

Letter from the President

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My dear Brothers and Sisters,

November is jam-packed with holydays and holidays. There's All Saints, All Souls, St. Martin de Porres, Veterans Day, St. Albert the Great, Feast of Christ the King, the Presentation of Mary, Thanksgiving Day, and the Feast of St. Andrew. Each holiday and holyday provides opportunities to meditate and contemplate the rich lessons and spiritual legacies of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith. God has truly blessed us, hasn't He? And despite the trials many continue to experience these days, every day is a day in which we should thank, praise, and glorify Our Heavenly Father for all the blessings received.

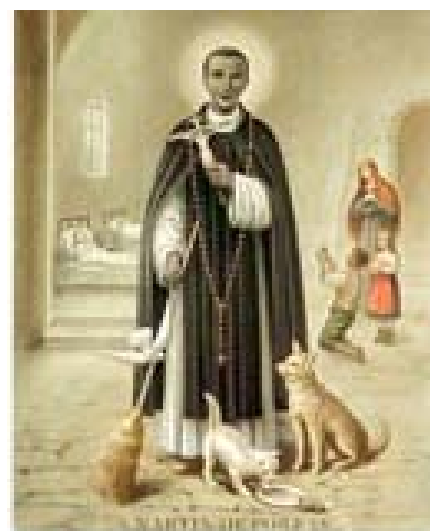
I would like to personally thank all of you for your prayerful support for our recent Provincial Council meeting (Oct. 6-9, 2011). It was a great success thanks to all of your prayers. You will be hearing more about the Provincial Council deliberations from your respective Region Presidents, but I would like to highlight a few points here.

Coming in January 2012, the monthly editions of eLumen will consist of news around the Province, so make sure you submit information of upcoming meetings, retreats, apostolates, chapter/member milestones, etc., to your Region's editor. We will then be distributing a quarterly edition that will provide more in-depth spiritual enrichment for our members. We will be "kicking off" the quarterly editions with the lives and spiritualities of Dominican Blessed that are of particular significance to our Province: Blessed Margaret of Castello (patroness of the unwanted, unborn, and disabled), Blessed Pere M. Jean-Joseph Lataste, OP, (patron of those incarcerated), Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (Man of the Beatitudes and patron of young adults), and Blessed Mother Alphonsa – aka Rose Hawthorne (patroness of those dying of cancer). I am confident that in learning more about just these few of our Blessed Dominican sisters and brothers, your life will be impacted and, **hopefully**, your spirit set afire to bring God's Love and Mercy to those most in need.

Another note of thanks goes to every member for your patience regarding the Novitiate modules. They have been completed and approved. Additionally, a workgroup from the 2010 Provincial Council successfully completed its task of developing a Leadership Manual for our members. This manual is intended to assist our members better understand and embrace the responsibilities of leadership positions within the Lay Fraternities. The Provincial Council decided to post both the

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St. Martin de Porres

1579-1639

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Novitiate modules and Leadership manual on our website (a request frequently voiced by a majority of members) that can be downloaded and printed as needed. A small quantity will be paper-printed for those without the availability of a computer. If all goes well, look for these items (and others) on www.3op.org come January.

The Lay Provincial apostolates of Murphy's Milk and Fr. Tom's Kids will also continue. Look to the monthly editions of *eLumen* for periodic pieces of information and pictures of our adopted child, Emmanuel in Kenya, and the orphans in the Philippines.

The Provincial Council workgroups began to review, discuss, and edit various sections of *The Particular Directory* that are in need of emendation. Issues that are being addressed are as follows: chapters, provisional chapters, and groups; membership in groups; private members; election procedures; and the role of the alternate delegate. Other workgroups took on their respective tasks to identify and develop methods of evangelization, expand and develop website content and communication, and develop the Lay Province's "Mission and Vision Statements" (an ILDC task issued to every Lay Province). Each of these workgroups will continue their tasks throughout the year and will present their completed works to the 2012 Provincial Council.

While many of us continue to struggle through difficult financial times, have you considered the struggle faced by the friars as well? God has blessed our Province with so many new vocations that haven't been seen in nearly 50 years. Yet with these blessings of young men in priestly formation, there are expenditures that must be met. The bottom line is this: our friars have dedicated their lives to bring all of us closer to God. They are always there: with us, before us, and after us – praying, preaching, guiding, consoling, etc. I am very pleased to inform you that the Provincial Council approved to continue our benefaction to the friars, and to also increase our quarterly donations to the Dominican House of Studies and the Novitiate at St. Gertrude's. We will also be including the Pontifical Faculty in our benefaction. While our donations are humble in comparison to their expenditure needs, I know the friars are grateful for our financial support. You will also be notified in a few weeks via *eLumen* of another special opportunity in which we can further assist our friars.

