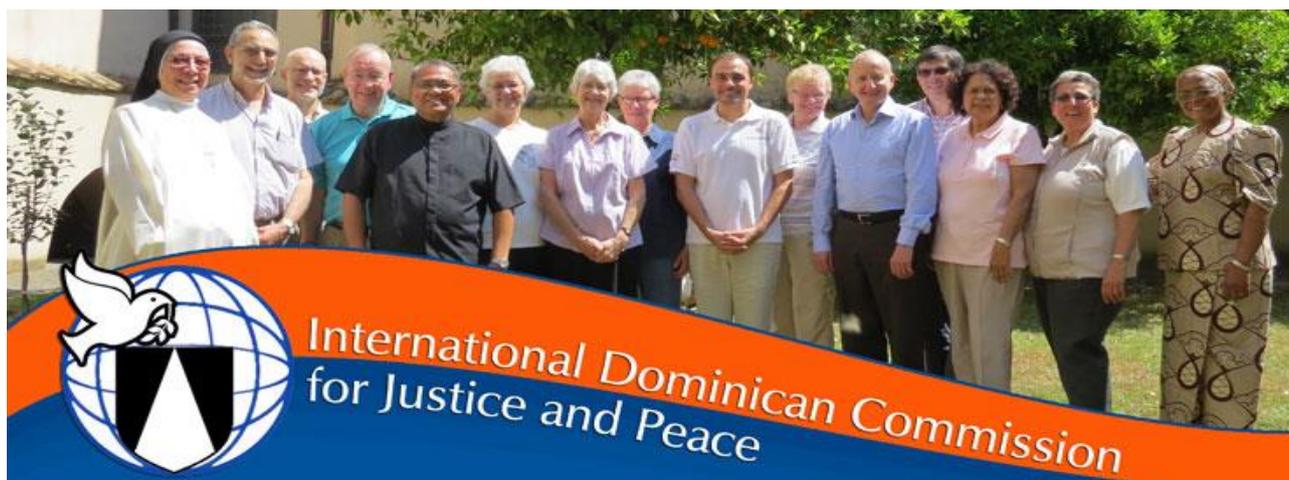




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International Dominican Commission for Justice and Peace



The Dominican Order's International Commission on Justice and Peace met at Santa Sabina in Rome, from Monday, June 8, to Thursday, June 11, 2015. With membership drawn from Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin and North America, four friars, six sisters, and one member of the Dominican Lay Fraternity met under the leadership of Fr Mike Deeb, General Promoter for Justice and Peace, and Sr Celestina Veloso Freitas, DSI International Promoter for Justice and Peace.

Faced with the reality of a world where wars and violations of human rights are escalating, there is an urgency to develop an effective Dominican International Justice and Peace Commission that will assist the Order as a whole to make a contribution to reversing this tragic tendency. The work of the Order in promoting Justice and Peace has most recently focused on the challenges arising from the violation of human rights (especially in the many war zones), poverty, migration (especially the human trafficking of women and children), and the impact of climate change on the poor and marginalized. In addition to a discussion of local and regional efforts in these areas, those at the meeting considered the connection of such ministry to the international level through the Order's representation as a Non-Governmental Organization at the United Nations.

To ensure greater effectiveness, the commission sought to identify and clarify the responsibilities of those whose job is to assist in encouraging awareness and engagement in the areas of justice and peace for their regions and provinces (the friars), or inter-congregational structures as developed by DSI (the sisters). Likewise, members of the commission began a planning process by which networking, communication, and the celebration of the Order's jubilee could sustain and enhance the Order's response to the Gospel's demands for justice and peace. It is hoped that the Commission will meet annually to enable regular assessment of the tasks assigned to each member.

For more pictures of the meeting of the commission, click here –

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Fr Mike Deeb, OP



• **Opening of the Jubilee at Metro Manila, Philippines**

On May 23, eve of Pentecost Sunday, the Dominican Province of the Holy Rosary and the Parish Community of Santuario del Sto. Cristo in San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines led by 'Kadang Dominiko Youth Ministry officially opened its celebration of the Dominican Jubilee Year marking the 800th year of the foundation of the Order of Preachers by St. Dominic.

