



## ORDER OF PREACHERS



### Year of Consecrated Life 2014-2016



#### Events for the Year of Consecrated Life 2014-2016

During his address to the major superiors of male religious orders and congregations who were gathered for their 82nd General Assembly in Rome, Pope Francis announced that the year 2015 will be dedicated to the Consecrated Life.

Since the announcement, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has been putting together a programme for the celebration. On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2 February), the Congregation published a letter to all men and women religious entitled, Rejoice. This is a message from the teachings of the Holy Father.

The Congregation has now released the following programme of activities.

#### Opening of the Year of Consecrated Life:

29 November 2014 – Prayer Vigil at the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome, at 7pm.

30 November 2014 – First Sunday of Advent, Eucharistic Celebration at the Basilica of St Peter, Vatican City, at 10am.

#### Times for Reflection and Sharing (on the global level)

##### Ecumenical Meeting of Religious

22-24 January 2015, Rome

24 January 2015 – Prayer Vigil.

##### Seminar for those forming others for the Consecrated Life

8-11 April 2015, Rome

11 April – Prayer Vigil.

##### Workshop for Young Religious

23-26 September 2015, Rome

##### Worldwide Week of Life Consecrated to Unity

Theme: Towards the future of evangelical discipleship, a permanent form of life in the Church



24 January – 2 February 2016, Rome

Participants from Monastic Life, Apostolic Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life, Secular Institutes, Consecrated Virgins, New Institutes and New Forms.

Closing of the Year of Consecrated Life:

30 January 2016 – Thanksgiving at the Basilica of St Peter.

1 February 2016 – Prayer Vigil.

2 February 2016 – World Day of Consecrated Life: Eucharistic Celebration at the Basilica of St Peter.

Special Events

International Symposium

For Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life - Rome, 27-30 January 2016

For the Monastic Life – Rome, 28-31 January 2016

For the Secular Institutes – Rome, 29-31 January 2016

For the Consecrated Virgins – Rome, 29-31 January 2016

For New Forms of Institutes - Rome, 29 – 31 January 2016

Group Celebrations

Thanksgiving – 30 January 2016: Prayer Vigil at St Peter's, 8.00pm. Theme: Prophecy, sanctity and martyrdom in the human city

Papal Audience – 1 February 2016

Eucharistic Celebration celebrated by the Holy Father – 2 February 2016: Closing of the Year of Consecrated Life

Seven Ways of Celebrating

Events in different dioceses, regions, countries and continents. These will be coordinated by the Congregation for Consecrated Life in conjunction with particular local interest groups.

1. Research Workshop

To be organized by the network of Pontifical Universities of Religious Orders on the issues and questions of the Consecrated Life on the 50th anniversary of Vatican Council II.

2. Memorial of the Saints and Martyrs of the Consecrated Life – 26 September 2015.

To be celebrated at places of apostolic significance and testimony all over the world.

This will be organized by Episcopal Conferences and by Conferences of Major Superiors at national and international levels.

In Rome: There will be activities at Santa Maria in Ara Coeli, the Mamertine Prison, the Imperial Forum and the Coliseum.

3. “The Church Reaching Out”

Paths of evangelical significance decided and implemented in the interactions between Apostolic Institutes, Institutes of Apostolic Life, Monastic Life, Secular Institutes, Consecrated Virgins and New Institutes.

4. Global Chain of Prayer in Monasteries – 8 December 2014

To take place at various monasteries of special significance all over the world.

Monastery of the Assumption – Asmara (Eritrea)

*Congregation of Casamari of the Cistercian Order.*

Ashram of Shantivanam – Shantivanam (India)

*Camaldolese Congregation of the Order of St Benedict.*

Protomonastero Santa Chiara – Assisi (Italy)

*Order of the Poor Sisters of St Clare.*

Monasterio de Santa Catalina – Arequipa (Peru)

*Second Order of the Order of Friars Preachers.*

Monasterio de la Encarnacion – Avila (Spain)

*Second Order of the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel.*



Getsemani Abbey – Kentucky (USA)  
*Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance.*

#### 5. The Way of Beauty

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple” (Ps 27:4).

A celebration of the artistic languages of the Consecrated Life, for the contemplation and proclamation of the truth and beauty of faith.

#### 6. Studies on the Consecrated Life

Monastic session will be held online for nuns.

### **Dominican Jubilee Scholarship – Theology BA**

To mark the 800th anniversary of the foundation on of the Order of Preachers, The Dominican Jubilee Scholarship of £18,000 will be available to a candidate applying for entry in 2015/16 to read for a second undergraduate degree, in Theology, at Blackfriars Hall, a Permanent Private Hall of Oxford University.

Further details can be obtained from [secretary@bfriars.ox.ac.uk](mailto:secretary@bfriars.ox.ac.uk)

### **“Laudare, benedicere, praedicare”: Official Hymn of the Jubilee of the Order**

In preparation for the Jubilee of the Order, the Liturgical Commission of the Order hosted a contest for an official hymn for the Jubilee.