My dear sisters and brothers, I am truly grateful for all the blessings God has poured upon our Dominican family. May we continue to work for God's Honor and Glory, and the salvation of souls by keeping God as the center of our life and fully embracing the unique blessing of our Dominican vocation. May we be grateful for the faith of those who have gone before us, and may our thanks be witnessed in our faithfulness to those who are yet to come.

Happy and blessed Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!

Marianne

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Holy Humor



Brother Tonto was in contemplation. He was deep in prayer meditating upon the nature of God. Brother Tonto asked Him: "God, how long is a million years to you?" God answered, "A million years is like a minute." Then Brother Tonto asked, "God, how much is a million dollars to you?" And God replied, "A million dollars is like a penny." Finally, Brother Tonto asked, "God, could you give me a penny?" And God replied, "Sure.....in a minute!".

Prayer



Dominican Saints & Contemplative Study

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There is a particular form of Christian Spirituality that is proper to the Dominican Order. This distinctive spirituality of St. Dominic's Order of Preachers, with its contemplative, apostolic preaching mission, is that it flows out of and pours forth from, an abundance of contemplation, and the contemplative activity of assiduous study.

In the Dominican tradition this Contemplative Study is the unique element that animated the lives of all Dominican Saints, Blessed, Venerables and those presently being considered for canonization, the very source of all their varied preaching apostolates. It is the very "rock, from which they are all hewn," that which kept their contemplative preaching vocation alive, sanctifying their own souls and the souls of their neighbor. St. Dominic had not only a heart for God but also a mind for God, entirely docile to the truths of the Faith, given over wholeheartedly to the Apostolic Faith. This father and Preacher of Grace bequeathed to all his children this contemplative apostolic preaching mission of *Veritas*, grounding it in this sacred activity of contemplative study. So passionately intent was St. Dominic that this contemplative activity of study be a seedbed, soaked and steeped in truth for love of God and neighbor, that he provided his Order with a singular, unique provisional dispensation for study, but allowed no provisional dispensation from study; study itself was never to be dispensed with!!! In St. Dominic's mind, prayer and study, like truth and love, were inseparable, conjoined, like Christ and the Holy Spirit, the Father's two hands, His Word and His Breath, His Truth and His Love! "I will never forget you. See upon the palms of my hands, I have written your name" Is. 49:16



"without knowledge even zeal is not good"



Study

Using the letters of Contemplative Study, the following is offered as a guide, to deepen our understanding of this unique feature of Dominican spirituality:

- Christocentric, corrects, converts, circumcises the heart, counteracting skepticism, cynicism and egoism, both within and without, confirming faith, hope and love...
- Obligatory, obedient to God's self-revelation, hearing and adhering to God's Word...
- Neighborly, nourishes their neighbor, being useful to one's neighbor is its principal aim...
- Transforming, theological in nature, faith seeking understanding; "that I might see Lord" ...
- Ecclesial, established and enrolled to be of filial service to Holy Mother, the Church...
- Marian, under Mary's maternal, merciful mantle, the mother and model, the "pray-er" par excellence...
- Personal, persuasive, persistent, persevering, painstaking, pondering, penetrating, pensive, probing, praise worthy; Pauline, poured out in

preaching Christ crucified and risen...

Life in the Spirit, love of truth, life-long labor, light and life giving, lightsome, "the latch on the door of one's heart"; "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks"...

Apostolic, assiduous, attentive, assimilating, abundant, ascetic, anchored in the Word of God and the Apostolic Faith...

Thankful, traditional, grounded in Sacred Scripture, Tradition and the *Magisterium*, "thinking with assent"...

Indispensable, interior, intellectual, intelligent, inquiring, inflamed, illuminating, insightful, ignited, incessant, intrinsic, integral...

Veritas, vital to virtue, vertical, "whatever is true... think about these things" ...

Essential, enduring, earnest, exultant, engaging, exacting, excelling, exhortative, enabling one to love both God and neighbor ...

Sacrificial, steeped in Sacred Scripture, sacred searching, sound, solid, sincere, strengthening, sanctifies and sanctifying...

Two-fold purpose, "to contemplate and to share the fruit of one's contemplation"...

Uplifting, upbeat & upright, universal, unifying...

Doctrinal, deep, determined, dogged, deliberate, dedicated, devoted, docile, dauntless, dispels darkness...

Yields an abundance of varied apostolates, yoke of Christ and yoke of St. Dominic, "take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am meek and humble of heart"...

International Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities

From July 28 through July 30 the International Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities (ICLDF) met at the Rosaryville Spirit Life Center (<http://www.rosaryvillela.com>) in Ponchatoula, LA, USA, for their 4th Annual Meeting. This council consists of 5 Lay Dominicans representing 5 continental regions from across the world and the promoter general for the Dominican Laity. The current council members are:

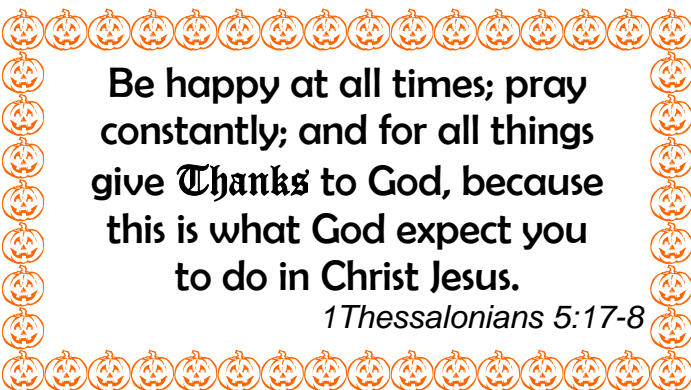
Mrs. June Ross, OP	Asia/Pacific Delegate
Mrs. Adenike Emeke, OP	Africa Delegate
Ms. Eva Kameniarova, OP	Europe Delegate
Ms. Susana Brittos, OP	Latin America and the Caribbean Delegate
Mr. Bruce Trigo, OP	North American Delegate
Fr. David Kammler, OP	Promoter General of the Dominican Laity

This council was officially established with approved statutes at the International Congress of Lay Dominicans held in Pilar, Argentina in 2007. Since this time the members of the council, who serve for a non-renewable 3 year term, work in collaboration primarily through the internet, using both email and phone communications, and meet in person every July to coincide with the completion of the previous term year and the beginning of a new term year.

The ICLDF works primarily to "promote greater communications between Lay Dominican Fraternities" (ICLDF statutes) and also to promote greater communication with other branches of the Order. An example of this was the discussion of a proposal by Fr. Bruno Cadoré, OP, to establish an International Commission of the Dominican family. The Master sent the ICLDF a letter requesting a representative of the Laity to be part of a commission to study this proposal in Santa Sabina on September 10-11, 2011. Mr. Gabriel Silva, OP, of Portugal will be representing the Lay Dominican Fraternities on this commission.

Additionally, the ICLDF members will encourage their regions to foster better communications

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Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give Thanks to God, because this is what God expect you to do in Christ Jesus.

1Thessalonians 5:17-8

Letter from the Provincial Promoter

Fr. Darren Pierre, OP

Words of Sacrament

I went to college at a school out in Ohio. Each Sunday, I went to Mass at the campus chapel joined by a few of my friends who happened to be Catholic. I was often amazed at who would manage to drag themselves out of bed in time...for that Sunday evening Mass. Nonetheless, quite a few of my Catholic friends did go to Mass. Some not as often as they should have, but most far more often than my non-Catholic friends went to their own services. What makes this more surprising is that none of us particularly liked our campus ministry. Father's homilies were either boring or political in a way with which we didn't agree. The chapel was small, ugly, and uncomfortable. One of my classmates would always spend the whole walk back griping about how bad the music had been. Yet we went. Later in graduate school, I helped lead campus ministry at a different school and discovered the same thing from the other side. There were 18 other Christian groups on campus. Yet, at this non-Catholic school, the Catholic Mass attendance was greater than all 18 of them combined.

Something unique happens at Catholic Mass so that people come even when the building is ugly, the music is lousy, and the preaching is bad. Thomas Merton, who later became a Trappist monk, discovered this before his conversion to Catholicism. He snuck into the back of a Catholic Church one Sunday to see what Catholics did. He lived in the days before the first translation of the Mass into English, so everything was still Latin and the priest faced the altar and spoke softly most of the time. Though he couldn't understand a word, Thomas Merton still realized that something frightfully awesome was taking place. He found what was happening so awesome that he ended up fleeing from the Church and running into the street, overwhelmed by something happening that he didn't understand. He encountered a Presence that was quite real.

That something that Thomas Merton encountered is the sacrament of the Eucharist—the

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We Catholics believe the ridiculous idea that bread and wine become God. When we talk about the Eucharist and sacraments, most people think we must mean that sacraments are symbols. Perhaps like a beloved picture of our grandparents, treasured and precious to us, but only a reminder of something that happened long ago. For if sacraments were not merely symbols, they reason, we Catholics must be claiming to do magic. In fact, ever since the Reformation this has been a frequent attack made against Catholics. Back in 1694, in a famous sermon the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury attacked and mocked Catholics for doing magic at their Mass. The words of Christ said through the priest at the Mass, "This is my body", were then still said in Latin, "*Hoc est corpus meum.*" These words became in that archbishop's anti-Catholic sermon the familiar magic words, "Hocus Pocus."

