



ORDER OF PREACHERS



Prayer for the Jubilee of the Order



The Order of Preachers is preparing for the Jubilee celebration on the occasion of the 800 years of its approval. As Dominicans, we know that prayer is essential to enter into the dynamics of renewal and metanoia to which the Jubilee celebration calls us. For this reason, we would like to invite all the Dominican family to join in the praying of the Jubilee prayer, which is translated in different languages on the Jubilee website. (<http://www.op.org/en/jubilee/prayer>).

*God, Father of mercy,
who called your servant Dominic de Guzman
to set out in faith
as an itinerant pilgrim and a preacher of grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the Jubilee of the Order
we ask you to pour again into us
the Spirit of the Risen Christ,
that we might faithfully and joyfully proclaim
the Gospel of peace,
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

It would be ideal, if each convent, home, community and fraternity of the Order is in communion with the entire Dominican family around the world through a unified praying of this common prayer.

On the same page you can find a [bookmark](#) with the Jubilee prayer in the three official languages of the Order. The Dominican communities who would wish to download this bookmark and produce copies for all those who would like to join in are encouraged to do so.

In particular, we request the local promoters of the Jubilee to distribute this bookmark among the communities and invite the members of the Dominican family to share this prayer with others. Should your region speak another language, we welcome your translation of this prayer and we will very well appreciate to receive a copy to share on our website through our e-mail: iubileum2016@curia.op.org.



2nd International Congress regarding the History of the Order of Preachers in America

800 YEARS OF DOMINICAN PRESENCE

April 20, 21 and 22, 2016, Universidad Santo Tomás, Main branch, Bogotá D.C.-Colombia.

The 1st Congress regarding the Order of Preachers which took place in Mexico, D.F. in 2013, established “a space for interchange, reflection and debate among the researchers, professors and students of different disciplines regarding the current state and the advances in the study of the history of the Order of Preachers in America”.

In keeping with this first event and in response to the ephemeris which is approaching marking 800 years since the creation of the Order of Preachers, the 2nd Congress aims to investigate and delve deeper in its history with regard to subjects which would lead to a better understanding of the Dominican presence, focusing on the origin, diffusion and organization with respect to its actors, institutions and artistic manifestations; the configuration of Dominican spirituality by means of foundations, missions, parishes, schools and universities; life’s itineraries and images of sainthood having to do with preaching; the political participation assumed in different scenarios and historical periods; philosophical and theological thought; economic activity and cultural patrimony.

Main Themes

1. Origin of the Order of preachers and studies regarding Saint Dominic.
2. Studies regarding the Order: history, missions, parishes, preaching, charisma and sainthood.
3. Education: schools and universities.
4. Convent life.
5. Participation in political processes.
6. Philosophical and theological thought.
7. Economic activities.
8. Cultural patrimony.

Participation of Speakers

Those interested in participating as speakers in the different thematic round tables of the 2nd Congress should comply with the following requirements:

Send in a summary of the paper before March 1, having a maximum of five hundred (500) words, in Arial size 12 typeset with one and a half spacing, together with the following information:

- Author/s (maximum two per work).
- Title.
- Suggested theme/s.
- University or institution of affiliation.
- Nationality.
- E-mail and/or contact address.
- Brief résumé (maximum 200 words).

Once the summary is approved by the Congress’ Academic and Scientific Committee, the participant will be informed by e-mail so that he or she presents the complete text before August 1, 2015

The Committee will have until December 1, 2015 to approve or reject the complete text and notify the author(s).

The paper should be sent in PDF or Word format with a minimum extension of 3000 words and a maximum of 5000 (without including bibliography, images, graphics or foot notes), in Arial type size 12 lettering and one and a half spacing. The oral presentation time will be of twenty (20) minutes, in eight (8) pages of text. The cost and manner of payment, for speakers and for those attending, will be published in March of 2015.

Presentation of résumés and papers

The presentation of the résumés and the papers or requests for any other information regarding the 2nd Congress, should be addressed to the following e-mail address: congreso800op@usantotomas.edu.co



“Making Missionary Disciples in the 21st Century”

Workshop for European Novice-Mistresses in Rome Sept 2014

More than twenty sisters from 11 different countries participated: Italy, France, Norway, UK, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Ireland and Czech Republic where gathered in Rome Sept 25-29. The theme was “Making Missionary Disciples in the 21st Century”.

Fr Vivian Boland, in his capacity as responsible for initial formation in the Order, felicitated DSI-Europe with the initiative saying that “the Friars need a meeting like this - there has not been one for the whole of Europe, only certain regions”. He also shared with us the formation tradition in the Order from its early beginnings to the present. Fr Vivian was one of the workshop’s two moderators.