The Commission asked brothers, sisters, Lay Dominicans and other composers from outside the Order to participate in the contest.

An international jury of musical experts from within and outside the Order have selected the hymn, “Laudare, benedicere, praedicare” composed by our brother Giuseppe-Pietro Arsciwals, OP. He is from the Province of the Philippines.

We congratulate fr Giuseppe-Pietro and also extend our sincere thanks to all who participated in the contest.

All members of the Dominican family are hereby invited to download and use the Jubilee Hymn.

Download the audio of the Jubilee Hymn and the music partition [here](#).

Composer: Fr. Giuseppe Pietro V. Arsciwals, OP

Choral arrangement: Mr. Irineo Hernandez III

Musical arrangement: Mr. Paulo Zarate

Interpreters: Fr. Giuseppe Pietro Arsciwals, Jeanne Marie Ogayon-Calubaquib, Joy Ogayon, Jeffrey Corrales, Cholo Calubaquib, Jujut Hernandez

Sr. Ragnhild Bjelland, OP (Oslo) and fr. Thomas Möller, OP (Germany)

### **Cry of Distress: fr Amir Jaje, OP speaks at the UN on the situation of Christians in Iraq**

*Text of the speech given at the UN in Geneva (16/09/2014) and the European Parliament in Strasbourg (18/09/2014). Translated from the original Arabic.*

Since the takeover of the northern city of Mosul by the so-called Islamic State, Christians in Iraqi with other minorities have received a painful blow at the heart of their existence. We have witnessed the displacement of more than a hundred and twenty thousand people, mostly Christians who were uprooted, forcefully humiliated, and robbed of their possessions, their money and their belongings including their homes. Their only crime was their refusal to abandon their faith.

These people who are now living in diaspora as refugees are living in very poor and deplorable conditions without any relief. This is becoming a national and international humanitarian catastrophe especially since winter is approaching and with it, a greater possibility of an epidemic outbreak of all kinds of diseases like



skin diseases which can spread rapidly. Each day that passes, those displaced pay a high price for their existence, their possession and their human dignity.

The gravity of the brutal atrocities of ISIS on Christians and other minorities in Iraq beats the human imagination. Then, how is it that the Islamic world and the international community are silent? Where are the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Laws when women are openly sold in the market in the city of Mosul? Where is human right when Christians, Yazidis and other minorities are being brutally murdered and their homes are looted? For how long will the world keep silent and watch while these atrocities go on daily? Is the world waiting for more atrocities to be committed before doing something to stop them? Where is the conscience of the world? The situation we are witnessing today in Iraq is a systematic campaign of uprooting and destruction of all minorities.

Since the 6th of August, our Christian brothers and sisters have been displaced and they are homeless, our children have been out of schools, the weak and elderly have suffered greatly and many have died without dignity or any proper burial. Our villages and cities are still occupied by the Islamic State. The international community – the United States and the EU - bear a moral and historical responsibility for what had happened in the past and is still happening. Therefore, one wonders why no concrete steps have been taken to address this crisis, as if these people are sub-humans or not human at all.

Even the Muslim community has not taken any serious steps to address these barbaric acts done in the name of Islam against the life, dignity and freedom of Christians, Yazidis and other minorities. These innocent people have been denied of their natural right to live in peace and in dignity. They have been chased away by ISIS who has looted their homes and properties as “booty”!

Many of these displaced people are eager to return to their towns and homes in the plain of Nineveh and wish to remain there in peace and security. However, this can only be achieved with the cooperation of the international community, the Iraqi government and the Kurdistan Regional Government. So, we need an urgent and effective international support and the support of all people of good will to save the Christians and the Yazidis because silence and inaction will only encourage ISIS fundamentalists which will result in more tragedies.

The danger posed by ISIS is not just against Iraq and its neighbours but the whole world. It is like a cancer ravaging the body of our world. From this cancer, this tragedy, religious fundamentalism could spread to everywhere in the world. Where are the Muslim religious intellectuals and scholars who should critically examine this dangerous phenomenon and fight it by spreading true religious values; the culture of brotherly love, mutual respect and acceptance of others as human persons with rights?

Accordingly, to the whole world represented by the Security Council and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and all the institutions dealing with human rights, we ask the following:

1. The formation of an international coalition to help the Iraqi government to free the Christian and Yazidis towns and villages of Iraq from the hands of the so-called Islamic State (ISIS)
2. The formation of an international protection force to protect these areas after their liberation until the Iraqi State is able to form and train a regular force to protect the area from any attack; internal or external.
3. Pressure should be mounted on the Iraqi government to put in place a clear strategy for the compensation of those who suffered losses especially the minorities who have been devastated by acts of looting, vandalism and destruction.
4. That the new Iraqi government sees to the legal prosecution of all those who took part in the looting of the homes of Christians and Yazidis, most of whom were betrayed by their neighbours. The prosecution should serve as a lesson and a future deterrent.

fr Amir Jajé, is a Iraqi Dominican friar who is currently living and working in Baghdad. He is of the Province of France.