Yet, our sacraments are not magic. Unlike the ancient pagans or the modern New Agers, we do not seek to bend hidden power to our will; rather, we seek to participate in the divine will. We seek not to control, but to surrender. The reason that we are accused of doing magic is that God has chosen to work through people and the material world. God believes that the world is good, and he should know because he created it after all. Angels don't need sacraments, but we human beings of physical body and immaterial soul do need them. We need signs we can see and hear to remind us that, although we cannot see Jesus walking the Earth like the apostles, his Incarnation continues through the Sacraments he gave us.

Even Martin Luther, who rejected much of our faith, still believed something very similar to this. It is said that once when he was in a pub with another reformer, who claimed that the Eucharist was just a symbol, Luther became so upset that he took out his knife and carved into the table the words of Jesus: *Hoc est corpus meum* — This is my body.

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These are words so important that they were placed in Sacred Scripture four times, in the Gospels of St. Matthew, of St. Mark, and of St. Luke and also in St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

Words are important. This is why the new translation of the Roman Missal is such a big deal. It is through these words that Jesus gave us that we encounter the Word. It is through these words that we encounter Jesus, who is God. It should not surprise us that the words of our Sacraments are chosen with great care. They are chosen so that they bring to mind the incredible richness of God's presence throughout history revealed to use in Scripture. They are chosen to be fitting words when we join Jesus in the upper room for the Last Supper and stand beside Him as he dies for us on Calvary. They are chosen to express the incomprehensible mysteries of the Godhead and Incarnation as precisely as possible in mere human language. And finally, they are chosen to model the words of heaven. As we celebrate these sacred mysteries, we are united to the eternal liturgy of heaven. We join the 144,000 around the Lord God seated upon his throne. We join the 24 elders and 4 living creatures in their continual worship. And, our mere human words bring us to the One who is called The Word of God.



OP Moment

St. Louis Bertrand, OP, (1529-1581) was an effective preacher. However, his powerful preaching led to the anger of some nobles. On one occasion, a gun was pulled on the Dominican friar. Yet, with great faith, he prayed, and made the Sign of the Cross over the weapon, which immediately turned into a crucifix.

International Bureau of the Dominican Family

Santa Sabina, Rome, Italy

The Master General Fr. Bruno Cadoré, OP, decided to reactive the *International Bureau of the Dominican Family* with the following objectives: to animate collaboration and coordination of new potential projects among the Dominican Family, in order to make the Gospel be Good News to everybody and everywhere, and to do this together, to foster mutual understanding of expectations of each branch of the Dominican Family, to continue in common celebration of the Jubilee Novena of our Order, with its annual themes, and to discuss any other task as deemed useful for the mission and life of the Dominican Family today.

For that purpose, a first meeting was held in Santa Sabina, Rome, on September 11 with 8 participants: Bro. Bruno Cadoré, Master General of the Dominican Order; Bro. Prakash Lohale, Socius for the Apostolic Life; Bro. Brian Pierce, Promoter General of the Nuns; Bro. David M. Kammler, Promoter General of the Laity; Sr. Immaculada Serrano Posadas, Delegate of the International Commission of Nuns; Sr. Maria Fabiola Velásquez, International Coordinator of Dominican Sisters International; Mrs. Ann Hamilton, Delegate of Secular Institutes and Mr. Gabriel Silva, Delegate of the International Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities.

On that occasion a reflection was made on the objectives for the Bureau, and also presented some work suggestions, which will be evaluated in the next month.

<http://curia.op.org/en/index.php/eng/news/709-international-bureau-of-dominican-family>



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through the establishment of a new international web page (<http://frat.op.org/>), and collaborate with the other Dominican Family members regarding -- Jubilee Theme of 2014 -- "*Dominican Laity and Preaching*". Council members also strives to spend time in prayer and fellowship with the local Dominican Family.

