.”

The anticipated new Institute for Philosophy and Theology finally gained its shape in 2000. Berlin was deliberately chosen as a gathering point, for the “presence of a Dominican centre of scholarship in Berlin, an



important city bringing many ethnicities and confessions together, upholds the tradition of St. Dominic, who sent his brothers to the most bustling city-centres of Europe.“ (T. Radcliffe)

Since 2001, a group of scholars has been working as such in the heart of the district Prenzlauer Berg. From there they conduct topical research on “signs of the times,” such that these – as encouraged in the Pastoral Constitution of the Second Vatican Council, “Gaudium et spes“ – be considered “in the light of the Gospel.“

The institute is both a partner organisation (instituto associaton) of the faculty of social sciences (FASS) at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (PUST) in Rome, as well as a member of the Association of Dominican Universities (AGO) in Germany.

The institute places emphasis upon:

- socio-political problems in the German, European and international context,
- systematic-theological and philosophical inquiry into the post-modern,
- reflections about contemporary figures of spirituality.

The IMDC belongs to the Dominican network "ESPACES – Spirituality, Cultures and Society in Europe", actually with branches in Berlin, Brussels, Warsaw and Pistoia. This interconnectedness is one of the ways in which the IMDC, inspired by the Christian faith, seeks to contribute to the future of the European project. This contribution comes to being in the appraisals carried out by the institute, of both social and political as well as ethical and spiritual dimensions.

The modus operandi is:

- critical reflection about ongoing processes through observation and participation in the debates of European institutes and members of civil society,
- publications relating to the areas of research mentioned above,
- thematically oriented analyses of central, relevant socio-political questions,
- seminars and congresses, contributing toward the sensitisation and further education of the distributors, mediators, and representatives of civil society, courses offered at diverse universities and colleges (including the Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule of the Capuchin friars in Munster, the University of Potsdam)

Dominicans Affected by Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines

It is no longer news that some parts of the Philippines were devastated by the super typhoon Yolanda. Perhaps what continuous to baffle the whole world is the extent of damages that it brought. The magnitude of the devastation spans Samar, Leyte, Cebu, Panay, Mindoro and Coron.

For us Dominicans, it is also important to know that some of our Dominican brothers and sisters were affected. These are Dominican brothers and sisters who have ministries in the affected areas. One of the groups of sisters affected is the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Rosary of the Philippines (OP-Molo Sisters).

According to the Molo Sisters, their schools, St Martin Academy in Dumalag and Our Lady of Fatima Academy in Dao were affected. Access to these areas has been difficult because of excessive flooding of the access route and the surrounding towns. The sisters assigned to these areas are safe, they had to evacuate to higher grounds from where they were able to get phone reception. The sisters are also reaching out to their other schools, St Anne Catholic School in Balasan and Eucharistic King Academy in Sara. They are bringing with them food, medicines, flash lights and candles. The hope of restoring electricity will take another 2-3 months.

Our brothers and sisters need our prayers and assistance at this moment.

Our corporal works of mercy are truly spiritual, for our little acts of kindness and generosity bring physical relief and spiritual comfort to our brothers and sisters who know and feel they do not suffer alone.

We continue to pray for goodwill, courage and strength. May Our Blessed Mother continue to keep us all safe under Her mantle.



Venerable Pio Alberto Del Corona, OP (1837-1912)

In recognition of his heroic virtues, the Holy Father, Pope Francis has declared as Venerable the Dominican Bishop, Pio Alberto Del Corona. He is the founder of the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Spirit.

Pio Alberto Del Corona was born at Livorno on the 5th of July, 1837. His parents, Giuseppe and Ester Bucalossi were humble footwear retailers. He was their fourth and last child.

At the age of 17, Alberto pleaded with his father to join the religious life. He joined the Dominicans at the Convent of San Marco, Florence in 1854 and received his habit the following year. He made his religious profession of vows in 1859 and was ordained to the priesthood at the Basilica of San Marco, Florence on the 5th of February, 1860.