The second one was Fr Jean-Claude Lavigne with a diverse experience of religious life as Dominican (small mixed community with people with disabilities, convents in France or Africa, as superior or trainer ...). He lectures in various ecclesial movements, facilitates general chapters and preaches retreats in many monasteries and religious communities. As a sociologist and theologian Fr Jean-Claude offered a new approach to religious life in terms of "departure" from the contemporary values and "fertility" in the Church and the world. He stressed:

The specific religious life lies in the form of life, institutional and practical – an “evangelical distance” - which is realized in prayer, common and fraternal life, the church service, but also in the "lectio divina", conversion, commitment to solidarity and visions. He made us reflect on ourselves as formators and over our candidates and sisters in formation.

Being in Rome, we did not miss the opportunity to visit Sta. Sabina where we spent an afternoon, prayed vespers with the friars and enjoyed their hospitality for supper. Saturday evening we visited the St. Egidio community and beautiful Trastevere where we concluded the day in an Italian Ristorante.

The conclusion Sunday afternoon was that this has to continue and that Dominican apostolic life has a promising future, also in Europe.

Else-Britt Nilsen OP

Dominican Chant and Dominican Identity

In a recent issue of the open access journal Religions, Br. Innocent Smith, OP of the Province of St. Joseph (USA) published an article titled "Dominican Chant and Dominican Identity." In this article, Br. Innocent explores the role that chant played and plays in passing down a distinctively Dominican identity through the centuries. Below is a further description of the paper:

The Order of Preachers possesses a venerable chant tradition that dates back to the thirteenth century. This essay describes Dominican chant, showing how it developed as a consequence of the attitudes to the liturgy expressed in the Ancient Constitutions of the Order of Preachers. These constitutions stressed that the liturgy was to be performed with careful attention to bodily posture, with a succinctness and brevity that would allow time for study and preaching, and with gradations of solemnity that would express the inner hierarchy of parts of the liturgy and of the liturgical year. After the initial development of the repertoire, Dominican chant has gone through periods of decline and revival, which are briefly traced in this article together with a consideration of the place of the chant in the contemporary practice of the Order. Throughout the last eight centuries, the chant of the Order of Preachers has played an important role in the inculcation and preservation of Dominican identity within the Order and in the lives of individual friars and sisters.

To read more, visit the website of Religions. <http://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/5/4/961>

The International Board of the Dominican Family and Jubilee 2016

The General Chapter of Trogir especially recommended that all branches of the Dominican Family were included in the celebration of the Dominican Jubilee. This recommendation of the Chapter has been echoed in many provinces where several liturgical celebrations, academic events and other activities of the Jubilee are being prepared and developed by the structures that represent the Dominican Family.



Within this dynamic, the Master of the Order requested the International Board of the Dominican Family gathered in Santa Sabina on September 13th, to constitute also the Steering Committee of the Jubilee. This will allow structures of animation of the Dominican Nuns (International Commission), the Sisters of Apostolic Life (DSI), Secular Institutes the Order, the Dominican Laity (ICLDF) and IDYM to serve as a channel of communication and coordination for the various activities of the Jubilee Year.

We hope that, increasingly, the spirit of metanoia and renewal that inspires the Dominican Jubilee be shared by all members of the Family of Preachers.

95th Anniversary of Rosary Shrine!

Ninety-five years ago today, the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, fourteen intrepid began the journey to establish a new monastery in the hills of the city of Summit.

The Feast of the Guardian Angels, the second day of the month of the Rosary, had been set as our day of departure from West Hoboken, to found a new Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. So about nine o'clock in the morning this little band of fourteen left the monastery. Those who made up this privileged group, were Reverend Mother Mary Imelda of Jesus, Foundress, Sister Mary Teresa of Jesus, Sister Mary Emily of the Infant Jesus, Sister Mary of the Passion, Sister Mary of Jesus Crucified, Sister Mary Angela Dominic, Sister Mary Veronica, Sister Mary Hyacinth of the Sacred Heart, and Sister Angeline [postulant], choir Sisters; and Sister Mary Lucy of the Rosary, Sister Mary Pius of the Rosary, Sister Mary Patricia of the Trinity, Sister Mary Rita of the Passion, and Sister Mary Alphonsus of the Rosary, lay sisters.

Two of our good benefactors Mr. Conboy and Mrs. Curly together with Sister Mary of Jesus Crucified's cousin, were kind enough, and indeed felt highly favored, to transport us in their automobiles to this our new Monastery. The weather was not fair [pouring rain all day], but we were all happy, especially since we knew that we were carrying out God's plan, we were on our way to do big things for His Honor and glory. Mrs. Curly and Mrs. Fitzgerald accompanied us.