### **Effective Preaching of the Word of God in Slovakia**

This is the first meeting of the entire friars in the Province of Slovakia. It was organized to give each brother the opportunity to express his opinion on important issues relating to the life and mission of the Province. For effectiveness, the brothers were divided into four discussion groups of about 10-13 brothers.

The friars reflected on the issue of mission, study, formation and government. The suggestions and questions raised were collated with those from each community and individual brothers living outside the Province. The discussion centred mainly around two key issues: the present functioning of the Province and its future.

The friars reflected on how to properly distinguish and respond to the needs of the Church in Slovakia, how to effectively utilize the potentials of the Province in preaching the Word of God and how to do all these rightly in the spirit of St Dominic. During the discussions, it was obvious that the brothers were self-critical without losing sight of the positive changes experienced in the Province in the recent past.

The friars agreed that, for a brighter future, the Province must intensify and deepen its apostolates by means of standard projects, i.e. the Dominican Laity, the Rosary Apostolate and the Dominican Cultural Centre Veritas in Košice. The friars also agreed that there is need to strengthen the Dominican presence in the capital of Slovakia. In response to the need of the Church in Slovakia, the friars agreed to work more in the area of intellectual apostolates and the education of the laity in the faith.

Bernard J. Meliš OP

### **The Next Dominican Blessed: Pio Alberto Del Corona, OP (1837-1912)**

On the 17th of September 2014, at an audience with Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, Pope Francis approved a healing attributed to the intercession of Venerable Pio Alberto Del Corona. The approval clears the way for his beatification which will come up at a date yet to be fixed

He 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 1855 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.

On the 9th of October 2013, Pope Francis recognized his heroic virtues. With the approval of the miracle attributed to his intercession, his spiritual daughters are hopeful that his beatification will be 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 First Dominican Friar from Zambia makes his Solemn Profession in the Order**

*Dominicans of the Vicariate General of Southern Africa*

It was a joy-filled and blessed event for the Dominicans of the Vicariate General of Southern Africa as brother Clement MWENI, OP, the first Dominican from Zambia made his Solemn Profession in the Order of Preachers. The event took place on Monday the 8th of September 2014, on the solemnity of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There was during a Solemn Mass incorporated with Vespers, and presided over by fr. Joseph Falkiner, OP in the chapel of Emaphethelweni Priory in Pietermaritzburg, Kwa-Zulu-Natal, South Africa.

Brother Clement made his profession for life into the hands of fr. Joseph Falkiner, the prior of this convent, standing in place of fr. Sikhosphi Mgoza, the Vicar General of the Dominican Vicariate of Southern African. Friar Joseph Falkiner was accompanied by fr. Pheko Thinane, the student master, fr. Mark James and other friars.

The chapel of this formation house – the studentate of the Vicariate, was packed with brother Clement's friends, colleagues, his sister who came all the way from Zambia and others who were witnessing a Dominican profession for the first time in many years in Pietermaritzburg. Dominican Sisters from Montebello (Kwa-Zulu-Natal) also graced this occasion, together with other sisters from other Religious Congregations from Cedara – the Institute where our brothers study.

In his homely, fr. Joseph Falkiner explained the meaning of the commitment that brother Clement was about to take. He also highlighted that such a decision was not only a free commitment to the Dominican Order but to the whole Church.

It was a colourful liturgy led by the Dominican student brothers of Emaphethelweni Priory, with brother Ezekiel Rivuzimana (Provincial Vicariate of Rwanda and Burundi), on the guitar, and brother Edward as the choir master.

We thank brother Mike Mwale, OP from the Vicariate General of Southern Africa for proving this information. Our special and thousands thanks go to the Dominicans Missionary Sisters of Sacred Heart of Jesus in Zambia, who promote Dominican vocations for the Friars, as they are not yet present in the country, and send them to South Africa. Thanks to them, many young Zambians join the Order of Preachers. Thank you for this collaboration. We hope that very soon, the Friars will also plant their tent in Zambia, as the Dominican Nuns have done it recently in the diocese of Kabwe. In fact two friars from the Province of Saint Joseph the Worker, Nigeria and Ghana go to Zambia this month of September 2014, for an exploratory visit. Fr. Gabriel Samba, OP

### **The Pope appoints Bishop Anthony Fisher, OP to the Archdiocese of Sydney**

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Anthony Fisher to the Archdiocese of Sydney. It will be a homecoming for the 54 year old Dominican, who was born in Sydney and served as an auxiliary there before being appointed to the diocese of Paramatta. He takes over pastoral leadership of the Archdiocese from Cardinal George Pell who has been appointed Prefect of the new Vatican Secretariat for the Economy.



Bishop fishers Episocpal motto is : Veritatem facientes in caritate' (Speaking the truth in love).

Born in Sydney in 1960 to Colin and Gloria Fisher, he was baptised Anthony Colin Joseph at St Thérèse Church, Lakemba, and attended the parish school in 1965 and 1966.