On the 8th of May, 1872, he was received in audience by Pope Pius IX together with Pia Elena Bruzzi Bonaguidi. At that audience, the Holy Father gave him the Apostolic Blessing and his personal imprimatur to found the “Asylum” of Bolognese and the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Spirit. Few months after that, he was elected the Prior of the Convent of San Marco.

On the 3rd of January, 1875, he was consecrated a bishop at the Church of St Apollinaris, Rome and appointed Coadjutor Bishop of San Miniato. Few days later, he arrived at San Miniato and remained there for 32 years. At the death of the substantive bishop, he became the 18th Bishop of San Miniato. In 1906, due to his serious ill health, he submitted his resignation to Pope Pius X but was turned down. Rather, the Holy Father appointed the Archbishop of Pisa Maffi as the administrator of the diocese. The following year, the Archbishop of Pisa Maffi was appointed the Bishop of San Miniato while Bishop Del Corona was made the Titular Archbishop of Sardica.

While still suffering from the ill health, he received a hand written letter of encouragement from Pope Pius X. On the 10th of August 1912, he received the anointing of the sick and five days later, on the 15th of August 1912, on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, he passed on. He was 75years, one month and nine days old

He was buried in the Cemetery of Misericordia in Florence and his tomb instantly became a place of pilgrimage for the faithful. On the 12th of October 1925, his body was moved to the crypt of the Monastery of his spiritual daughters at Via Bolognese, Florence. In 1942, the Diocese of San Miniato initiated the process for his canonization. The process is ongoing at the Congregation for the Causes of Saint at the Holy See.

In February 2001, in the presence of Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, 4 bishops, 15 priests and other dignitaries, his remains was canonically recognized.

Having already identified a miracle attributed to him, his spiritual daughters are hopeful that his beatification is imminent. The sisters have been in the forefront in the promulgation of his heroic life, virtues and teachings through various programmes and events. They have been doing these with the invaluable assistance of fr Antonio Cocolicchio, OP.

The desire of the sisters is to revive the devotion to this venerable servant of God both in the Order and in the Church at large, to seek for his intercession especially for the promotion of vocations to the religious life especially for young women. The sisters welcome individual and group visits and pilgrimages to his crypt inside their monastery and writings on his life and teachings especially in regards to the study of sacred scriptures.



A Grand Reception for the Master in India

From the 10th to the 30th October, 2013

The Province of India had been waiting for the visitation of the Master of the Order, fr Bruno Cadore. We were happy to have him and two members of the Curia with him (frs Vincent Lu Ha, Socius for Asia-Pacific and Gabriel Samba, Socius for Africa) for about three weeks.

India is a vast country and it is time consuming for anyone to reach the different parts of India, where the Dominican presence exist. Hence certain communities like Bettiah (Bihar), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Igatpuri (Maharashtra), Thane (Mumbai) and Poyil (Kerala) were visited only by the Socii of the Master, fr. Vincent and fr. Gabriel.

Master General and His Socii arrived in Delhi, the capital of India. In Delhi we have a community with a vibrant Parish apostolate.

The Master then proceeded to Nagpur in Maharashtra, where we have three communities:

1. St. Dominic Ashram: This is the community with the formation house and a parish mission. This is where the students who are engaged in their theological formation live. The Master had the privilege of meeting with the brothers to know their vision, expectations and challenges as Indian Dominicans. He also had the chance to interact with a group of Dominican laity.

2. St Albert's Community: Here the brethren are engaged in St. Charles Seminary, one of the main apostolates of the Province, where there are about three hundred young seminarians from different Dioceses and from different religious congregations who are doing their Philosophical and Theological studies. The Master expressed his appreciation and concern for this important ministry to the Church in India at a special meeting with the Staff of the Seminary

After this fruitful visitation in Nagpur, the Master flew to Goa, where we have two formation communities.

St. Dominic's Moira: This is the Novitiate community currently with seven novices and four friars who are engaged in formation, and different pastoral apostolates.

