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## Letter from the President

This year November 23rd is the last Sunday of the church year, our liturgical new year's eve, which celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. Now for some of us, so ingrained with the democratic idea of government, kingship is a difficult idea to translate to our everyday lives. Royalty, especially considering the antics of the prominent royalty of our day, leaves many of us nothing but bored. But, somehow, even the most democratic of us would have a hard time celebrating the feast of Christ, the CEO, Christ, the Chairman of the Board or Christ, the President of the World. No, nothing but Christ the King will do to convey the idea that He alone has the power, the majesty and the might to destroy every sovereignty, every authority and power and that He will reign over all.

In the Old Testament tradition, kingship implied not just wealth, power and sovereignty but also service. This is made clear in both the first reading in which God seeks out and binds up the wounds of the sheep that were scattered by the failure of the leaders to tend to them. In the second reading, the greatest service rendered by the King, Christ, who will triumph over all enemies, is the destruction of death.

It is the Gospel reading, however, that gives us pause. In Matthew 25:31-46, we have the *specific* conditions, rules of the King, for entry into His kingdom of heaven. This is not a parable that we need to study to discern the real meaning. It is a clear blueprint! We are to look for Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the poor, the ill, the stranger, the naked, and the prisoner. We are to tend to them, feed them, clothe them, visit them, and welcome them. There is no subordinate clause that says we are to do this "if in our judgment they are deserving, or good, or moral." It is a just "do it" for this is where you will find Christ.

For the last few years the Lay Dominican structure has tried to emphasize our obligation to the Apostolate. Many, many of you have responded magnificently in so many ways. Thank you! Others have responded a little, shall I say, grudgingly or really not at all. This is an essential part of the Lay Dominican charism and one that you freely promised to incorporate into your life. You can fudge your Dominican obligation to the apostolate and maybe no one will ever call you on it. But this will not relieve you of the obligation placed upon all Christians by this Gospel. You cannot fool the King and on that day when



St.  
Martin  
de  
Porres  
Nov 3



the King will say to the righteous "inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Since the King *will* ask for an accounting from all His subjects, it might be best if we just got on with it. Let's use the energy we have spent on why we can't do it ourselves, or in our chapters, or in our regions and use instead the power of Dominican prayer and community to actually honor the King through service to His subjects.

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### Correction in October's Letter from the President

The new Latin translation of the Rule was accepted by the Dominican InterProvincial Council at its meeting in Detroit this past March; however, as pointed out to me recently, it has not been accepted by the Western Province, as of this date. I apologize to the Western Province for this error, or as we revived Latinists would say, *mea culpa*.

## The Master of the Order Gives an Intervention

Fr. Carlos Azpiroz Costa, O.P., gave the 12<sup>th</sup> intervention at the Synod of Bishops. The theme of the Synod is: The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church.

Here is the Vatican translation of his text:

Rev. Father Carlos Alfonso Azpiroz Costa, O.P.,  
Master of the Order of Preachers

The "primacy" of the Holy Scripture has its basis precisely in Trinitarian life. The great Medieval Doctors (Saint Albert the Great, Saint Bonaventure, Saint Thomas Aquinas) fully understood this; for them, the procession of people, within the unity of the divine essence is "the cause and the

explicit reason of the procession of the same creatures."

The Word, *genitus creator*, has from the Father the will to make itself flesh and to suffer for us *ab aeterno*.

God wished to reveal Himself to mankind in human form, through human culture, people and languages and through the very life of Jesus. While this form is for us a guarantee of the value of our nature, of history and of human cultures - with their different languages - it also poses complex problems of interpretation.

As the reality of the creation is not rationally understandable without an adequate grounding in metaphysics - *l'analogia entis* - so knowledge of the Holy Scripture requires profound knowledge of the cultures and literary genres in which it was expressed; thus making possible a less inadequate perception of its literal sense and also the recognition of the analogical quality of the terms used.