Thereafter, he attended St Michael's School Lane Cove, Holy Cross College Ryde, and St Ignatius' College Riverview. At the University of Sydney he received degrees in History and Law before practising law in a city firm.

#### Dominican friar

In 1985 Bishop Anthony entered the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), a religious congregation dedicated to preaching the Catholic faith in the context of a life of study, prayer and community. He studied for the priesthood in Melbourne, receiving an honours degree in Theology.

He worked for a time on immigration and refugee issues at Uniya, a centre for social research in Kings Cross, and was ordained a priest at Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga, on 14 September 1991.

Thereafter, Bishop Anthony completed a Doctorate in Bioethics at the University of Oxford. From 1995 to 2000 he was a lecturer in the Australian Catholic University.

From 2000 to 2003 he was foundation Director of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family, Melbourne. Bishop Anthony remains Professor of Moral Theology and Bioethics in the Institute.

During this time he was also Master of Students (seminarians) in the Dominican Order and Socius (deputy) to the Provincial.

His community involvements included being Chaplain to the Parliament of Victoria; member of the Infertility Treatment Authority of Victoria; chair or member of several hospital ethics committees; and chaplain to various organisations such as the Order of Malta. He has published extensively in bioethics and moral theology.

#### Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

In 2003, Pope John Paul II appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney. In that archdiocese he was Episcopal Vicar for Life and Health and Chairman of the Catholic Schools Board.

From 2003-2010 Bishop Anthony was Parish Priest of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Watsons Bay. Since that time he has also been Deputy-Chancellor of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, Adjunct Professor in The University of Notre Dame Australia, and a member of the Company of the Australian Catholic University. He was Co-ordinator of World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney.

#### Bishop of Parramatta

On 8 January 2010, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Anthony the third Bishop of Parramatta. As Bishop he has overseen the consultations, publication and implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Faith in Our Future. This sets two basic goals for the Diocese: to grow our faith and to share our faith. It will focus on five areas of greatest need and potential: families, youth, ethnicity, vocations and evangelisation.

Bishop Anthony has worked extensively with the Catholic Education Office, principals and staff on the mission and identity of Catholic schools today, and with youth ministers and groups in promoting the connection of young people with the Church.

#### **Africa has celebrated the Jubilee of the 8th centenary of the confirmation of the Order of Preachers and the 40th Anniversary of the Inter-Africa OP (IAOP)**

The 12th General Assembly of the Inter-Africa OP (IAOP), which was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 21 to 26 July 2014 under the theme " The challenges of the Dominican mission in Africa today", was the opportunity for Africa as a Dominican Region of the Order, to celebrate the Jubilee of the 800 years of the confirmation



of the Order of Preachers and the 40th anniversary of the Inter-Africa OP. The celebration took place on Saturday, July 26, 2014, at Corpus Christi Monastery of the Dominican nuns in Karen, Nairobi. There was a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving presided over by Mgr Javier HERRERA CORONA, Chargé d'Affaires at the Apostolic Nunciature in Nairobi, replacing Archbishop Charles BALVO, Apostolic Nuncio in Kenya and South Sudan who was unable to come.

All the participants in the Assembly took part in this celebration. These included among others, the Superiors of the eight Dominican entities in African and their delegates, our guests from the General Curia at Santa Sabina, Rome namely, fr. Franklin Buitrago Rojas, OP, Secretary General of the Order and Coordinator General of the Jubilee, and fr. Javier Pose, op, Socius for Latin America and the Caribbean. The different branches of the Dominican Family and many other guests were also present.

The Mass began at 10:30 am with a long procession led by the nuns and the other members of the Dominican Family, to the beat of drums with singing and dancing. The concelebrants, thirty or so, had each a special Jubilee stole made by our Dominican nuns of Karen. After the welcoming word of fr. Gabriel Samba, Socius for Africa, Mgr Corona unfurled and presented the Blessing that Pope Francis gave to all the Dominicans in Africa on the occasion of this celebration.

In his homily, Mgr Javier Herrera Corona, drew the attention of the Dominicans to three important challenges: communion, inculturation and poverty. After communion, there were two speeches, one by Sister Faustina Jomoh, Coordinator of Dominican Sisters Africa (DSA), and the other by the Socius for Africa. Then came the big ceremony of sending forth for mission. Mgr Corona handed a lighted candle and a Bible to the eight Major Superiors and representatives of the Dominican Family. After saying a prayer, he sent them forth as Saint Dominic scattered his brothers 800 years ago.

The last symbolic gesture marking the regional celebration of our two jubilees was the planting of a tree in the courtyard of the monastery. This tree (Meru oak), symbol of longevity was planted by two elders of the Inter-Africa OP: fr. Emil Blaser and fr. Roger HOUNGBEDJI. A commemorative plaque placed at the foot of the tree will remind future generations of this important event. The celebration continued with cultural dances, a poem for the Jubilee and, of course, a festive meal.