Mariashram, Polali: This is the Postulancy. We have three batches of candidates spread in three years of initial formation. The community also takes care of St. Dominic's School, imparting education to the children around.

The Master and his Socii arrived at our Provincial House, in Bengaluru on the 30th of October. After meeting with our Provincial, fr John Kusumalayam, and the community members in Delhi, fr Bruno left for Sarihajan (Assam) our pioneering mission community in the North-East region of India, where the Master had the opportunity to experience the missionary zeal of our brethren with their tribal parish folks. The warm welcome by the parishioners given in their own cultural way gave the Master an experience of tribal life.

3. St. Martin's Community: This small community takes care of the Yuva Jyothi Project of the Province, where the children picked up from the streets and railway platforms, find a home for themselves and work towards building up a better future. Over 500 children have accessed the Yuva Jyothi since we began this ministry in 2003.

St. Thomas, Orlim, Goa. Here the community is engaged in the philosophical formation of our students.

St Dominic, Ashoknagar, where we have friars who are engaged in the Parish apostolate and formation of the professed students who are engaged in their graduation studies. The parishioners and the community celebrated the visitation of our Master with pomp and pageantry. The Master addressed the gathering of the Dominican Family consisting of three congregations of Dominican sisters and the Laity.

The visitation of the Province came to a close with a meeting with the Provincial Council. That same evening, the Dominican Family in Bengaluru gathered at the convent of the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation in Indiranagar, and had a small reception for the Master and his team. And the team left for Bengaluru airport, at around midnight on the 30th of October.



The Arrow: A Sketch of St Dominic

The Arrow at a mere 16 x 32 cm hangs unobtrusively in a monastery foyer. At first glance it appears to be a simple, swiftly drawn sketch, but its simplicity soon reveals an intentional, intrinsic dynamic of control of line and subtle brushwork. It is done in black inks on white architectural design paper.

Further, The Arrow seems to be framed in such a way as to complement its meaning. The figure has stretched himself out to the ultimate measure. His feet are arched as far as possible without toppling the torso. The tips of the fingers are almost to the edge of the frame as if his desire reaches above and beyond his own limits of space. At the same time, like every finely shafted arrow, there are varying places of flexibility in its slender spine that gives the impulse to the spin, which we see in the dynamism of the spiraling lines of the wrists. It is this spin that gives the last impetus toward its target.

Who is this monk figure with his head thrown back and face turned toward the light and his forehead reflecting it? It is in fact an image of St. Dominic at prayer. But this is not just any kind of prayer. This is the seventh manner of prayer out of a list of nine ways of prayer ---that St. Dominic was observed to pray regularly. The Nine Ways were written down and illustrated c. 1278. Since then the work has become a Dominican spiritual classic. I cite what it says about The Seventh Way of Prayer-----:

“While praying, he was often seen to reach towards heaven like an arrow which has been shot from a taut bow straight upwards into the sky. He would stand with hands outstretched above his head and joined together, or at times slightly separated as if about to receive something from heaven. (...) The Arrow, the seventh way of prayer, was not a manner of prayer that he remained in for long periods of time.”

We do not know who the author of the above was. Personally I would venture to say that he or she must have been a well intentioned observer of the spiritual leader, as the description and illustration have a kind of gentle, curious keyhole sense about them. The author/illustrator has surely given us a description clear enough to inspire imitation even up to the present day. From a quick survey of the other eight kinds of prayer one suspects that St. Dominic definitely appreciated the fact that one’s physical stance or disposition can be conducive to prayer and that each position disposes one to different ways and intentions of prayer.

It is also said that St. Dominic encouraged his brothers to pray this same way as well. He was often heard repeating encouraging lines from the psalms or prophets like “Hear, O Lord, the voice of my supplication, when I lift up my hands” (Psalm 27:2) and “Let my prayer be directed to thee like incense” (Psalm 140:1). Of course the illustration is only reflecting what the observer saw.