Before leaving the Town of West Hoboken, we paid a visit to the Passionist Monastery, and Reverend Father Dominic the Rector kindly lit up the beautiful edifice, and enrolled us in the newly established Confraternity of the Passion, giving each of us a pretty scapular medal.

When we arrived here safe and sound about eleven o'clock, Mr. Ter Meer the former owner of the property welcomed us very graciously, and we found our new home a charming place.

As it was near noon, we thought it well to prepare a little lunch. We had brought ham sandwiches, pickles, and cake with us, so that it was really only a drink which had to be made. Having erected a temporary table with our large drawing boards and boxes, we sat down on boxes and other conveniences to eat our first meal in our new monastery. It was one of the bed-rooms on the second floor which served as our dining room.

After dinner we filled the mattress slips with straw and as our planks were not ready for use, we arranged sleeping quarters on the floor.

Late in the afternoon Reverend Father Murphy our chaplain paid us a visit, and blessed all the rooms.

In the evening though very tired, we recited Matins very piously in what is now our refectory, sitting choir to choir observing most of the rubrics. This must have been very pleasing to God as the office sounded so devotional, and all the Sisters appeared so fervent.

The next morning which was the First Friday of the month, we went to church about quarter past six o'clock [the parish church, as the sisters did not yet have their own chapel], recited all of the office for the day, received Holy Communion, and assisted at Holy Mass, leaving the church about half past eight o'clock. We must have looked very religious walking two by two with veils lowered covering our faces.



Having arrived home we had a nice breakfast and shortly after the man with another load of our furniture arrived from West Hoboken. We all tried to help unpack and were kept very busy.

In the afternoon Mr. Conboy one of our most generous benefactors, who had already given the chalice, twelve pairs of blankets, and paid all moving expenses, arrived with a splendid auto-truck, which he donated together with a dozen and a half new oak chairs. He had one of his men to fetch the new little altar from New York, and remained with him to help us out. Before leaving in the evening Mr. Conboy inquired about the altar, and upon his hearing that it had not yet been paid for, took one hundred and twenty dollars, the cost of the altar, out of his pocket giving it to Reverend Mother Prioress as a donation in honor of his wife. He seems to be the medium through whom God is dispensing His gifts to us. May God bless him and his family.

Two of the Sisters of Charity from the neighboring school paid us a visit that same afternoon, and seemed delighted to have us in Summit. They invited us to their chapel for holy Mass, and were anxious that we recite the office there.

On Saturday morning the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we rose early, said Matins and Lauds in what is now our chapel, observing most of our rubrics. We then went to the Sisters of Charity Chapel for Holy Mass, after which we recited much of the Divine Office, chanting the first vespers of the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary.

It was after breakfast that Reverend Mother Prioress announced that the novices would take their apartments. Thus was the Novitiate opened on the eve of the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, October fifth, with Sr. Mary of Jesus Crucified in charge, and one white novice, Sister Mary Hyacinth, and Sister Angelina a postulant. A dispensation having been obtained from our Right Reverend Bishop for Sister Mary Dominic and Sister Mary Veronica, simple professed novices, to leave the novitiate. Although both expected this abridgment of their term of Novitiate, yet tears were shed at its realization.[At this time simply professed sisters remained in the Novitiate until their Solemn Profession. There was no 'integration period' as we have now.]

We all worked very hard all day until late at night making preparations for our first Feast of the Rosary, and succeeded in arranging our Chapel very nicely.

Thus were our first days spent in this our new Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary. O may this little band of Mary's Guard of Honor be the nucleus of a fervent flourishing community, where God will be perpetually praised and blessed.

On October 7th, Rosary Sunday, Father Cyril Coudeyre, OP celebrated the first Mass and placed the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Matins and Lauds were recited by the sisters in the improvised choir and Hours of Guard kept all night. Within three months of the foundation, the sisters were able to pray the rosary day and night beginning New Year's Day.

The Working Group for Inter-Religious Dialogue (IRD)

The General Council of the Order has approved the Working Group and Liaison Persons for Inter-Religious Dialogue in the Order.

After the conference on dialogue at Indonesia last August, the Working Group was set up to promote inter-religious dialogue in the Order. To assist the Working Group, liaison persons were chosen from each region. In addition to the Journées Romaines Dominicaines (JRD) conference which is held every four years, this group will take the promotion of inter-religious dialogue in the Dominican family a step further.

The members of the group are:

Sr Marie Therese Clement, OP – Coordinator of the Dominican Sisters International.

fr Martin Ganeri, OP – Province of England

fr Darren Dias, OP – Province of Canada

fr Jean Druel, OP – Province of France

fr Robini Marianto, OP – Province of Philippines

fr Prakash Lohale, OP – Province of India

fr Michael Mascari, OP – Socius of the Master for Studies



The liaison persons are:

fr James Channan, OP – Province of Pakistan for Asia-Pacific

fr Srećko Koralija OP – Province of Croatia for Europe

fr Gustave Ineza OP - Vicariate of Rwanda-Burundi for Africa and

fr Scott Steinkerchner OP – Province of St Albert the Great, USA for North America.