It is the best time to open the festivities for the Parish not only because the young Dominicans are on vacation giving them more time to prepare for the events but it will also give the Parish Community more time to reflect on the message of the Jubilee Year. The date is also significant as it coincides with the opening of the first Dominican General Chapter in Bologna on May 1220, Pentecost Sunday. A series of activities are lined up in the coming months leading to November 7, 2015, Feast of All Saints of the Order.

The May 23 celebration started with a motorcade in the morning to fetch the Pilgrim Image of the Our Lady of the Rosary of La Naval, the Mother of all Dominicans in the Philippines, at the Sto. Domingo Church in Quezon City. The Pilgrim Image was officially welcomed with a paraliturgy before the Opening Mass of the Jubilee concelebrated by the members of the Province. After the Mass, the youth presented the serenata -- a concert in tribute to the members of the Dominican Family. During the concert, Fr. Raymond Mi, OP, Prior of the Convento de la Sta. Cruz of the Province of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, declared the opening of the Jubilee. Following is the complete text of his message:

The Order of Preachers, confirmed in 1216 by Pope Honorius III, is now celebrating a Jubilee Year with the theme "Sent to preach the Gospel".

The Jubilee Year has its origin in the Scriptures. It always comes as a time of grace, of blessing, mercy and forgiveness. It is always a big celebration of peace, freedom and great joy. At the heart of the Jubilee is the attentive listening to the Spirit of God for collective and personal renewal.

In the same spirit, since 2005, the Dominican Family worldwide has been preparing a jubilee year of 2016, to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the confirmation of the Order by Pope Honorius III.

Anticipating that great joy, I, on behalf of the Dominican Family, officially declare the opening of the jubilee year in the Parish of the Santuario del Sto. Cristo.

We encourage and invite all of you to whom we are sent to join with us in celebrating this historic milestone, to savour the grace of God's love and mercy in this year of the great jubilee.

A Parish logo for the Jubilee celebrations was designed by Ms. Liberty Gallo-Austria and Mr. Marlon Antolin, members of 'Kadang Dominiko. The logo illustrates a church being built hand in hand signifying a commitment to be part of making a stronger Church through preaching the Gospel and owning a declaration that "We are the Church." An image of St. Dominic is shown at the right side that serves as our guiding light with the official logo of the Jubilee Year reflected at the lower left side. May the Holy Spirit guide us all as we are "sent to preach the Gospel."

• **Graffiti Artist creates a new mural for the Dominican Order in Toulouse, France**

A surreal encounter between French graffiti artist 100Taur and the Dominicans: for the celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Order of Preachers, founded in Toulouse, France in 1216, the Dominicans asked lowbrow artist 100TAUR to create a 100 square meters mural on their convent in Toulouse.

It's a fusion between two worlds that coexist little: that of a religious order and that of a lowbrow and graffiti artist who created a (sometimes scary) fantasy world. A proof that 100Taur is open to all artistic challenges and encounters.

Surprising as it may seem, it also follows the ongoing collaboration of Dominicans with contemporary artists, like Matisse in 1951 when he created the Chapelle du Rosaire in Vence.



For a week, 100Taur has painted a huge portrait of Saint Dominic on the outside wall of the Dominican convent. The artist studied the iconography of St. Dominique and incorporated many symbols including a lily flower for purity, the Toulouse cross, as well as his signature 'Slug' character, symbol of resilience.

More than 600 persons came to the inauguration were the mural was officially blessed. 'St Dominic' can be seen at the Couvent des Dominicains and Metro Faculte de Pharmacie, in Toulouse. For more images, click here - <http://www.streetartnews.net/2015/06/100taur-creates-new-mural-for-dominican.html>

● [A Dominican Bishop in the Peruvian Amazon](#)

Bishop David Martinez De Aguirre Guinea, OP has succeeded Bishop Francisco Gonzalez Hernandez, OP as the Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Puerto Maldonado, Peru. The resignation of Bishop Francisco Gonzalez Hernandez on health grounds has been accepted by the Holy Father. Both bishops are sons of the Province of Spain and Bishop Francisco has been in charge of the Apostolic Vicariate since 2008.

Bishop David was born in 1970 in Vitoria (Spain). After primary and secondary studies in the Marianist School of Santa Maria Ikastetxea of Vitoria-Gasteiz, he studied at the Higher Institute of Philosophy in Valladolid (1993-1995) and later at the Faculty of Theology of San Esteban in Salamanca (1995-1998). He graduated in Biblical Theology at the University of Deusto in Bilbao, and took a course at École Biblique, Jerusalem (1998-2000).