With this in mind let us return to our image of The Arrow and once again trace with our eyes the figure from toes to fingertips. Clearly the drawing is not just an external observation from a distance of St. Dominic praying. Rather, from the feel of The Arrow’s compelling intensity the work has somewhat startlingly drawn us inside and united us with the taut figure stretching to the highest heaven in prayer.

In short, the illustration from the 13th-century anonymous artist shows us an exterior mode of prayer that we might be able to copy physically, while our 21st-century artist S. Claire Rolf OP seems to have opened her heart and left the sound of its striking intensity echo into those of our own.

S. Claire Rolf OP: The Arrow, 2008, 40 x 80 cm, black inks on white architectural design paper. Queen of Peace Monastery, GaribaldiHighlands, Squamish, B.C., Canada.

Sister Claire Rolf OP is the prioress of Queen of Peace Monastery in SquamishBC, Canada. She was formerly the prioress of the monastery the Holy Preaching of Prouilhe in France, which St. Dominic founded in 1206. In 2007 she returned to her homeland to help in the foundation of Queen of Peace Monastery in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Formed to be a Dominican contemplative, she has no formal art training. Nevertheless simple pencil sketches, ink drawings and water colour paintings are scattered through her prayer journals. Contemplation, which is seeing and pondering with love, attempts to perceive and receive mystery. Pushed into a zone beyond words artistic expression became a finite response flowing from the



infinite, from desire. Influenced by Canadian Impressionists as well as Romanesque sculpture and the more modern art of Matisse and Arcabas, she has done sculpture in clay and wood, acrylic painting and ink drawings which are in monasteries and private collections in Europe and in Canada. For more about the monastery, see www.dominicannunsbc.ca/Queen_of_Peace/Queen_of_Peace_.html.

By Dr. Matthia Langone, a conference speaker and iconographer. It was published on www.artway.eu

Formation of the formators of the Dominican Inter- Africa (IAOP)

From 7 to 12 October 2013, formators of the entities of IAOP had a formation workshop at the Queen of Trust Centre of the Sisters of Schoenstatt in Bujumbura, Burundi. The theme of the workshop chaired by brother Marie Victor KISYABA, Councillor of IOAP for Formation was: "Formation to better meet the challenges in Africa." It brought together a dozen of brothers including four novice masters of six, and five student masters of seven which has Africa. They came from Nigeria, Benin Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Cameroon, Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi. The only entity absent was Angola. Brother Vivian BOLAND, Vicar of the Master of the Order and responsible for initial formation, and brother Gabriel SAMBA, Socius for Africa took part in the workshop.

Brother Liboire KAGABO, a pioneer of the Inter-Africa did a retrospective reading of the history of the IAOP. He presented the expectations at the beginning of the IAOP. After his conference, the participants made recommendations including the introduction of a course on the history and structure of the IAOP in the novitiate. Brother José BOLABOTO, a cooperator brother from the Vicariate General of St. Pius V, R. D. Congo and Delegate of the cooperator brothers in Africa presented the vocation of the cooperator brothers. After some exchanges, the formators recommended that senior cooperator brothers be involved in the formation of the brothers. Finally, brother Vivian BOLAND spoke of the Ratio Formationis Generalis and of the formation of the formators. He presented the project of the courses for new formators to be held at the regional level, "online " in part and also with a face to face presence. These courses will address the human formation, the specific themes of Dominican spirituality, the Ministry of the Word, the Juridical Traditions of the Church and of the Order, and the steps to be a formator.

The formators shared their experiences of novice and student masters, challenges and joys. Each presented the Ratio Formationis Particularis of its entity and there were discussions on the formation programmes and on the different stages of the formation: promotion of vocations, pre-novitiate, novitiate and studentate. As brother Clement AHOUCANDJINOUCHE who prepared this report states, formators adopted recommendations that will be submitted to the 12th General Assembly of the IAOP which will be held from July 20 to 27, 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya. Fr. Gabriel Samba, OP

Hymnarium O.P. Now Available

The Hymnarium O.P., a hymnal for the Liturgy of the Hours that makes available the Dominican heritage of liturgical hymnody, is now available for purchase from New Hope Publications.