Fr Gabriel Samba, op

### **This Old House—75th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Monastery and Chapel!**

If you know where to look as you come up the monastery driveway you will see the cornerstone with the date November, 1925. During that year, (the groundbreaking had been on Annunciation Day the same year) hopes were high as plans for a 15 altar basilica honoring our Lady of the Rosary were underway.

Soon it became apparent that construction would have to come to a temporary halt until a building debt of \$120,000 was liquidated. What the Sisters didn't know was that the Great Depression was right around the corner and that temporary meant 12 years!

In 1937, the Nuns received permission from Archbishop Thomas Walsh to resume building but with the caveat that the entire monastery and church had to be built on the existing foundation (what was the crypt chapel) and within a specified budget. Thanks to the resourcefulness of Mother Mary of Jesus Crucified and the new architect, Luigi Vivoli, the first stipulation was possible but the second, that of the limited budget proved not to be. There were tensions and historians now surmise that Archbishop Walsh's desire to finally finish the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart may have played a part in his stipulations to the Community.

Finally, however, in God's Providence the monastery and church were completed in 1939. On Trinity Sunday, June 4, 1939, the community, still in the old house, received a call from the Archbishop's secretary, Monsignor John Delaney just as they were sitting down for supper. He would be over in a few moments to bless the new building!

So, supper was left to get cold as the nuns grabbed their cappas and made their way through the fence to the new building. Because of the strict laws of enclosure at that time, for most of them this was the first time in



the new monastery. Monsignor Delaney arrived and he was in a hurry. The Nuns followed him throughout the house breathlessly responding, “Ora pro nobis! Ora pro nobis!” to the Litany! The ceremony over, it was about 8:30 when they put away their cappas and heated up their supper! A few days later the nuns began the long-desired move into what seemed like an enormous building.

The Community still planned a formal dedication ceremony and it took some effort to convince Archbishop Walsh, who was a bit of a curmudgeon, to agree. Finally, on September 15, 1939, Archbishop Walsh officiated at the solemn dedication of the Chapel. In his closing address he said,

“I, personally, publicly, and officially invite all the clergy, the friends and

benefactors, and all the people to attend all the public services held here at

all times, and even to come here to make private visits to Our Lord. Come here often, come every day to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”

We thank our Lord for the gift of 75 years in this monastery and pray that He will be loved and adored here for many, many more years!

### **Mary’s Care for the Order of Preachers**

Dominicans celebrate today with the Church the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our special patroness. The traditions of Mary’s gift of the rosary to Holy Father Dominic and the Dominican habit to Bl. Reginald of Orleans are well known and preserved in numerous art works and stained glass windows. Less well remembered are the early traditions of Mary’s role in the Order found in the *Vitae Fratrum*, the Lives of the Brethren. The first part of that work is about the foundation of the Order beginning not with Holy Father Dominic but with the Blessed Virgin Mary. The first story tells of Mary’s prayer for the Order’s founding as revealed to a monk in ecstasy:

“During the time that I was caught up in rapture I saw our Lady, Mary the Mother of God, during those three days and nights, upon bended knees and with clasped hands, pleading with her Son on behalf of mankind, and beseeching him to forbear yet a while that the world might repent. But although during all that time he spoke never a word, at length upon the third day he yielded and made answer: ‘My own Mother, what can I, or what ought I to do further for the race of men? I sent them patriarchs for their salvation, and for a brief space of time they gave ear unto them; I sent them prophets, and for a while they did penance. After that I myself went unto them, and I gave them apostles, but me they crucified and them they killed. I have since sent them martyrs, confessors, and doctors, and many more, yet despite their toil the world has not amended; nevertheless, at thy prayer — for it is not beseeming that I deny thee aught — I will send unto them preachers and men of truth, through whom the world shall be enlightened and reclaimed.’”

Another story included in the *Vitae* relates how a woman in Lombardy, upon meeting the brethren for the first time, despised them for how “fair complexioned they were” and how “good-looking in their comely habit” they appeared. She said to herself: “How can such men keep chaste going thus through the world?” The story continues with Mary’s rebuke of the woman soon after:

“‘Cannot I watch over [the friars] as they go through the world? But that you may understand the special care I take of this Order, let me show you the brethren you saw yesterday.’ Then opening wide her mantle with both hands, she showed her a great throng of our brethren, and those brothers standing in their midst just as she had seen them. ‘See, now, what care I take of them.’”

May Mary, Queen of Preachers, continue to intercede for the Order and keep it under her motherly mantle.

### **Six Irish friars make solemn Profession**

Six Dominican brothers in Ireland made their definitive commitment to living as Dominican friars - "solemn profession" - in the city of Dublin on 7th September.



Brothers Conor McDonough OP, Damian Polly OP, Daragh McNally OP, (pictured back row, left to right) Eoin Casey OP, Ronan Connolly OP and David McGovern OP (front row, left to right) made their profession in the hands of Fr Gregory Carroll OP, prior provincial.