All the Church, with its unflagging proclamation, continues with hope to entrust the Good News to all cultures, so that it may be more fully understood, lived and proclaimed in new voices, once again.

In the recent history of the Church, undergoing many difficulties, the need for this kind of "critical" interpretation has, not without difficulties, been demonstrated (Fr Marie-Joseph Lagrange, O.P. 1855-1938) emphasizing its historical foundations and its richness: the fact that it is - exactly - a song for several voices.

Christian faith, for all the fact that it is "religion", must first of all be considered as "religion of the Spirit", because the New Testament is principally the same Holy Spirit which in us produces charity and only secondarily, being "letter" may be considered "religion of the Book". This process of revelation and of salvation is also the unveiling of the *veritas iustitiae* of our life, of the justice of God which is the foundation of the truth of our being and which is, for us, above all "justifying justice" that is to say based on its mercy which is the permanent precondition of divine justice, because it is the first root and also its crowning. [www.zenit.org/article-23862?l=english](http://www.zenit.org/article-23862?l=english)

## Justice & Peace

**SANTA SABINA - October 6, 2008** -- Continued violent actions and persecution against Christians in the Orissa area of India have created a crisis and urgent situation there, especially for Dominicans. We have a province of Friars, six apostolic congregations, a monastery and fraternities of the Laity. The International Justice Promoters Toni Harris, O.P. and Prakash Lohale, O.P. are urging all Dominicans around the world to write to key officials. A sample letter is provided by [www.domlife.org](http://www.domlife.org) which you are welcome to use. Go to [http://www.domlife.org/2008Stories/SampleLetter\\_Orissa.html](http://www.domlife.org/2008Stories/SampleLetter_Orissa.html) Please send your letter to:

**Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice**  
**U.S. Department of State**  
**2201 C Street NW**  
**Washington, DC 20520**

and the President of India:

**Madam Pratibha Patel**  
**President of India**  
**Rashtrapati Bhavan**  
**New Delhi, India**

and the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission:

**Chairperson**  
**National Human Rights Commission**  
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### Permanent Delegate to the UN Appointed

Fr. Philippe LeBlanc, O.P. who established the office of Dominicans for Justice and Peace, at the United Nations, and who has been cooperating for over ten years with Franciscans International, has returned to his province. Before his leaving, the structure of the UN changed from a Commission which met twice a year, to a Council that is a per-

manent entity.

Fr. Olivier Poquillion of the Province of France has been chosen to succeed Fr. LeBlanc. The previous administrative link with the Franciscans International has lapsed and so has the name. Fr. Poquillion is now the Permanent Delegate of the Dominican Order at the United Nations. Also, the name of the delegation has changed to Dominican Network.

The Permanent Delegate of the Order to the United Nations is now based in Geneva. He is at the service of the Order and relies on his brothers and sisters "on the ground," to help him carry out his work. His job is to carry out the mission of the Order through representation at the United Nations: specifically, to influence the policies of states with a Gospel vision; to support the apostolates of the Order; to be of service to the men and women of our time, and to seek concrete effects on matters raised at the UN. Fr. Poquillion can be reached at [olivier.poquillion@un.op.org](mailto:olivier.poquillion@un.op.org) and the website of the Dominican Network is [www.un.op.org](http://www.un.op.org)

### Elections in the US

I would like to offer you my **Psalm 85** guiding star for action: All persons and places of action ought to strive for "truth and kindness to embrace, justice and peace to kiss." Isn't this a wonderful sum-up of how **Love** ought to be experienced and shown when "two or more gather together" to serve God, each other and steward Nature? I see it as a standard with which authentic persons of good can rally and act. Consider it in your prayer and study, whether that is in one's prayer closet (heart); or when you act with others in a temple, church or mosque; or without prayer, in a library, union hall, office, street corner, etc.

**Vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>.** *That is the single action I will cover for this November eLumen J & P column!* I ask you, before you vote, to read all material. Read what our bishops say, [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org) and [www.catholicvote.org](http://www.catholicvote.org)

The encyclical, *Guadium et Spes* is explicit that there is a legitimate autonomy between Church

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# From the Regions

## *Region One*

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### *Regional Meeting*

Will be held on November 1, 2008–Hosted by the **Mother of God Chapter, W. Springfield, MA**

Schedule for Meeting

- 9:15 Registration
- 9:30 Opening Address by  
Mr. Ray Biszko, O.P.
- 10:30 Talk by Fr. Marc Bergeron on  
“Year of St. Paul”
- 11:30 Mass
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Rosary
- 1:30 Election – Regional President  
and Secretary
- 2:30 Continuation of Fr. Bergeron’s Talk
- 3:15 Adjournment

**Bl. Margaret of Castello Chapter, Lewiston, ME**, gave a successful Psalms Retreat. Those that completed the workshop found it helpful in praying and writing psalms. It was seen as a great community experience. \$65 was deposited toward our dues, thanks to the Psalms Retreat.

Normand Laurendeau requested from the Chapter if we could help distribute brochures for the Adult Day Care program at the SkyHi Retreat Center. After some discussion, the Chapter regretted the collective lack of time. They agreed to spend money on postage and mail them out, rather than spend money on gas to distribute the brochures to various churches.

Denise Mailhot is coordinating the Little Rock Scripture Study and has 4 courses up and running in the Lewiston-Auburn clusters.

Denise has also begun the new Called and Gifted workshops that will run to November. The

Called and Gifted Workshops earned \$175 for the Chapter.

## *Region Two*

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With much sadness, Region II mourns the death of a member of **Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter**. Mr. Brian Getcher, O.P. died suddenly while on the way home from the Dunwoodie seminary in Yonkers, having just been accepted into the diaconate program for the Archdiocese of New York. The Mass of the Resurrection took place Oct. 6 at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, New York City. See *De Profundis* for statistics.

## *Region Three*

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The October meeting of **Mary, Queen of Apostles Chapter, Elmira, New York**, was held on October 14. As always, we began our monthly gathering with praying the Evening Office. In recent weeks, the laity has been praying separate from the nuns of the Monastery of Mary the Queen, but we will be joining them in prayer again next month.

Our October formation, presented by Ms. Elaine Maslar, O.P., was a very informative session about the shrine of and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Given the state of affairs in the U.S., and the importance of the upcoming national and state elections, it was very timely for us to be reminded of our Mother’s role as patroness of the Americas.

Fr. Pat Mundy, from the Diocese of Ogdensburg, currently residing at Mount Savior Monastery, led the Elmira chapter in our annual day of reflection at Mt. Savior on the feast of St. Luke, the

evangelist. Fr. Mundy began the day as celebrant for Mass with the Benedictine friars. Following the Liturgy, Fr. Pat spoke to us about his 12 years working with an Ogdensburg's mission in Peru. He noted the influence of Dominicans beginning with the missionaries who accompanied the Spanish explorer, Pizarro, and through the lives of St. Martin de Porres and St. Rose of Lima. The Dominican presence is still obvious in that region. Devotion to these Dominican saints is very strong in Peru, as is the lay witnessing through works of social justice.

Fr. Mundy reminds all of us that "your words have power when you live the Gospel." We were then invited to reflect on the Gifts of the Spirit which reflect our charism: wisdom, understanding and knowledge. Fr. Mundy provided us with the opportunity for Confession, before we concluded our time together with lunch.

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Region IV held its annual retreat at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House in Mount Pocono, PA on the weekend of Oct. 3—5, 2008. Not only the weather was perfect, but so was the retreat. Even God was showing off for us with his colorful Fall foliage that surrounded us as we wound our way through the Pocono's to the Retreat House.

After dinner on Friday night we prayed Night Prayer and met our Retreat Master, Fr. Larry Donohoo, O.P. We ended the night with a social where we all got better acquainted.



Saturday, Fr. Larry gave two talks with the topic being God's love. He spoke of 21 different ways to know and love God. Fr. Larry is writing a book on this topic and we were blessed to hear his ideas. During Mass on Saturday, October 4, three new members of Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter (#203) were received.