He made his solemn profession in 1993 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1999. His first assignment was at the Church of the Incarnation, Bilbao.

In 2000, he moved to Peru to pursue his dream of working as a missionary in the Amazon. His first assignment was at the Mission of San Jose, Koribeni, in the Apostolic Vicariate of Puerto Maldonado, and as professor of Biblical Theology at the Seminary of the Vicariate.

From 2001 to November 2014 he was in charge of the Mission of Kirigueta and from 2004 was a councillor in the Dominican Regional Vicariate Santa Rosa de Lima. In the past four years, he has worked as the head of the Mission of San Pedro Martir Timpía and as board member of the Cultural Center of José Pio Aza, in the city of Lima.

In November 2014, he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop and has since assisted Bishop Francesco in the pastoral care and governance of the Apostolic Vicariate.

Bishop David is in charge of a large area of the Peruvian Amazon with scanty populations of different ethnic and language groups, often scattered in areas that are very difficult to access. This is a huge challenge to pastoral work in the Vicariate. However, this is not a new challenge for Bishop David who has been living and working in the area, in one of the most remote part for the past 15 years.

● [A drop of hope in a chaos of violence](#)

The world is wondering, is worried and talks about Iraq, the Mesopotamia of the past, because, quite simply, the country is not doing well. A wave of ongoing violence invades the country without mercy. Also, a terrible confessional revenge takes its place in tearing the fabric off the Iraqi people. Children are terrified, families are leaving the country because disorder is established and has made its home in Iraq.

In this unspeakable chaotic situation, a young Iraqi Dominican presented himself on the 19th of June 2015, to receive diaconal ordination in Baghdad. What madness! What a challenge! We are saying, is it not the risk of love according to the example of Christ? Is this not the unconditional yes to serve the word, liturgy and charity? Yes, by this commitment to the free service of the people, a path of healing will open to demonstrate the love of God on earth. It is a drop of hope that comes to water our life at this moment. A country destabilized by war, a hurt and persecuted church celebrates an ordination in the heart of the capital Baghdad! It really is a rare and special event! In addition, the Latin Cathedral was full of faithful. The presence of the lay Dominican family, sisters and brothers, has been remarkable, this presence has given a



sign of solidarity and extraordinary fraternal love. This Mass of diaconal ordination has given us the chance to live a deep and joyful spiritual moment.

This ordination also comes at the time when the Order celebrates its eighth century of birth. This is the moment in which we must remember the generous donations of the Order in Iraq. I cannot let this lovely occasion pass without saluting the processions of brothers who established the Order in Iraq, starting with brother Guillaume Montferra and then brother Riccoldo da Monte di Croce who travelled to Baghdad in 1235 where St Dominic had dreamed of one day opening a mission. So this magnificent Dominican adventure officially began in Iraq in 1750 with the founding Italian brothers. Then, in 1850 our French brothers took on the task of preaching in action and in word the Good News of salvation. Finally, the Iraqi period with Arabic-speaking brothers, who by their zeal and their apostolic enthusiasm continue the Dominican mission in Iraq.

The order celebrates its eighth century with an extraordinary joy and we are celebrating the grace of 265 years of a remarkably fruitful presence. This fruitfulness obviously comes from the projects of the Order since its birth in Iraq. This is also an opportunity to praise the work of the brothers since the printing shop of the Dominican fathers in Mosul, the first in the country, was inaugurated in 1862 passing through the large seminary St. John's which lasted for a century and enriched the local church by its human and theological teaching, and especially by the rich talent of its professors. It is also necessary to think of all the projects in the order as they are educational, charitable and pastoral, medical assistance given to people through the digital archives centre which has a good international reputation, the magazine " La Pensée chrétienne" and our last small project "The academy of human sciences". It is in these, that the preaching of the Order remains strong in this land of mission.

This feast also requires us to welcome and honour the memory of our brothers who illuminated us by their free gifts, who preceded us in living out the Easter mystery. Their generosity is an example to follow, brother Maurizio Garzoni, italian, "father of kurdologie" was the first to edit the Kurds grammar and vocabulary in 1787, father Jandel was one of the first disciples of father Lacordaire, brother J. -B. Besson, Omez, Jean Maurice Fiey, Michel Parasote, Jean Philippe Lahese Augustin Marmardji, Khalil Kochassarly, Abd-es-Salam Hilwa and Faris Yousif, I cannot name them all.