The Hymnarium O.P. has been published by the Liturgical Commission of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph in response to the 2010 Provincial Chapter's wish to pray with "the Dominican and wider Gregorian Chant traditions in the Conventual Mass and Office" and the desire of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council that chant "be given pride of place in liturgical services."

The Hymnarium presents hymns for the major and minor hours for Sundays and weekdays throughout the year, the Proper of Time, the Proper of Saints (including proper hymns for many Dominican saints), and the Common of Saints. The texts of the Hymnarium are derived from the Breviarium O.P. of 1952 and the Irish Dominican Breviary of 1967. Each hymn is provided in Latin and English versions set to a limited variety of chant melodies that are reused on various occasions throughout the book. Each verse is set to a chant melody, while also providing indications for singing the texts to metrical hymn melodies. The balanced number of melodies allows the repertoire to be easily learned and used, while still offering a rich variety that avoids monotony. The hymns contained in the Hymnarium belong to the musical patrimony of the Dominican Order, having been authored or compiled by friars over the course of centuries.

To see the introduction, the table of contents, sample pages, hymn index, or to hear sample melodies, visit the Hymnarium website.



The Pillars of the Dominican Life

The season of autumn has manifested itself in the northern hemisphere with obvious changes in weather and the harvest for many crops. This time also leads us to the realization that the Year of Faith will soon come to a close at the end of November. This year has been a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world” (Porta Fidei 6). It has been a time of pilgrimage for us as Catholics and as a Family of Saint Dominic to reflect on what our Faith means to us and how we live it through the sacramental life of the Church and the four pillars of ministry, community, study, and prayer.

The Pillar of Ministry directs us to one of the Dominican mottos, “Contemplare et contemplata aliis tradere”. That is “to contemplate and to give to others the fruits of our contemplation”. We pass on to others these fruits through the apostolate of preaching the Gospel and its values. We share Saint Dominic’s passion and desire to preach the Good News for the salvation of souls. We do this because we are truly friends of Jesus Christ and wish to share this divine friendship with all people.

All of the Dominican branches respond to the pillar of community by answering the call to follow Christ. This pillar invites us to live the Gospel in common through love, prayer, compassion, and charity. We then go forth from our communities to do the same for those to whom we minister. Thus we allow our commitment as Dominicans to overflow into the many ways of bringing the Good News of Christ to the world.

The pillar of study consists of an intimate search and understanding of what is truth. This “Veritas” brings about a thirst and longing for God and His Holy Will. We discover God’s presence in our lives through the wisdom we receive in the study of the Holy Scriptures, theology, and various other subjects. Our wisdom is thus shared through our contemplation and unique individual style of preaching.

Prayer is a pillar that is so essential to following Jesus Christ. Prayer, whether in private or in common leads us to a daily communion and dialogue with God. We contemplate his presence not only in our hearts but all around us. We encounter a nourishment that leads us to become children confident in the Providence and Will of the Triune God.

The four pillars have been a spiritual cornerstone for the mission and accomplishment of Holy Preaching throughout the almost 800 year history of our Order. This Charism continues to be deeply integrated in the apostolic life of each preacher. Let us therefore continue our pilgrimage with these pillars from this Year of Faith towards 2016, the Jubilee of the foundation of the Order of Preachers. May Christ our Divine Light through the intercession of Saint Dominic truly find us on fire for our vocation of preaching the Good News!

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Opportunity for Theology graduate students to come to Blackfriars Hall Oxford’s Aquinas Colloquium and Seminar

As a result of a grant from the Earhart Foundation, Blackfriars Hall, Oxford announces a competition for three graduate students who are studying some feature of the thought of Thomas Aquinas to come to Oxford from 25th February to 1st March 2014.