Te Deum

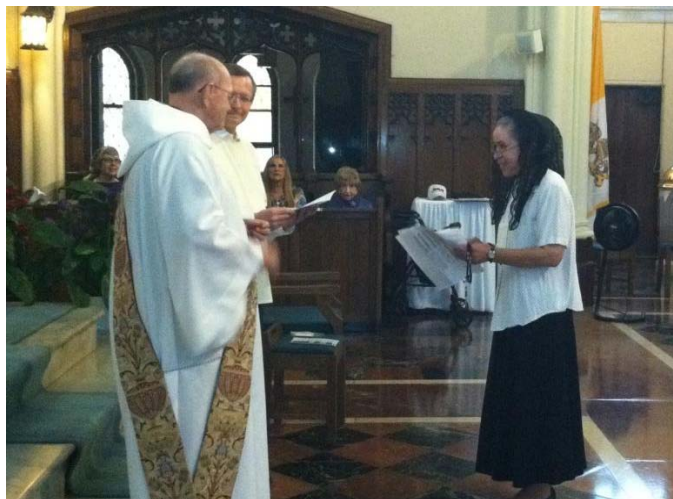
REGION I

Our Lady of Grace Pro-Chapter in Cromwell, CT celebrated Receptions and Promises on October 8, 2011 at Holy Apostles College & Seminary



From left to right: bottom row: Temporary Promise—Ms. Jean Culling, OP, and Received—Mrs. Elizabeth Marie Eddy, OP; top row: Received—Ms. Suzanne Fowler, OP, (Mary of Jesus), and Ms. Ellen Lelasher, OP, (Mary Rose).

On Sept. 11, 2011, the **Corpus Christi Pro-Chapter, Brooklyn, NY**, celebrated the Reception of Ms. Ada Luz Torres, OP, (Sr. Rose of Lima), during Evening Prayer in the sanctuary of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.



Left to right: Religious Asst., Deacon John Flannery, OP, President, Mr. John Regis Hollick, OP, and Ms. Ada Luz Torres, OP, Novice.

REGION IV

On Sept. 18, 2011, **Holy Rosary Chapter, Camden, NJ**, celebrated the Reception of Mrs. Simone Angelelucchi, O.P. (Sr. Mary Magdalene) in the Lay Fraternities. Also celebrated was the Final Profession of Mrs. Christina Castillo, O.P. (Sr. Mary Joseph).

St. Louis Bertrand Chapter, Louisville, KY, Received two Novices during the Louisville Retreat in Ohio on October 23, 2011. They are: **Ashley Lewis** (Jordan Joseph) and **Christine Kaprucki** (Monica Maria of the Sorrowful Mother)

Our prayers go with them for the grace of fidelity and perseverance in their Dominican vocation.

Fr. GREGORY SCHNAKENBERG, OP, is the Promoter of the Rosary for the Province of Saint Joseph. Contact him at: <http://www.rosaryconfraternity.org/>

Food for the Soul

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- 4 *Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable* is attributed not only to Dorothy Day (1897-1980) but also to journalist H.L. Mencken (1880-1956) and theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971). I cannot find the quotation in **Bartlett's**. This may not matter to some; it does to me. A writer owes his/her reader respect, by getting these things right.
- 5 Francis of Assisi, Mother Teresa (with a few words on **Thérèse** of Lisieux), **John Vianney** (blessed are any souls, none known to me, served by such a priest), **Thomas More** (or such a lawyer), and **Pope John Paul II** (-to win any theology argument, close with: *The most brilliant man you ever saw on TV believed it; that's good enough for me* – and don't mention the fall of Communism right away).
- 6 Better yet, recommend one particular saint.
- 7 Two, **prayer** and **fasting**, are among the *Five Pillars of Islam*.
- 8 Or: scan the chaff; study, save and bake the wheat.
- 9 At pages 183, 185-194.
- 10 The Lamb's Supper (New York: Doubleday, 1999).
- 11 *Only scripture* does not answer: *which* version? Only Catholics have the *Magisterium*. Everyone else is on his/her own.
- 12 No offense intended to motivational speakers. The saints were *greater preachers*, as Jesus called all Christians to be, as we Lay Dominicans strive to be.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL: POETRY & PROSE

This column showcases the writings of our Lay Dominican Sisters and Brothers. We all have our story to tell, some in prose, some in verse, but all necessary to who we are. Please use this forum to share your talents with your Dominican Family as we celebrate everyone's contribution.

Rediscover Catholicism

by Matthew Kelly

Reviewed by

Mr. Geoffrey FitzGerald, O.P.

Greater Boston Pro-Chapter of St. Dominic

As the Archdiocese of Boston launched its *Catholics Come Home* program, a book written in 2002, and since revised, was circulated as an evangelical aid. As these notes are my own experience with the book, I do not follow my usual rule, not to write in the first person. I recommend the book, even though I felt parts of it sluggish. Let me explain my feelings.