By this ordination, this drop of hope obviously joins the ongoing story of the mission of the Iraqi Dominican friars.

On this occasion I raise my hands toward the Lord and by the intercession of our father Saint Dominic asking Him to multiply vocations in our Order, and to make this dream come true (a monastery of nuns in Iraq and a Marian shrine in Baghdad).

For pictures of the ordination, click here -

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/orderofpreachers/sets/72157652526490284>

May the joy remain and happy feast to us all.

Fr. Majid o.p.

● **The New Members of the Board of the International Dominican Foundation, USA**

We are very pleased to introduce some of our newest members of the IDFUSA family. At our annual Board of Directors meeting held June 10 in St. Louis, we inducted four new board members.

They are: Bishop Joseph Pepe of the Diocese of Las Vegas, Bishop Edward Weisenburger of the Diocese of Salina, Rev. Allen Moran of St. Gertrude Priory in Cincinnati and Mr. Steven McKernan, Chief Executive Officer of UNM Hospital at University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque. The Board unanimously voted in all four of these members and approved the Master of the Order's recommendation of Fr. Moran, OP to be the next President of the International Dominican Foundation effective July 1, 2015.



Bishop Pepe is a graduate of the Angelicum holding his degree in Canon Law from there. He shared with the board that his years at the Angelicum were a great experience with excellent professors and a dedicated Dominican community. Bishop Weisenburger confessed that he didn't have a connection to the Angelicum but a great love for the work of the Dominicans especially as they are to serve in his diocese. Fr. Moran was unable to attend due to previous commitments out of the country but in previous conversation he has shared his excitement over being part of the IDFUSA. Similarly Mr McKernan was unable to attend the meeting but sent word that he is looking forward to his time with the Foundation.

Another new face is that of Mrs. Melanie Hoeman of Metairie, Louisiana who came on board June 15th as the Executive Assistant in the IDFUSA office, replacing Mr. Dominique Monlezun. We wish Melanie all the best as she learns the nuts and bolts of the operation. She has already immersed herself in the projects, the software and the office.

We also said good bye to several individuals whose service on the IDFUSA Board ended. Archbishop Thomas Rodi of the Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama and Dr. Gene and Mrs Jean Stark of Coral Gables, Florida. We are grateful to them for their dedication and service over the years and wish them every blessing.

● **“Hackathon”: Preaching with the Use of the Latest in Technology**

On June 5-6, St. Dominic's Catholic Church in San Francisco launched the second Catholic Hackathon, an intense 24-hour brainstorming session with the goal of creating novel ways to share the Faith using technology. While hackathons happen regularly in the Bay Area, this event is the first one with a Catholic evangelizing focus.

The term “hackathon” is derived from two words: “hack” referring to an amateur who does something for the love of it, and “marathon.” The Catholic hackathon in San Francisco was the brainchild of a group led by Dominican Fr Emmanuel Taylor. It springs from Fr Taylor's time as the West Coast organizer of the worldwide Dominican Order's new media initiative, OPTIC, the collaboration of the Order of Preachers for Technology, Information and Communication.

The goal of the 2015 Catholic Hackathon was “Using Tech to Preach: Moving Hearts to the Gospel.” More than 50 developers, designers and “ideators” ate Greek food and pitched and developed ideas in teams. The judges who are all members of OPTIC included: Fr Bryan Kromholtz, a Dominican systematic theologian, Charles Axel-Dein, a software developer and Fandino, a designer.

Last year's winner was “PreachBack”, an app that invites users to engage with priests via a feedback loop, letting Mass-goers offer comments on the homily they heard at Mass and to dialogue about ideas.

“That is typically the kind of project that does come from the people of God,” said Fr Eric Salobir, the Dominicans' international coordinator for digital media, who flew to California for the hackathon this year. Fr Salobir, a Frenchman, is the founder of OPTIC and he was appointed last year to a committee to reform Vatican media efforts. “I want to see how we can recreate this in other countries,” Fr Salobir said of the Catholic hackathon. “I hope to organize one in Nigeria. I think they are ready for that. I think this is so Vatican II. We interact with the people. It is like Liturgy 2.0,”

OPTIC is international, and Fr Salobir said he is part of a European group that has also invented an app, “Doms-Tours”, which is “a free app which turns your smartphone into a tour guide,” and it will work initially guiding visitors through Dominican churches in Rome, France and Spain. “If the Church really wants to be Catholic, universal, we need to do that”, says Fr Salobir.