The convenor of the group will be the Socius for Apostolic Life. He will ensure regular correspondence and communication and will convene meetings of the working and liaison groups whenever needed.

The objectives of the Working Group will be to organize the once in four years IRD meeting (formerly called JRD). It will also encourage regional conferences, symposiums and meetings with the assistance of the liaison persons. The Liaison persons will assist the Working Group by providing contact persons for each region, by disseminating information and by organizing regional meetings.

Other tasks of the Working Group are

- to encourage and support regional meetings and foster on-going projects of its members
- to be responsible for the e-journal, a web-based forum on inter-religious dialogue produced by the members of the Order
- to continue to promote dialogue with the Muslim religion and academic studies about Islam and Muslim cultures in the world in collaboration with other institutions as far as possible
- to encourage and propose concrete ways to ensure that there will be on-going dialogue and study of other religions like Buddhism and Hinduism
- to encourage discussion and study of the traditional religions in Africa
- to give a report to the Master of the Order once a year

fr Bonaventure Agbali, OP

Official News

Fr. Miguel Angel Rios re-elected as Vicar General of Chile

On October 23, fr Miguel Angel Rios Vivanco was elected to a second term as Vicar General of the Vicariate of San Lorenzo Martir of Chile. That same day the Master of the Order confirmed the election.

Fray Miguel Angel was born in Santiago de Chile in 1958. He entered to the Order and made his religious profession in 1976. He was ordained a priest in 1983. He graduated in Theology from the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). He has been serving as pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in Apoquindo. In October 2010 he was elected to his first term as Vicar General of Chile.

Congratulations to Fray Miguel Angel and our prayers for the chapter of the Vicariate.

fr. Said Leon Amaya elected new Provincial of Colombia

On November 5, fr. Said Leon Amaya was elected as the new Prior Provincial of the Province of San Luis Bertran de Colombia. Fr. Said was born 43 years ago in the city of Ocaña (Colombia). He entered the Order of Preachers in 1994 and made his first profession in 1996. He was ordained a priest on 15 November 2003. He has a degree in philosophy from University Santa Tomas and a License in Theology from the Pontifical University Javeriana (Bogota).

At the time of his election he served as Prior of the Convent of the Holy Name of Jesus of Cali. He has been superior of the House San Jacinto de Polonia in Cucuta (Colombia), superior of the Convent Santo Domingo of Bogota, Moderator of Institutional Studies of the Province and Coordinator of the NGO Corporación Dominicana OPCion Vida in Barranquilla. He has also been Provincial Promoter of the Rosary, of the Dominican Family and of the Nuns.

Congratulations to Brother Said and best wishes in this new ministry.



Fr. Miguel Ángel del Río is the new Socius of the Master of the Order for Italy, Malta and the Iberian Peninsula

The Master of the Order, fr Bruno Cadoré has appointed fr Miguel Ángel del Río as the new Socius for the Provinces of Italy, Malta and the Iberian Peninsula for a six year term. He is of the Province of Spain and he succeeds fr Bernardino Eugene Prella.

Fr Miguel was born in Barillos of Arrimadas (León) in 1970. He entered the Order in 1989 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1995. After his ordination, he studied Liturgy at the Pontificio Ateneo San Anselmo in Rome and obtained his doctorate in 1998.

He was prior of the Convent of Ntra. Sra. del Camino (León) for six years. Before his appointment, he was assigned to the Convent of San Esteban (Salamanca) and was a professor and secretary of the Faculty and School of Theology of San Esteban.

Fr Krzysztof Poplawski is the New Socius for Eastern and Central Europe

The Master of the Order, fr Bruno Cadoré has appointed fr Krzysztof Poplawski as the new socius for Eastern and Central Europe. He is from the Province of Poland and will be succeeding fr Wojciech Delik.

Fr Krzysztof was born in 1964. He entered the Order and made his first profession in 1989. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1993.

After his ordination, he worked as a youth chaplain in Cracow. He was also the Vocations Director and Pre-Novitiate Director in his Province. He worked as Prior and Pastor at Gdansk after which he spent three years in Asia (Taiwan and China). He was elected Prior Provincial of the Polish Province and he served for two terms.

Calendar of the Master of the Order for November 2014

1-10: Canonical Visitation to the Province of St Albert the Great, USA.

12-25: Plenary Meetings of the General Council of the Order at Santa Sabina.

14-16: Visit to Fribourg, Switzerland.

22-23: Visit to Brussels, Belgium.

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