On Sunday, October 5, during Mass, two members made 3 year



From left: Mr. Robert Cuervo, OP, O.P., Mrs. Joelle Elliott, O.P., and Mr. Paul Elliott, O.P. Ms. Sylvia Yason, and Fr. Larry.

Temporary Promises from Sacred Heart (#210) and Holy Rosary (#201) Chapters.

Nobody wanted the weekend to end. We prayed, discussed, learned, confessed, celebrated, and enjoyed the weekend. Many friendships were made, and renewed.



From left: Mrs. Judith Navetta, O.P., Fr. Larry, and Mrs. Mary Louise (Christine) Faggione, O.P.

## Region IV Fall Meeting

A bright sun and brisk Fall wind set the scene in Seaside Park, N.J., for Region IV's Fall Meeting on October 18th. Approximately 55 members participated in a full day of prayer, information, good food and fraternity. Special thanks go to Chapter President, **Mr. Ben Radice, OP**, and all the members of the **St. Catherine of Siena (Toms River) Chapter** for again going above and beyond in offering their hospitality to the Region.

**During Mass**, celebrated by the parish's pastor, **Rev. Gus Kapinus, OFM Conv.**, four members made their Temporary Promises, and one member made Final Promise. Please see the *Te Deum* section of *e-Lumen* for a listing of advancements – our congratulations and prayers to all as you continue to grow and realize God's Holy Will for your vocation in the Dominican Order!

The Chapters attending were asked to bring with them canned goods and sundry items to be donated to a local HIV/AIDS Hospice. Two large laundry baskets packed high, spilled over onto (and under) the offering table. Monmouth County (NJ) diocesan priest and Director of *The Center in Asbury Park*, **Rev. Bob Kaeding**, presented a video documentary on the work of *The Center* with interviews of the residents, which was followed by a Q&A session. In addition to the generous offerings brought to the meeting, the attendees dug into pockets and purses, and presented Fr. Bob with a \$406 cash donation for *The Center*. I would like to personally thank everyone for their generosity. Despite the hard economic times we are all experiencing, you truly showed yourselves living the Dominican spirit of *caritas* in helping the poor and suffering. It was beyond anything I could imagine, and I'm so proud of you all!

Other highlights of the meeting included the introduction of the Region's Dominican Mass Apostolate Coordinator, **Mr. Dennis Kearns, OP**. Dennis will be the conduit between those request-

ing Masses and the Dominican entities currently participating in our apostolate. At this time, Mass stipends will benefit: **Saint Mary's Priory in New Haven, the House of Studies, the Poor Boys Priesthood Association, and African Missions**. For anyone interested in supporting the Order through the Region's Mass apostolate, please contact Dennis at [denniskrns@aol.com](mailto:denniskrns@aol.com).

Chapter Presidents presented an overview of their Chapters' and/or members' apostolates. It was truly edifying to hear how the Region has embraced the call "*duc in altum!*". While it may appear that we're just treading water at times, we're moving in the right direction – the glory of God and the salvation of souls!

**Provincial Council President, Miss Dorothy Murphy, OP**, enlightened and humbled us as she shared the lives of Lay Dominicans around the world. Outlining the history and spirit of the Lay Dominican, she stressed the need of the Lay Dominicans' prayer, study, presence and action in the Church and society. An overview of the Aug. 8th *Declarations* from the Master of the Order reinforced the importance of our vocation and our accountability to the Order.

**The Region's Feast of St. Dominic Celebration Retreat** was announced for the weekend of Aug. 7-9, 2009. The Retreat will be held at Mary Immaculate Center in Northampton (Allentown/Bethlehem area), PA. Region IV's Religious Promoter, **Rev. Kevin McGrath, OP**, will be the Retreat Master. For reservations and information, contact Nora Mercado at [NORAROCA@aol.com](mailto:NORAROCA@aol.com). We're looking for a *minimum* of 50 Region IV participants, and will welcome interest from other members throughout the Province.