OPTIC was founded to preach the Faith using technology. The Dominican order actively looks to collaborate with the laity in the mission of the Church, and the Order of Preachers, instituted almost 800 years ago, seeks effective ways to spread the Gospel today.

“This is our charism, to preach, and there's a new way to preach to this generation — especially through social media and online — so we are trying to find good ways to do that, because there is so much negative



material on the Internet,” said Dominican Brother Michael James Rivera, webmaster and chair of the Western Dominican province’s digital media and communications committee. “We want to turn the Internet into a positive tool. We want it to be a place where people can come and ask questions and find answers about faith, about morals and about the Church — to find the truth, to find Jesus Christ. So many people are turning to their smartphones and their desktops, so we have to go there as well.”

The hackathon is just the first project of OPTIC West, Fr Taylor said. The OPTIC approach is energizing priests and the laity to think outside the preaching box especially now that people often do not approach ideas of faith through the traditional hierarchal organization of parishes and dioceses. While the technology is vital, it is also a work in progress for the faith community. “This is a grassroots thing. It is really about us working together.”

The hackathon schedule included prayer, overnight Eucharistic adoration and an opportunity to attend Mass, as well as good food, because it is not just about the product, but also the process.

Culled from Valerie Schmalz’s on OSV Newsweekly

• [Two Diocesan Bishops Join the Order in the Philippines](#)

We have two new brothers in the Order of Preachers: Most Rev. Socrates Villegas, Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines; and Most Rev. Rudolfo Beltran, Bishop of San Fernando, La Union.

They received the habit of St. Dominic during the celebration of the Vespers at the Dominican Community of Manaoag on 12 June 2015 which happens to be the Philippines Independence Day and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

They received the habit at the hands of Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner III, Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines. They began their novitiate in the Order as members of the Dominican Clerical Fraternity of the Philippines.

The Dominican Clerical Fraternity is the equivalent of the lay Dominican fraternity for ordained diocesan clergy because it traditionally forms a part of the (Dominican) Third Order Secular. Recent developments suggested the distinction of the Third Order Secular Cleric members from the Third Order Secular Lay members (now known as Lay Dominican Fraternities). St. Louis Marie de Monfort and St. Arnold Janssen, founder of the Society of the Divine Word were numbered among its prominent members

• [Cardinal Alexandre Do NASCIMENTO makes his commitment in Priestly Fraternities of the Order of Preachers](#)

It was with great joy that Archbishop Emeritus of Luanda, Angola, Cardinal Alexandre Do Nascimento was looking forward to his integration into the Priestly Fraternity of the Order of Preachers, to become a Dominican. His dream came true on Thursday the 4th of June 2015.

During the Mass presided over by Brother Carlos Rui Antunes e Almeida Lopes, General Promoter of the Dominican Laity, delegated by the Master of the Order, Brother Bruno Cadoré, Cardinal Alexandre do Nascimento, 90 years old, made his commitment and became the first priest, bishop and cardinal from Angola to join Priestly Fraternities, a branch of the Dominican Family.

The celebration began at 6:30 pm with a clothing ceremony, in private, in the chapel of the community of St. Thomas Aquinas of our brothers in Luanda. This was also presided over by brother Rui (since it had to be in Portuguese !). He was accompanied by brothers Gabriel Samba, Socius of the Master of the Order for Africa, Miguel Ángel Del Rio, Socius of the Master of the Order for the Italian provinces, Malta and the Iberian Peninsula, Jose Sebastian, Vicar Provincial of Angola, all the brothers of the Vicariate, some priests and religious, including Franciscans.

After the clothing, Brothers Rui and Sebastien led the Cardinal into the church of the community where the Eucharist was celebrated. At the beginning of the Mass, the Socius for Africa read the letter from Brother



Bruno Cadore addressed to Cardinal Alexandre Do Nascimento. In this letter, the Master of the Order expresses his "fraternal communion in thanksgiving and prayer" with the Cardinal and expressed the hope that with him "in this year of the Jubilee celebration of the Order, a Priestly Fraternity in Angola will be established that brother Jose Sebastian, the Vicar Provincial, will certainly be happy to promote. "

In his homily, brother Rui pointed out the meaning of profession of evangelical life according to the Rule of Priestly Fraternities. He noted two important aspects of the Dominican vocation: the balance between contemplative and active life, and the dimension of study, a dimension that has always attracted Mgr. Alexandre. From his youth, Cardinal Do Nascimento was always struck by the figures of St. Thomas Aquinas and father Lacordaire; and in his preaching brother Rui stressed the importance of study in the life of the Cardinal. Brother Rui also said that welcoming the Cardinal into our family was an honour and a responsibility, a call to live better and to better reflect our Dominican vocation.