Those chosen will be able to attend seminars and lectures at Oxford, including the Aquinas Seminar on the afternoon of Thursday 27th February and the day-long Aquinas Colloquium on Saturday 28th February, both at Blackfriars.

The students will have the opportunity to meet scholars at Oxford and to discuss their own work with colleagues. Those chosen as Earhart Scholars will receive funds to cover travel costs to and from Oxford, and a stipend for living expenses during their stay in Oxford.



To apply to be an Earhart Scholar, send a letter of enquiry detailing your research interests in Thomas Aquinas and your curriculum vitae; you should also ask an academic adviser to send an e-mail in support of your application.

The application should be sent by e-mail to secretary@bfriars.ox.ac.uk by 6th December 2013. For further information, please write to Dr William E Carroll of Blackfriars Hall's Aquinas Institute: william.carroll@bfriars.ox.ac.uk.

CONSOLERS TO THE SICK AND THOSE IN DISTRESS

An Anthology of Contributions of the Dominican Family on the Idea of Care in the Dominican Tradition

Project: A review of the Processes of Canonization of St. Dominic Guzman provides evidence about his intimate encounters with Jesus Christ and his virtues in caring and healing the poor, the sick and the disenfranchised of his day. Many acts of mercy such as selling his clothes and books to provide funds for the needs of the poor and sick and restoring the dead to life have been well documented, i.e. raising of a widow's son; curing of three Sisters of a fever; healing of women with infections; providing food for his brothers. These virtuous acts of unquestioned love, mercy and compassion for others that emerged from his preaching were part of the rich heritage he committed, by word and example, to those who formed the first Dominican communities of women and men.

When St. Dominic established his Order in 1216 it had as its purpose preaching and the salvation of souls, and this purpose remains ever vibrant in today's world. As preserved in the Fundamental Constitution of the Order of Preachers, Pope Innocent III wrote "He inspired you with a holy desire to embrace poverty, profess the regular life and commit yourselves to the proclamation of the word of God preaching everywhere the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (cf. LCO I.I). St. Dominic and his followers were able to bring the healing and the salvific message of reconciliation in Christ manifested in the Gospel to people of his day whether they were troubled, suffering from physical or mental distress, or alienated from God. They preached this healing message to those who were far from the faith, the poor, the unwanted, the unloved and those who had lost hope. Our Founder's preaching of mercy, compassionate care and comfort for others has endured throughout the eight hundred years of our Order and its mission. Whether Dominicans are preaching the healing message of the Gospel, caring for one another, administering the sacraments, educating the uninformed, conducting research, caring for the lost, the least and the last among us, they are living witnesses of St. Dominic's idea of care for others and vital instruments in the New Evangelization.

One memorable theme that appears in the Constitutions of the Friars is St. Dominic's charge to his friars to be "consolers to the sick and to those in distress" (LCO I, 9). Though the Processes of Canonization (MOPH XVI, p.178, n.3) do not elaborate on the theological foundations of this theme in the life of St. Dominic, the editors of this anthology believe that exploring this theme will provide a perspective on the application of this rich charism of Dominican life and mission expressed in the evangelical living of his followers in work of the New Evangelization.

Call for Manuscripts: The importance of this theme in the mission and charism of the Dominican Order within the universal Church and in today's world, and in anticipation of the celebration of the eight hundred years of Dominican life culminating in 1216, this anthology of published and original works will bring together selected writings of the Dominican Family that exhibit how this theme "consolers to the sick and those in distress" has been and continues to be lived in the mission and charism of the Dominican Family today. General themes include, for example: Preaching, Healing and the New Evangelization; Theology of the Body; The Sacraments and Healing; Philosophy of the Person; Social Justice and Care for the Poor and the Stigmatized; Feeding the Unwanted and the Unloved; Healing the Alienated and Those Far From the Faith; Care and Healing of the Sick and Dying; Human Dignity, Freedom and Human Flourishing; Moral Principles in the Age of Relativism; Dehumanization and Health Care; The Dominican Community as the Primary Center of Care; The Healing Relationship; Fulfilling the Dominican Moment at the Beginning and End of Life.