The celebration took place during conventual Mass on Sunday 7th September in St Saviour's Church, Dublin, with the local Dominican community, parishioners of Dominick Street parish, visiting Dominican friars, family and friends of the six brothers who travelled from far and wide.

The six brothers joined the Order in Cork in 2009 as part of a group of twelve. They are the first to make solemn profession from the eight of the original group who are still in the Order.

The large group of brothers making solemn profession should not be considered an exceptional increase in the vocations statistics for the Irish Dominicans.

The average annual intake of the province remains less than three and the average number of priestly ordinations for the same period remains slightly more than one per year. In contemporary Ireland, these statistics are very healthy indeed.

Please pray for all our brothers in formation and for further vocations to the Order -

*Lord Jesus, as you once called Saint Dominic to preach the Gospel, so now send new preachers into your harvest. Give them courage, wisdom and grace to make them witnesses of your death, resurrection and return in glory. Through the intercession of Mary, patroness of the Order, may they bring true faith and light to brighten the darkness. You who live forever. Amen.*

### **17th International Study Week in Croatia**

From 24th to 31st of August 2014, the Dominican convent of the Holy Cross on the Island of Čiovo near the city of Trogir in Croatia hosted the 17th International Study Week for Dominican brothers in formation. The programme was organized by the Croatian Province and moderated by Srećko Koralija, the regent of studies of the province. The theme of the Study Week was, “Word and Prophecy at the center of Dominican Life”.

Every year at the end of August, the Study Week gathers student brothers in formation from Dominican provinces from all over Europe to contemplate and share knowledge and experiences from theology and other human sciences. The goal is always to advance one's pursuit of Truth in one's Dominican life.

This year around forty brothers from France, Ireland, Switzerland and Croatia gathered to participate not only in lectures and work-groups, but also to relax in the Mediterranean climate and to visit sites like Trogir, Split and Međugorje. The spiritual dimension of the Study Week was expressed through the Holy Mass and the Divine Office in Latin.

Lectures and work-groups held by Professors Phillipe Lefebvre, Martin Brüske, Luka Tomašević and Sanja Nikčević covered various perspectives of the Word of God and prophecy – from theological and liturgical aspects to the effect of prophecy and the Word of God on European culture and theatre.

The Study Week ended with a round table discussion during which participants had the chance to give feedbacks to the lecturers and share their impressions. Some brothers, before leaving for home, attended the Holy Mass on Sunday, August 31st, during which eleven postulants of the Croatian Province received their habits and entered the novitiate.

The next Study Week will be held from 23rd to 30th of August 2015 and the topic will be, “Human Curiosity and Knowledge and Christ's Acquired Knowledge”.

Mirko Vlk, op

### **ASIA-PACIFIC COMMON STUDY 2014 OF DOMINICAN FRIARS HELD IN INDONESIA**

Getting the cue from the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, the theme of this year's common study is “The Joy of the Gospel and the Gospel of Joy.” There were seventeen participants that



attended the common study coming from five provinces of the Order (Most Holy Rosary, Assumption, Queen of Martyrs, Philippines and India) and eight nations (China, India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia and Solomon Islands). Among the participants are five ordained priests and two deacons.

The annual four-week program is in compliance with the provision of the Acts of the Bogota Chapter, number 221 which asked that “the Priors Provincial, Vice-Proprietary and Vicar-Generals, together with their formation councils, to elaborate a program for those friars that have made their solemn profession and those who have been recently ordained to help them in these crucial moments of transition when they dedicate themselves to the mission.” The Asia-Pacific region is the first to comply since the major superiors of this region had already made a decision to pursue this program even before the inclusion of the provision in the Acts of the General Chapter of Bogota. It has been conducted twice in the Philippines (2008 and 2009), once in Vietnam (2010), Thailand (2012), and India (2013).

The 2014 common study in Indonesia was extra special because the brothers, during the fourth week of the common study (August 11-16, 2014), participated in the joint conference of the Journées Romaines Dominicaines (JRD) and the Justice and Peace and Care of Creation Commission (JPCC) of the Order in Asia-Pacific. It was the first time that these two groups are meeting jointly and the first time too that the JRD, the inter-religious dialogue group, is meeting in our region.

Msgr. Vincentius Sutikno Wisaksono, the bishop of Surabaya, generously lent the retreat house of the diocese in the cool mountain setting of Claket.

During the first three weeks of the common study, the following modules were conducted:

July 21-25: Preaching and Saint Thomas by Br. Vivian Boland, OP, Vicar of the Master of the Order (This module supplemented the brothers’ intellectual formation with hands-on analysis of key text from the writings of St. Thomas.)

July 28 - August 1: The personal dynamics affecting the Preacher of Evangelii Gaudium by Br. Amitharaj, OP (This module made the future preachers understand their own psycho-sexual dynamics and how to live with a healthy mental health while in ministry.)