After the homily, standing before the whole congregation of about 250 people, Cardinal Alexandre Do Nascimento made his commitment in the hands of brother Rui. It was a wonderful moment of emotion, reverence and thanksgiving enhanced by the presence of three bishops namely Bishop Anastacio Kahango, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Luanda, Bishop Zeferino Zeca Martisns, currently Auxiliary Bishop of Luanda and Bishop Vincente Kiaziko, Bishop of the Diocese of Mbanza Congo. Also present were the Minister of Education, Mr. Pinda Simão, the State Secretary for Cooperation, Mrs Angela Bragança, and several members of the biological family of the Cardinal.

Then sitting in an armchair in front of the altar, the Cardinal sprinkled the Dominican friars who came in procession with holy water, as they sang the Dominican Salve Regina and the O lumen Ecclesiae.

In his speech, widely reported by many Angolan media covering this historic event, the Cardinal thanked the brothers for having welcomed him into the Order, and thanked the Lord for this gift. He assured the brothers that they could rely on him and on his support.

On behalf of the Order, the Socius for Africa handed a gift to the Cardinal, a painting of Saint Thomas Aquinas painted by our brother Thomas Odiambo Nicholas, OP, from the Provincial Vicariate of Eastern Africa, who came from Kenya in recent months to decorate the church of the brothers.

The ceremony ended with a festive meal with all the guests and the Dominican Family of Angola with whom we had a meeting before the event at 4 pm. This celebration also marked the end of the canonical visit that brothers Miguel, Rui and Gabriel began on 1 June 2015.
fr. Gabriel Samba, OP.

● [Catholic Hackathon 2015](#)

Tech to Preach: Digital Evangelization in San Francisco

Help our judges for the Catholic Hackathon 2015 by reading through the group descriptions and make your choice by using their respective hashtag and the hashtag #OPTIC and posting it using these Twitter or Facebook pages. We also encourage you to invite your friends and families in this effort.

#BibleMoments

An App that you configure to interrupt you during the day with a short Bible passage to pray. You configure the frequency and can even select topics relevant to your life. It's searchable, sharable, and taggable. It's a GPS (God Positioning System) for your daily life.

#DigitalPulpit

Digital Pulpit is a livestreaming platform which allows communal prayer and meditation on a global scale. At set times of prayers following those revered in the Catholic community (i.e. the Pope), followers are able to feel as if they are reveling in the greatness of God enmasse. DP also enables live Q&A with said revered figures with the most popular questions queued at the top through a reddit-style/yikyak style voting format. Digital Pulpit will change the way the Catholic community gathers locally, enabling prayers to be heard worldwide.



#BasketChurch

Forgot your cash but in mass? Just pull up Basket.church and make payments into the collection basket.

#Nauve

Nauve.org is a way to see prayer happening live worldwide. It crawls through Twitter to find people who are posting prayers and shows them on a map as bright spots of hope.

#HolyCards

Holy Cards is your church's weekly bulletin, digitized. It's a modular stream of cards that is easy to create, can be filtered by content type, and is searchable. It makes it simple for parishioners to find content that is relevant to them, and share small sections of a church's bulletin to friends via Facebook. Parishes can even generate printable pdfs of their Holy Cards to pass out after Mass!

#PriestCast

Catholics are a great resource, sounding board, and support for any circumstance. When you're down, stressed, or questioning your faith, you can rely on a Catholic to bring you the support you need. But how do you get in contact? Call the Catholic Hotline, and get instantly connected to a warm and welcoming friend right away.

#CrossCoders

Are you a computer engineer seeking to donate your skills for the Church? Crosscoders is a web community that connects developers with unique Catholic technologies in need. The website makes available a variety of highly-curated projects that include: prayer apps, parish tools, social media, websites, etc. Parishes participate too! they are able to up-vote projects they need the most, that way engineers and innovators know their project is going fulfill a strong need.