Kelly's book¹ begins with a *Prologue* on page 13, an unusual practice. Yes, there are six sheets of paper before page 13, including the title page and contents. If Part One began on page 1, as usual, then Part Two would begin on page 41, instead of page 67. This is the third clue that Kelly had no editor. The first clue was that he misquoted Chesterton on page 56, with not just a typo, but a *wow* typo. "Christianity has not been **tired** and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not **tired**." The second sign was that, after a fine introduction, Part One is forgettable. After I'd read it, I couldn't remember what he wrote. I made myself pick up the book again, because a friend recommended it; good thing I did.

After Chapter 6, it was clear that this is a book to skim where it is flabby, not lean. The impression: the author is a motivational speaker² who wrote down what he said out loud; he is not a writer who takes pains. To save time, I suggest that you read only pages 13-23, 68-69, 71-82³, and 89-92⁴.

Stories of five saints⁵ are given at 95-117, and here Kelly *does* take pains. I think there is a saint for every reader, in Chapter 8. If you give the book to a lapsed Catholic, recommend he read pages 13-23, then 95-117⁶; then call him in a week to see if he's hooked; if he's not, don't argue; pray for him and let him keep the book.

The rest of Part Two (119-144) was a motivational boilerplate. On the whole, I found it very inspirational, except for a few words on Lincoln and Joan of Arc (138-139), and Newman (143).

Part Three, the **Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality**⁷, is a practical, fast read for folks like me who prefer reading to TV because we can scan an article, but not a talking head⁸. Kelly's anecdotes often are effective. To his **Confession** (chapter 12), promoted first because John the Baptist and Peter did: *repent!*), I'd add: *What does sin smell like?* From **Daily Prayer** (chapter 13) I'd subtract Kelly's stories about and his quotations from himself⁹; but a round of applause for his Ps 23 story at pages 200-4. His **Mass** (14) did nothing for me; I prefer Scott Hahn¹⁰; instead, just join the lapsed Catholic at Mass and teach him before and after. The **Bible** (15) is very good, but he missed a major point about sola scripture, i.e., Magisterium¹¹. **Fasting, Spiritual Reading**, and the **Rosary** (16-18), are *very* good. The rest of the book I scanned; it is motivational "closer" material.¹²

When sharing the book, I'd say: *It answers questions many folks have about the Church; it helped me; now please give it a chance to help you.*

- 1 Matthew Kelly, **Rediscover Catholicism** (Beacon Publishing, 2nd edition, 2010). Beacon Publishing has a Cincinnati address, a British website under construction, and in Kelly, an Australia-born author.
- 2 The book's subtitle is **A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion & Purpose**. I don't think the book is a spiritual guide; passion is motivation-speak for zeal. His photo shows it: www.dynamiccatholic.com
- 3 Kelly's quotation of Thoreau was not the way I remember, but I've given away my **Walden**. Kelly writes, *Most men*. **Bartlett's Familiar Quotations** at 559:4 has: *The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation*. Online is: *Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them*; I wish Thoreau had written that.

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Community



By Ms. Ada Luz Torres, O.P.
 Corpus Christi Pro-Chapter
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On June 26, 2011, on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, I decided to visit the Corpus Christi Monastery in Bronx, New York, to participate in a celebration, presided by Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York.

Being from the Dominican Chapter that takes its name from Corpus Christi, I felt a greater sense of belonging, and a joyful awareness of this affiliation to the monastery and the Feast. I felt both proud and humbled.

My visit to the monastery was a fulfilling and memorable experience. As we, my mother, my aunt and I, approached the monastery, Providence led us to a parking spot where we could walk the least possible distance to the monastery. As I began to unload the car, religious (nuns and brothers) approached to offer assistance. Some grabbed the wheelchair, while others the walker. As would be expected, their joy in serving us assured us a safe entry inside the monastery.

Once inside, the confined seating area was disappointing, and provided a challenge for us. This challenge was met with unrestrained accommodation by others, eager to help us. Eventually, we were escorted to front seats labeled 'Reserved'. As Providence would have it, these seats facilitated the reception of Holy Communion.

The warm welcome we received fostered a sense of gratitude and privilege, as we waited with anticipation to see and hear the successor of the apostles. We were not disappointed.

Archbishop Dolan is impressive, not because of his stature, but because he is capable of demon-

strating sincere expressions of love. As he spoke, he was very conscious of the sisters that sat opposite the faithful in the enclosure and made sure that he would turn to include us all in his gaze. He made us laugh when he revealed his gratitude to the sisters, for their constant prayerful life, especially for the nights when he would be too fatigued to pray, and he knew he could confidently excuse himself, with the assurance that the sisters' prayers compensated for his.