**November's Member of the Month** will be announced in the next *e-Lumen* issue as the Region Councilors are still reviewing suggested entries

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The **St. Thomas Aquinas Pro-Chapter** bid farewell and thanks to its Spiritual Promoter, Fr. Brian Mulcahy, OP. Fr. Brian will be leaving the pastorate of St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish in November to become the *socius* to the Provincial, Fr. Dominic Izzo, OP, in New York. At the October pro-chapter meeting a luncheon was held and Fr. Brian was presented with a spiritual bouquet from the members, along with a \$1,000 donation in his honor for the Dominican Priory to be built in Charlottesville. Fr. Brian was instrumental in the foundation of our pro-chapter, and he will always be fondly remembered in our prayers.

Other news from the St. Thomas Aquinas Pro-Chapter is that three of our Temporary Promised members suffered the loss of close family in September. Jim Desmond, husband of Mrs. Alice Desmond, OP, died on September 5, and George Kessler, husband of Mrs. Renee Kessler, OP, and father of Ms. Debby Kessler, OP, died on September 21. Members of the Pro-Chapter participated in



Fr. Brian Mulcahy, OP, being assisted at High Mass by 3 sons of Dr. Karen Poehailos, OP, chapter member..

Kozlowski, OP, and three of the four sons of Dr. Karen Poehailos, OP, who were altar servers. The chapter hosted a lively reception for parishioners and chapter members and their families after the Mass. This rapidly growing chapter rejoices in the addition of its newest members.

Office of the Dead, the Rosary, and the funeral Masses.

On the Feast of St. Dominic, August 8, at a High Mass officiated by Fr. Brian Mulcahy, OP, Mrs. Sue Gilbert and Mrs. Tricia Christian were joyfully received into the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic as members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Pro-Chapter in Charlottesville, VA. Also taking part in the Mass were Rev. Br. Gregory Schnakenberg, OP, Br. John Chrysostom



Fr. Brian Mulcahy, OP, opening card presented by Mrs. Robbie Gibson, President (standing).



Newly received members Mrs. Sue Gilbert, OP, and Mrs. Tricia Christian, OP, at Feast of St. Dominic

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**Immaculate Conception Chapter, Washington, DC**, had a special presentation by Fr. Elias Henritzky, OP, *Picturing Jesus: Faith and Cinema*. Fr. Henritzky had an excellent multi-media presentation on the various ways Jesus has been depicted in films from the earliest silent films to the present. The presentation was so good that chapter members elected to extend the meeting by 45 minutes so that we could spend more time on each film.

Fr. Henritz is originally from the Pocono Mountain area of Pennsylvania. A convert, he entered the Order in 1986, and has been teaching at Providence College in the Theology department. His doctoral work was on human suffering and the risen Christ's friendship. He has served as the religious assistant of the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter at Providence College off and on for seven years.

### November 8th

The Fall Regional Meeting for Region 5 will be held Saturday, November 8, 2008 at St. Mary's Church in Rockville, MD.

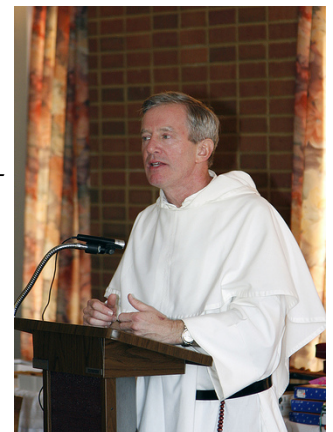
The meeting will begin after the 9:00 am parish Mass (old church) and will be held in the large meeting room at the back entrance of the school (approximately 9:45 am). Lunch will be provided and the meeting should end by 2:00 pm.

### Regional Meeting

Contribution of \$10 per person is requested to defray the cost of the meeting. Chapters should send count of attendees no later than November 5th so preparations can be made. You can email Dorothy Murphy at [redceltop@starpower.net](mailto:redceltop@starpower.net) or Elisa at [emas83@juno.com](mailto:emas83@juno.com). Bishop Fenwick chapter is graciously hosting the meeting.