• [New Young College Preachers](#)

Rejoice with me, my sisters and brothers, for 37 new college preachers were added to the family! During the week of May 19, 37 students from Dominican universities/colleges or colleges with a Dominican presence gathered at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan for the 13th National “Preaching in Action” Conference. Participating universities/colleges included Albertus Magnus College, Connecticut; Aquinas College, Michigan; Barry University, Florida; Caldwell University, New Jersey; Dominican College, New York; Dominican University, California; Dominican University, Illinois; Edgewood College, Wisconsin; Molloy College, New York; Ohio Dominican University; Ohio, Siena Heights University, Michigan; St. Catherine College, Kentucky; St. Thomas Aquinas College, New York; and Yale University, Connecticut.

These young people came together to learn about the Dominican charism of preaching and how that charism can be incorporated into their own lives and passed on to others. They were given the opportunity to experience themselves as preachers using the mediums of art, dance, drama, and music. This year welcomed back St. Catherine College of Kentucky.

The conference began with a brief history of Dominic and the Order complete with an array of Dominican songs. There was definitely a Dominican Spirit in the air! A presentation depicting “Dominicans through the Ages” welcomed some of our Dominican Saints to the conference. Mary of Magadala, Dominic, Catherine of Siena, and Antonio de Montessino spoke about their lives and their own call to preach in the early years of the Order. Joe Kilikevice, OP highlighted the Interfaith Mission of the Order by introducing the students to dance and song from a variety of different faiths.

Sister Lorraine Reaume, OP, introduced us to the Art of Discernment, as she spoke about her journey to religious life. She spoke to the students about the need for discernment in their lives as they prepare for their futures. Danielle Roberts, from Catholic Relief Services, presented some thought provoking information on “Preaching in a Globalized Culture.” The next day Kelly Litt, our Dominican Volunteer working at the United Nations, introduced our young preachers to an overview of the United Nations and the many important issues it is facing in our time. All the presentations were well received and certainly raised the



consciousness of our young people. Later on that afternoon we took a trip to the outskirts of Detroit to visit the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Both the students and their mentors had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

On the next day the participants were ready to put their “preaching into action.” They spent the day in immersion sites ministering: to the poor at Our Daily Bread (a soup kitchen), to the earth at the Permaculture Center on the grounds of the Adrian Motherhouse, to the elderly at the Gerontology Center, to people who are working to obtain housing for those in need at Habitat for Humanity, and engaging adults who are physically and mentally challenged at Hope Center.

Again this year, we added time for “Theological Reflection.” There was a wonderful sharing of stories, people, reactions, fears, attitudes, and underlying issues. Many of the students were so moved by their experiences that they made commitments to get more involved with their own communities back home.

A new addition to this year’s conference was an ice cream social with the Adrian Dominican Sisters at their motherhouse. The students loved their interactions with the sisters, and we were hard-pressed to move them on to their next activity. A wonderful time was had by all! The day was concluded with a DJ and some late night dancing!

Barbara Schwarz, OP concluded the week’s presentations by awakening the participants to “the Art of Preaching.” Her interactive and hands-on presentation was a great intro to the “Preaching through the Arts” day. Mary Irene Walker, OP, Nancy Murray, OP, Sara Fairbanks, OP, Maria Goretti Brown, OP, Jessica Abejar, a former youth preacher, and Sister Barbara presented additional break-out sessions for the students to use their creative energies.

Highlighting the conference are the morning and evening prayer services prepared by the student participants. Students use their creativity, musical talents and gift of voice to lead the entire group in prayer which begins and ends each day. This is but one of the elements of the conference that students enjoy immensely and plan on recreating on their college campuses. At the closing liturgy, which was attended by many of the Adrian sisters, each college group presented an action step which will be initiated by those who attended, in addition each student presented their individual action plan which is a vehicle for incorporating what they learned at the conference into their own lives and the life of their campus. It was moving to witness each student making a commitment to continuing the “Holy Preaching.” Each then received the Dominican Cross and was commissioned to go forth and preach the “Good News” to their fellow students.

As you can see it was a jam-packed week, full of opportunities for study, community, prayer and mission/preaching. Upon leaving, these young people feel part of our Dominican Family and will forever be connected. Wherever they go, they will be preachers of God’s love, God’s peace and God’s justice for all!