His profound message did feed our faith as he linked the Incarnation and the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. It was a theological connection of the birth of Christ and His appearance in the consecration that I had not heard before in a homily. I finally understood why it was that in documented mystical experiences, during consecrations, priests had suddenly seen the Host as the Baby Jesus. I had had an 'aha!' moment and it was exciting as well as refreshing. Mass concluded with the Archbishop leading the faithful in a Eucharistic procession.

The reception following the celebration was a definite testimony on the ability of the sisters to organize and provide for us splendidly—the assorted foods and desserts were delicious. It appeared that no one was left wanting after this feast! The Archbishop visited each table and was photographed with the faithful, leaving a truly memorable experience that began and ended as Providence would have it!



LINKS OF INTEREST FOR THE LFSB

Mrs. Kate Sherwin, OP blog, "Rosemary's Sauce" <http://rosemarysauce.blogspot.com/>

Free Catholic Books <http://catholic-books.blogspot.com/>

Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology Library <http://www.dspt.edu/19781048221433467/site/default.asp>

A book on *ST. DOMINIC* by J.B. O' Connor, OP, PG, is online at <http://maritain.nd.edu/jmc/etext/dominic.htm>

AROUND THE PROVINCE ...

... news you can use and links you may like

Region 1

Dominican Forum

November 20, 2011

The Greater Boston Pro-Chapter of Saint Dominic will join Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish in co-hosting the sixth in its series of Dominican Forums on **Current Issues of Faith and Morals**, at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 20, 2011 in the Lower Church Hall of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish, 270 Elliot Street, Newton Upper Falls. A presentation on "Changes in the Prayers and Responses of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass" will be made by Father Charles Higgins, Pastor of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish. The revised translations of the Roman Missal, which are the subject of the presentation, will become effective in all Catholic Churches of the United States on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th.

All parishioners and members of the Lay Dominican family are welcome to attend the Forum presentation. Ample parking is available behind the church. For further information, please contact either the Church Rectory or call 617- 472- 4446.

This Dominican Forum Series is sponsored by the Lay Dominicans of Greater Boston. The members of the Pro-Chapter of St. Dominic are Catholic men and women, married and single, who live and work in the Greater Boston community. As members of the worldwide Lay Fraternity of St Dominic, they have dedicated themselves to remain loyal to the teachings of the Church and to live in accordance with the rule established and modeled by St. Dominic, that is, a life of Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolate. This Greater Boston Chapter of Lay Dominicans will be meeting at 1:00 PM on November 20th, prior to the Forum program, in the Lower Rectory Conference Room of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish for those who are interested.

For further information please contact:
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On October 8th, **Our Lady of Grace Pro-Chapter, Cromwell, CT**, hosted a Retreat Day with Fr. Brian Mullady, OP. We meet at Holy Apostles College & Seminary where Fr. Mullady is on the faculty.



Mass was concelebrated by our beloved Spiritual Director, Fr. Rizal Dimapilis, OP and Fr. Mullady.

Region 2

On Sunday, October 1st, the Holy Rosary Chapter, along with the local Knights of Columbus council, and the cloistered religious Dominican Sisters celebrated our annual procession in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was a grace-filled day as we prayed the rosary and adored Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament accompanied by the beautiful singing of the nuns.



DOMINICAN CROSSWORD FOR NOVEMBER

The Branches and the Tree

Pedro J. Saavedra

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57 This in Seville

58 Full speed

59 Heartless man

60 Stalk

61 Slow

DOWN

1 Iron hook with a handle

2 River in Montenegro

3 Sonoran indian

4 An 18th Century British dandy

5 French commune

6 Insect appendage

7 Form with lam or sem

8 Certainty

9 Plus fifty cents

10 Stimulant

11 First name of blessed from Turin

12 Hardy heroine

15 Anesthetic

20 Radicals of the sixties

21 _____ point (agree that your opponent is partially right)