### Region V Annual Retreat

Fifty people attended the annual Washington-Maryland-Virginia retreat September 19 -21 at the Washington Retreat House. The Retreat Master was Fr Lawrence Donohoo, OP, who spoke about the mysteries of "Knowing and Loving God" as defined by St. Thomas and how these mysteries relate to our life as Dominicans. Once again **Mary Seat of Wisdom Chapter in Shady Side, MD**, did an outstanding job of coordinating the retreat.



Fr Lawrence Donohoo, OP, speaking on "Knowing & Loving God."



From left: Fr. Larry, Sacred Heart president, Cecelia Rose Perez, Robert Francis Nugent, Mary Kuziel and St. Pius Chapter president.

At the final Mass on Sunday, Cecelia Rose Perez and Robert Francis Nugent of Sacred Heart Chapter in Manassas and Mary Kuziel of St. Pius V in Catonsville made their Temporary



Region 5 retreatants listening to Fr. Larry's final talk.

Promises. James Fahey of Bishop Fenwick in Silver Spring and Telita Estes of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington made their Final Promises.



From left: Fr. Larry, Telita Estes with Pres. of Our Lady of Fatima, and James Fahey with Pres. of Bishop Fenwick, make Final Promises.

**St. Catherine of Siena Chapter, Great Falls, Va. – Request for Singers & Musicians for Christmas Mass**

Prison Ministry is one of the main apostolates of this chapter. On December 20 at noon, Bishop Paul Loverde of the Arlington Diocese in Virginia will say the Christmas Mass for the inmates at the Fairfax County Jail. Any Dominican with a good voice willing to help with the singing or willing to bring and play his or her musical instrument at this Mass should contact Ms. Donna Kerrigan, OP, at [djkerrigan@cox.net](mailto:djkerrigan@cox.net); she will arrange to bring you through security.

The St. Catherine of Siena chapter also supported the golf tournament for the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at Fairfax Country Club on October 20. Member Jessica Maleski prepared the graphics for the program and organized the silent auction and Julian Heron contacted all living creatures who were capable of attending and supporting the nuns. Other members played in the tournament.

This chapter mourns the loss of their life-promised member Mrs. Maria Keran, OP, who died in August of breast cancer. The entire chapter prepared a feast on short notice for the Keran family and their many friends who attended the burial Mass offered by Fr. Wooten at St. Catherine's Church. Many Dominicans from our neighboring chapters joined our chapter to recite the Liturgy of the Dead before the burial Mass was celebrated.

**Region Six**

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**St. Catherine of Siena Chapter, Columbus, Ohio** received three new candidates on September 14, 2008. Pictured below from left to right with our Religious Assistant, Fr. Peter Fegan, O.P., are Mr. Douglas Ritzenthaler, OP, Mr. Matthew Camm, OP, and Ms. Gina Switzer, OP.

Blessings to each of them as they begin their Dominican walk. May St. Dominic and St. Cath-



erine and all of the Dominican Saints and Blessed light up their path and guide their every step along the way.

**The Annual Regional Retreat and Business Meeting** for Region VI was held at St. Therese Retreat Center in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, October 24—Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008. Details will come in eLumen's December issue. Our retreat master was Fr. Larry Donohoo, O.P. The hosting chapter for this year's retreat was Our Lady of Peace Chapter in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ms. Moni Massa, O.P., is the new Treasurer for Region VI. Please be advised that every chapter in Region VI is required to pay \$ 2.00 for Region Dues for each received or promised member, annually. Treasurers submit your checks payable to Moni Massa and mail them to:

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# Dialogue

*From the Letters of St. Catherine of Siena,  
Vol. 2, Pages 167, 168 translated and edited by Dr. Suzanne Noffke, O.P.  
An excerpt of Letter T211 to Frate Raimondo da Capua,  
(Blessed Raymond of Capua) her confessor.*

My revered father in Christ Jesus, I, Caterina, servant and slave of the servants of Jesus Christ, am writing to you in his precious blood. I long to see you and the rest of my children clothed in the wedding garment that covers all our sin and nakedness. This is a suit of armor that does not let the blows of our enemy the devil mortally wound us, and it gets stronger rather than weaker with each blow of temptation or harassment from the devil or other people or our own flesh (which would like to rebel against the spirit). Not only are these blows not injurious, I say, but they will be precious stones and pearls set onto this garment of blazing charity.