Next year’s conference will again be held at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan. The dates to put on your calendars are May 24–29, 2016. More details about next year’s conference will be posted online.
By Gina Fleming, OP

Official News

• [A New Provincial in the Province of Vietnam](#)

We proclaim the confirmation and acceptance of the election of fr Josephus Nguyen Duc Hoa as the new Prior Provincial of the Province of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Vietnam.

Fr Josephus was born in 1938, he made his religious profession in 1960 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1968. He has a Licentiate in Theology and a Masters of Art in Administration. He has been a lecturer in Moral Theology.



At the Priory of St Albert the Great, Ho Chi Minh City, he was the Subprior, Conventual Councillor and Conventual Liturgist. He is the Spiritual Director of Caritas Christi in Vietnam and also responsible for the Paul Group.

• [The Dominican Central Province, USA elects a New Provincial](#)

The Dominican Central Province of St Albert the Great, USA

Fr James Vincent Marchionda has been elected the 12th Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Albert the Great, U.S.A. The Master of the Order, fr Bruno Cadoré has confirmed the election and fr James has accepted the Office.

Fr Jim was born in 1947 in Struthers, Ohio, made his religious profession in the Order in 1968 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1973. He attended; St. Thomas University, DePaul University, Aquinas Institute and University of Wisconsin-Madison. He had served as Vicar Provincial and a member of the Provincial Council for many years.

He is an itinerant preacher, composer, conductor, singer, and woodwind instrumentalist (clarinet and saxophones), and speaker, who offers parish missions, workshops, lectures and concerts throughout the United States and abroad. His unique ministry successfully combines preaching with a professional career in sacred music.

• [Fr Bruno Cadoré is confirmed as a member of the next Synod of Bishops](#)

Pope Francis has confirmed more members and substitutes for the Fourteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will take place from October 4-25, 2015, under the theme “The vocation and mission of the family in the Church and in the contemporary world.”

Among those who have been elected by approved organizations and ratified by the Holy Father are:

Fr. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., Master of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in the group representing the Union of Superiors General.

Bishop Jean-Paul Vesco, O.P., Diocese of Oran, Algeria representing the Episcopal Conferences of North Africa (C.E.R.N.A.):

We wish them the unction of the Holy Spirit in their preparations and deliberations.

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The Meeting of the Commission on Cooperator Brothers, Santa Sabina, Rome, June 2015

The General Chapter of Rome (2010) asked the Master of the Order to appoint “...a committee of cooperator brothers to organize an international congress of cooperator brothers to focus on the re-visioning and renewal of the vocation and ministry of the Dominican cooperator brother for our time” (ACG Rome, 218). This committee, under the guidance of fr Ignatius Perkins worked on this project and produced a report titled, “Dominican Cooperator Brother Study 2013: Dedicating Ourselves to God, Following Christ to Lead an Evangelical Life in the Order (LCO 189, I)” This report was presented to the General Chapter of Trogir 2013 and it was also sent to all the Prior Provincials, Vicars General and Vicars Provincial.

In December 2013, fr Bruno Cadoré set-up the “Commission for Cooperator Brothers” and charged them with the responsibility of reviewing the study, distilling its conclusions and proposing concrete ways of implementing them. The Commission is to recommend concrete actions that could be carried out each year throughout the Jubilee and beyond. Fr Bruno wants the study to serve as a catalyst for the renewal of the vocation of the cooperator brother in the Order. Therefore, he does not want the study to end up on bookshelves but in the hearts of the brothers in the Order.

The following are the members of the Commission for Cooperator Brothers:

fr Ignatius Perkins (Province of St Joseph, USA)

fr Roberto Clark (Province of St Augustine, Argentina)



fr Jose Bolabato Bolebanza (General Vicariate of DRC)

fr Jacque Ambec (Province of Toulouse)

fr Joseph Mai Van Tuyen (Province of Viet Nam)

fr Maciej Nitecki (Province of Poland)

The Commission is assisted by fr Dominic Izzo, Socius of the Master for USA.

The Commission just concluded its meeting at the Convent of Santa Sabina (June 2-4) where it deliberated extensively on the Study and other issues concerning the vocation and ministry of cooperator brothers in the Order. We await the fruits of their reflections.

Calendar of the Master of the Order for July 2015

29 June-1 July: Visit to Cairo, Egypt

7-11: Taizé, France

14-24: Visit to DR Congo

28 July-11 August: Visit to Mexico

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