Any member of the Dominican Family interested in contributing to this anthology, to discuss a particular topic or for more specific directions on submitting manuscripts should contact Bro. Ignatius Perkins, OP at Mater Dei House, 801 Dominican Drive, Nashville, TN 37228 (brotherignatius@aol.com).



GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

Manuscripts should reflect how the theme “consolers to the sick and those in distress” is applied to the particular topic of the author’s choice. Manuscripts may also include homilies, poems and prayers.

Manuscripts are to be prepared in Microsoft Word, not to exceed 1,500 words including references, and submitted electronically to the Editor @ brotherignatius@aol.com). Manuscripts may also be mailed to Bro. Ignatius Perkins, OP, Mater Dei House, 801 Dominican Drive, Nashville, TN 37228.

References should follow the Chicago Manual of Style, 15th Edition. Examples are available at http://chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Place citation numbers at the ends of sentences, not in the middle. If several works are cited in one place, combine them in a single footnote. Footnotes are placed at the bottom of each page and numbered so that they can be renumbered automatically and continuously by the word processing software.

Manuscripts must be received by January 1, 2015 and may be submitted in one of official languages of the Order, i.e. English, French, Spanish. The Anthology will be published in English by the Dominican Nuns, Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, New Jersey.

Manuscripts that have been previously published are acceptable as long as the author receives written permission from the copyright holder, if one exists. Historical manuscripts, especially about Dominicans Saints, Blesseds and other members of the Dominican Family are also welcome.

Authors are to include a brief biographical statement with the manuscript.

The Editorial Review Board will review all manuscripts for inclusion. Authors will be notified concerning the decision of the Board. When substantial changes are necessary, the editor will review changes with the author.

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Official News

The International Coordinator of the Priestly Fraternities in the Order

In the Dominican Family, many are aware of the friars, the sisters (nuns and apostolic), members of the secular institutes, laity and youths. But very few are aware of the Priestly Fraternity as an authentic branch of the Dominican Family.

Dominican Priestly Fraternities are associations of diocesan priests who are formally affiliated to the Order of Preachers and to the Dominican Family through a distinct Rule of life that they profess, and so strive for evangelical perfection as sharers in the grace and mission of the Order of Preachers. They are distinct from the Dominican friars because they are diocesan priests, and they remain so under the direct jurisdiction of their Local Ordinaries, but they are directly associated with the friars through their governance and structure within the Dominican Family.

The Master of the Order, fr Bruno Cadoré has just appointed fr Florentino Bolo Jr as the International Coordinator of the Priestly Fraternities in the Order. He is from the Province of the Philippines.

Fr Florentine made his first profession in the Order in 1998 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2005. He has a licentiate in Canon Law from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines.

Since after his ordination, he has been the Assistant Novice Master, Secretary General of the University of Santo Tomas, Vice Rector and Spiritual Director at the UST Central Seminary, all in the Philippines. Until



his current appointment, he was the Provincial Promoter of the Priestly Fraternity in the Philippines. He is currently residing in Rome and undertaking his Doctoral studies in Canon Law at the Angelicum.

According to him,

“The last two General Chapters of the Order (ACG 2010 Rome, no. 232; 2013 Trogir, no. 120) celebrated the reality of the Priestly Fraternities, which are established in some Provinces, while newly emerging in others. The recognition of the place of the Priestly Fraternities in the Dominican Family is not only realized in its inclusion in the International Bureau of the Dominican Family (ACG 2013 Trogir, Appendix I, no. 121), but also in the current thrust of the Master of the Order to put these groups in contact and to study the manner in which we can further consolidate this dimension of the Order.

We wish him the best in his new assignment.