August 4-8: The Spirituality and Mission of the Preacher of Joy by Br. Edmund Nantes, OP, and Br. Prakash Lohale, OP (This module puts the Dominican spirituality within the context of the Asia-Pacific region during the papacy of Pope Francis. Br. Prakash not only shared the challenges of the mission of the Order but also related the preparations leading to the Jubilee of the Order.) The socius of the Master for Asia-Pacific extended the personal greetings of the Master of the Order and also gave an overview of the situation his region.

All the modules provided the participants the opportunity to interact with each other after the presentation by the facilitators. The common study aims not just to provide theoretical knowledge, but more importantly to provide the participants the chance to experience living in an inter-cultural community. Thus, brothers are exposed to different prayer traditions during the liturgical celebrations. The brothers are also able to share the history of their own provinces and the cultural richness of their countries. The brothers formed friendship and enjoyed each other’s presence during recreation. The Claket retreat house has a swimming pool and a football field which the brothers used. The retreat house was located in an area surrounded by forest and the brothers had time to trek around it and visit a hot spring 4 kilometers away. On weekends, there were excursions planned for the participants. The first weekend was cultural and historical: a visit to the archeological sites and museum of Trowulan, the capital of the Majapahit Empire. The second excursion was nature adventure: a trip to Mount Bromo. The participants waited overnight for sunrise in its chilly slopes and at the break of dawn went on foot to the mouth of its crater. The third weekend was religious: it was an excursion to a popular shrine of Mary in Puhserang.

Br. Nilo Lardizabal, OP, was the local coordinator of the first three weeks of the common study in Indonesia. He was ably assisted by Ibu Anita and Ibu Tini, members of the Dominican laity of Surabaya and our own brother aspirants. They were mainly responsible for all the logistics during the first three weeks of the common study: assistance for visa application, transportation, accommodation, and excursions. They made



sure that the brothers were comfortable during the trips and well fed. The participants highly appreciated their work in the evaluation.

Since its inception, Br. Edmund Nantes, OP, has been involved in this annual four-week course as coordinator or as mentor or as resource person for one of the modules.

The fourth week of the common study was spent in Ciputra Golf Club and Hotel, August 11-16, 2014 where the joint conference of the Journées Romaines Dominicaines (JRD) and the Justice and Peace and Care of Creation Commission (JPCC) of the Order was held. There were a total of 89 registered participants from the Dominican Family coming from about 30 different nationalities.

### **The Dominican Family in Dialogue as Mission: Remembering Chrys McVey, OP**

*A book edited by Prakash Anthony Lohale, OP and Keven Toomey, OP*

This book is a memorial collection of some of the insightful and challenging thoughts of Father Chrys McVey, OP who lived for more than 40 years as an American Dominican missionary priest in Pakistan. Chrys died suddenly in 2009. His theology and thinking about the culture and politics of that complex and burgeoning nation, and their implications more widely, developed slowly, as he matured spiritually and as a writer.

The book is edited by:

fr Prakash Anthony Lohale, the Socius of the Master of the Order for Apostolic Life. He hails from the Province of India but currently lives at Santa Sabina, Rome.

fr Kevin Toomy, the former Socius of the Master of the Order for Asia-Pacific Region. He is currently the editor of the magazine, Tui Motu published in Dunedin, New Zealand. He is from the Province of Australia.

These brothers were friends and admirers of Chrys, as much for his warmth and generosity of spirit, as well as for his intelligence and huge courage.

This book was launched by the Master of the Order, Bruno Cadore, OP on 13 August, 2014 during the joint conference by JRD and JPCC on 'Dialogue as a way of Preaching' from 11 to 16 August, Surabaya, Indonesia. This was preceded by a special Video 'Chrys McVey Memorial' premiered specially for this occasion.

You can get copies of the book online by clicking [here](#). You can also get copies for 8 Euro or 10 Dollar US by contacting fr Prakash directly - [prakashop@gmail.com](mailto:prakashop@gmail.com)

### **Official News**

#### **Pope Francis appoints two Dominican Brothers as members of the New International Theological Commission**

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has inaugurated the new members of the International Theological Commission (ITC). Some members were freshly nominated while some old members had their mandate renewed.

There are two Dominicans in the new commission. They are;

fr Serge-Thomas BONINO (MST). He is of the Province of Toulouse. He is serving as the Secretary General of the Commission for another term. He had been a professor of theology at the Institute of St Thomas Aquinas (ISTA) of the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic Institute of Toulouse. He was just recently named the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy of the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) Rome. He is also a consultor to the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith.

fr Gerard Francisco P. TIMONER III. He is of the Province of the Philippines and currently the Prior Provincial of the Province. He is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Santo Tomas, Manila.

We wish these brothers the best in their new task.



### **Angelicum's Rector appointed by Pope to Vatican commission to study marriage process**

Pope Francis has created a new Vatican commission to study a reform of the Catholic Church's processes and laws surrounding the sacrament of marriage, appointing a wide range of cardinals, bishops and theologians to the new group.

The commission will be chaired by Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto, Dean of the Tribunal of the Roman Rota.