24 Means of mass communication

25 Nuclear device

26 Loyal employee

27 Rise to one's feet

28 Some Indo-Europeans

29 Grant successor

31 Albertus Magnus, for one

34 Lowest point

35 Repeats

36 Eastern Canadian provinces

41 Cartoon duck

42 Star

43 Pertaining to Native American group

46 Deadly sin

47 Opposed

48 Form with major or marion

49 Chamber

50 Republic in SW Asia

51 Prepare for publication

52 Form with nym and vial

ACROSS

1 Gadget

6 The other Jordan's home

10 Disposed

13 What you may finger as you say a Hail Mary

14 A second order member

15 Singer Adams

16 Sham

17 Fat from a pig

18 Very

19 First order

22 Color of cardinal's hat

23 Three letters past the key

24 Burgundy wines

27 Companion of Daniel

30 Black

31 Steps for scaling a fence

32 Meadow

33 14, 19 and 46 across, plus a number of others

37 Mischievous child

38 What you hear when a metal object strikes a glass

39 Poker stake

40 An evil action

42 Emphasis

44 Scottish fishing port

45 Swiss canton

46 Third order groups

53 Albuquerque fund-raisers

54 Josip Broz

55 Avian-like

56 Remain

Pray the Rosary Daily

Answers are in this issue

Apostolate



By Mr. Pedro Saavedra, OP

When I first joined the Lay Dominican Fraternities (we used the term Third Order back then), one of my main interests was obtaining spiritual and practical support for the activities in cyberspace that I had been carrying out for a number of years. Those were the beginning years of the Internet, and none of my chapter members knew a thing about this new world. However, I was determined to blend different aspects of my life into viable apostolates. For a number of years, I joined Gail Waterman in co-editing and writing articles for an electronic newsletter (the GEM) and became active in a Lay Dominican Discussion List.

In addition, one of my first activities as a Dominican—before I was even received—was to create a Dominican crossword puzzle which was published in *The Torch* (the hard copy predecessor of the *eLumen*). Creating crossword puzzles had been a hobby of mine for a very long time. What was difficult was finding friends who wanted to solve them. And often, if they did, I could not tell if they enjoyed them or were being polite.

For close to a decade, before I became a Dominican I composed a monthly crossword for a social group's newsletter with a readership of about 2,000. One day an auditor visiting my company walked into my office and I thought I was in trouble. It turned out it was one of my solvers, who had recognized my name and wanted to tell me how much he enjoyed the puzzles.

When my fraternity folded, I found myself without a community, as health, schedule and temperament decided me against trying to join another. Having been authorized to remain without a chapter, I needed a new way of feeling linked to the order. My old hobby and the start of the *eLumen* provided a great opportunity. I wrote the editor and we agreed I would produce a new Dominican themed crossword puzzle each

month. This meant doing research into the history of the order so as to enhance the database of Dominican names and words I could use.

The process is straightforward. I start by filling a few words in a diagram and then use special software to try to fill in the rest. After the first attempt, the program tries to modify the diagram with additional Dominican words from my Dominican database. Then I take over manually, changing segments of the puzzle to include additional Dominican names. Finally, I review all the definitions, and try to give a Dominican spin, if I can. Thus, if a country or city appears and it was the birthplace of a famous Dominican, I use that in the clue. The word ASEA almost always triggers "Penyafort on his cloak", and CHER is not a famous singer, but the last part of the name of a Dominican cardinal.

The creation is a joy, and I feel closer to the Order. One thrill I had was including Hinnebusch in a puzzle with Dominican writers as a theme, and finding myself sitting in the same room with Fr. Fred Hinnebusch, OP, at a doctor's office less than a month later.

I do take requests. Write me with suggestions and I will try to fit in your favorite saint or blessed, or use a clue you find amusing. The one down side of this apostolate is that I seldom get feedback. I welcome it. psaavedr@catholic.org

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Region 5

A Year of Celebration

October 16, 2011-----September 30, 2012

Saturdays 1:00 PM — 6:00 PM

Christian Art and Literary Works

By Dominican Nuns in U.S. & Canadian Monasteries. An opening presentation was done by Dr. Jem Sullivan, O.P.

Benincasa Gallery, New Castle, DE

(302) 654-1206

De Profundis

One of the nice traditions in the Dominican Family is our regular prayers for our dead. Please have a Mass celebrated for all the deceased members of the Dominican Laity in the Province of St. Joseph, U.S.A., and in particular for our brothers and sisters below. I also ask everyone to pray one Rosary for all our deceased members:

Name: Mrs. Anna Saccomanno, OP
Religious Name: Sr. Regina Thomas Aquinas
Chapter: Our Lady of Hope #206
Location: New York
Received: August 5, 2007
Final Promise: June 23, 2010
Date of Death: September 23, 2011

Name: Mr. Fred Zasowski, OP
Religious Name: Bro. Raphael
Chapter: Immaculate Heart #304
Location: Buffalo, New York
Final Promise: June 6, 1976
Date of Death: August 26, 2011

Name: Mr. Joseph A. Sikorski, OP
Religious Name: Bro. Joseph
Chapter: Immaculate Heart #304
Location: Buffalo, New York
Final Promise: June 6, 1982
Date of Death: October 6, 2011

Please remember our sister, Anna, and brothers, Fred and Joseph, in your prayers. Send the names and dates of members who have died to

elumened@verizon.net

so that they can be included in our continued prayers for the dead.

Sorrowful Mother, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Holy Father Dominic,

pray for us.



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