The Master Welcomes New Dominican Students to Rome

In keeping with his practice, the Master of the Order, fr Bruno Cadoré welcomed to Santa Sabina, the new Dominican students in Rome. These are brothers from different provinces who have just started their studies this academic year. Fr Bruno welcomed them in the company of fr Vivian Boland (his vicar) and fr Michael Mascari (Socius for Intellectual Life). At the meeting, he shared with the brothers at length.

The brothers in turn shared with the Master on their moments of grace and challenges in Rome. They relived their experiences in their different communities in Rome and their efforts to interact with one another and with other communities. They also shared with the Master on their vision and aspirations for the Order after which they drilled him with some questions of their own.

The brothers are:

- Wojciech Golubiewski: From the Polish Province and studying Philosophy at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (Santa Croce).
- Pietro Tran Hung Vinh Quang: From the Province of Vietnam and studying Scriptures at the Pontifical Biblical Institute (Biblicum).
- Michele Pari: From the Province of St Dominic in Italy and studying Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum)
- Cyril Walder: From the Province of India and studying Scripture at the Biblicum.
- Fabrizio Cambi: From the Roman Province of St Catherine of Siena and studying Philosophy at the Angelicum.
- Dominic Okoye: From the Province of Nigeria and studying Scriptures at the Biblicum.
- Anthony Mana-Tang: From Myanmar and of the Holy Rosary Province. He is studying Philosophy at the Angelicum.
- Martin Chen: From China and of the Holy Rosary Province. He is studying Philosophy at the Angelicum.
- Andre Luiz Boccato de Almeida: From the Province of Brazil and studying Moral Theology and Bioethics at the Graduate Institute of Moral Theology (Alphonsianum)

The young age of these brothers is once again a testimony to the bright future of the Order. They are in Rome to prepare for that future and we wish them all the best.

The New Archivist of the Order

The Master of the Order, fr Bruno Cadoré has formally appointed fr Gaspar de ROJA SIGAYA as the new archivist of the Order. He is of the Province of the Philippines and he succeeds fr Gerardo Wilmer Rojas Crespo.

Fr Gaspar was born at Zarraga, Iloilo, Philippines. He entered the Order in 1987 and made his first religious profession of vows in 1991. In 1997, he was ordained to the priesthood. After his basic studies in philosophy and theology, he studied Library and Information Science at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City. He specialized in Archives.



He has been the Archivist and Chronicler of the Province of the Philippines since 1998. He was the founder and first president of the Society of Ecclesiastical Archivists of the Philippines under the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines' Permanent Committee for the Cultural Heritage of the Church. He has conducted several seminars and workshops on the preservation and conservation of archival materials in the Philippines.

Fr Gasper is very passionate about the conservation of ecclesiastical records. He brings this passion to his new office as the archivist of the Order. According to him, his vision as the archivist of the Order is:

- To come up with One Dominican Standard Archival Description.
- To integrate subjects concerning archives in the formation of future Dominicans.
- To assist in the establishment of archives in the different provinces of the Order.
- To encourage friars to use archives materials for preaching.
- To train and support interested friars in the archives profession.

+ Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, O.P., 1935–2013

During the night of November 10-11, Fr. Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, O.P., was called home by the Lord. He passed away in his sleep while convalescing after a recent surgery. Fr. Murphy-O'Connor taught for more than four decades at the École Biblique et Archéologique. He was a world-reknowned biblical scholar and author of numerous books on St. Paul and the Holy Land. Many throughout the world counted him their friend.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the Basilica of St Étienne on Wednesday, November 13, at 12h00. More details will follow.

« O beatum virum, cujus anima paradisum possidet! Unde exsultant angeli, laetantur archangeli, chorus sanctorum proclamat, turba virginum invitat: Mane nobiscum in aeternum! » (Antiphon for the Benedictus, Feast of St. Martin de Tours).

The Calendar of the Master of the Order for December 2013

3-23: Canonical Visitation to the Provinces of England and Ireland.

25: Christmas at Santa Sabina

Dec 26-Jan 6: Brief Recess

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