Fr. Konštanc Miroslav Adam, OP, Rector of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) is among the members appointed to the commission by the Holy Father.

### **Jubilee 2016: A Celebration of the Dominican Family**

The International Board of the Dominican Family (IBDF) met on the 13th of September 2014 at Santa Sabina, Rome. This is the umbrella body of the entire Dominican family comprising of delegates and representatives of each branch of the family. It meets annually to discuss common goals and ways of working together as a family.

The highlight of this year's meeting was the upcoming Jubilee of the Order. Fr Franklin Buitrago Rojas, the General Secretary of the Order and also the General Promoter of the Jubilee was at the meeting to intimate the members on the programme of the celebration and the preparations thus far. He stressed that it is a celebration of the entire Dominican family and each branch is to seek out the most suitable way to participate in the celebration. Although he presented the general proposals for the celebration, he emphasized the fact that most of the celebrations will be at the local levels; at the regions, countries, entities, convents etc. He urged the representatives to help promote the Jubilee by spreading information about the activities within their branch of the family. All information concerning the celebrations will be available on the Jubilee website of the Order.

The Board also reflected on the issue of ongoing formation, as it concerns each branch of the family. Fr Bruno Cadoré informed the Board that ongoing formation was an important issue at the last General Chapter of Trogir. After the sharing from each branch of the family, it was agreed that ongoing formation (which is different from "ongoing studies" or "further studies") is an important source of the knowledge and zeal necessary for us to continue to strive in our life and mission individually. The family was asked to seek for ways of collaborating and assisting one another in the area of ongoing formation.

The following were present at the meeting;

fr Bruno Cadoré – Master of the Order

fr Prakash Lohale – Socius for Apostolic Life

fr Rui Carlos Lopes – General Promoter for the Laity

fr Florentino Bolo Jr – Coordinator of the Priestly Fraternities of the Order

Sr Inmaculada Serrano Posadas – Delegate of the International Commission of Nuns.

Sr Marie Therese Clement – International Coordinator of the Dominican Sisters International (DSI).

Ms Ann Hamilton – Delegate of the Dominican Secular Institutes.

Mrs Adenike Emeke – President of the International Council of the Lay Dominican Fraternities.

Mr Gabriel Silva – Delegate of the Lay Dominican Fraternities.

Mr José Alberto de Blas Moncalvillo – Coordinator of the International Commission of the Dominican Youths.

fr Bonaventure Agbali – Secretary of the Board.

The Board will meet again next year to continue its reflections on the Jubilee and ongoing formation.

### **Fr Jan Andrzej Kłoczowski receives the MST**

The Master of the Order, fr Bruno Cadoré has conferred the Magistrum in Sacra Theologia (MST) on fr Jan Andrzej Kłoczowski. He is of the Province of Poland.

Fr Jan was born in 1937 in Warsaw. Before joining the Order, he had a Master's Degree in History of Art from the Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan (1960). He was teaching and preparing for his doctorate at the Catholic University of Lublin when he joined the Order in 1963.



After his basic formation in Philosophy and Theology, he finally got his Doctorate in Philosophy from the Catholic University of Lublin. He joined the Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical Academy of John Paul II where he is still a member of the faculty and the head of the Department of Philosophy of Religion. In 1995, he was awarded the title of “Professor”. He has been the Rector of the Dominican College of Philosophy and Theology, Krakow (1990-1998) and the Regent of Studies of the Polish Province (1990-2006).

Due to his involvement in the anti-communist movement, he has received two great national awards; the Commander’s Cross of Order of Polonia Restituta and the Gold Cross of Merit.

Although he official retired in 2007, he has remained active in researches and reflections on a wide range of philosophical and religious issues; spirituality, mysticism, morality, phenomenology, hermeneutics and the heritage of Thomas Aquinas. Annually, he organizes international conferences on these issues. He has been and is still a member of several national and international academic commissions and also involved with the editorial of several philosophical and religious publications.

He has published numerous books, among which are;

Czlowiek Bogiem czlowieka. Filozoficzny kontekst interpretacji religii w mysli Ludwika Feuerbacha [Man as Man's God Philosophical Context of Interpreting Religion in the Works by Ludwig Feuerbach], Lublin: KUL, 1979.

Witcej nit mit. Leszka Kolakowskiego 5pory o religif;. [More than a Myth. Leszek Kolakowski's Disputes on Religion], Krakow: Znak, 1993.

Szkola duchowosci [The School of Spirituality], Poznan: W drodze, 2003.

Filozofia dialogu [The Philosophy of Dialogue], Poznan: W drodze, 2005.

Czego chrzescijanie nie wiedza o chrzescijm1stwie [What the Christians do not know about Christianity], Krakow: Wydawnictwo eSPe, 2005.

### **Calendar of the Master of the Order for October 2014**

3-22: Canonical Visitation to Province of Vietnam

23-25: Visitation to Iraq

Oct 26-Nov 10: Canonical Visitation to the Province of St Albert the Great, USA.

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