Now what sort of soul would refuse to endure any difficulty or temptation, from whatever source or in whatever way God would send it? Such a soul would have no proven virtue, for virtue is proved by its opposite. How is purity proved, and how is it learned? Through its opposite, that is, the temptation to impurity. For an impure person wouldn't need to be molested by impure thoughts. But if it seems that our will no longer consents to what is perverse, and is purified of every stain by a true holy desire to please our Creator, then the devil, the world, and the flesh will harass us. So opposites always drive each other out. See (for another example) how humility is learned because of pride. When we see ourselves pestered by the vice of pride we humble ourselves, recognizing that we are sinful and proud. Were it not for this temptation, we would not come to know ourselves so well. Once we have humbled ourselves and seen what we are, we conceive such a contempt (for ourselves) that we are happy and glad for any pain or injustice we might suffer. Such people are like courageous knights. They do not avoid blows, but even consider themselves unworthy of what seems to them—and is—a very great grace:

to bear pain, temptation, and harassment for Christ crucified. All of this comes from their contempt for themselves and the love they have conceived for virtue.

You see, then, that we must not complain or run away in time of darkness, because out of the darkness is born the light. Oh God, tender love, what sweet teaching you give us—that virtue is learned through what is contrary to it! Because of impatience, patience is acquired, for people who are conscious of (their own) impatience become patient because of what they suffer. They are impatient with (their) impatience, more sad that they are sad at all than for anything else. And so out of opposites we come to learn perfection without even noticing it. We discover that we have become perfect in the midst of storms and temptations. And there is no other way one can ever arrive at the port of perfection. So reflect on this: we cannot receive or even desire virtue unless we have desires and harassment and temptation to suffer with true holy patience for love of Christ crucified. We must, then, be happy and glad in time of struggle, temptation, and darkness, since they are the source of so much virtue and joy.

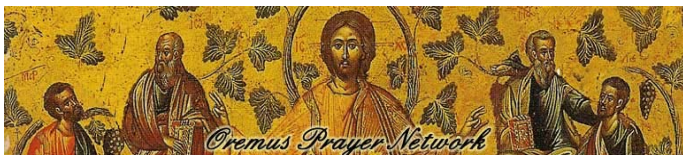
Oime, son given me by that sweet mother Mary! I don't want you to yield to weariness or confusion, no matter what may trouble your spirit. No, I want you to keep the good, holy, and true



faithful will that I know God in his mercy has given you. I know you would rather die than offend him mortally. So I want you to gain knowledge of yourself, without confusion, from the darkness. And from your good will I want you to gain knowledge of God's infinite goodness and boundless charity. In such knowledge may your soul live and grow fat.

*The writings of St. Catherine of Siena, whether it be her "Dialogue", her letters, or her prayers, contain much wisdom and spiritual direction not only for those to whom she writes, but for us who read her words many centuries later.*

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Request from Fr. Stephen Ryan, OP,

Volunteer needed to edit the electronic text (Word document) of a 175 page outline of Dominican History by Fr. John F. Hinnebusch, O.P. The editing involves proofreading an electronic text against a printed one, new pagination, formatting, creation of a table of contents, etc. The outline is being prepared for free distribution as a PDF file and is meant to accompany Fr. Hinnebusch's audio *Lectures in Dominican History* podcast that is now available in iTunes. Approximately 40 hours of work.

If you have the time and are interested, please contact:

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## **Prayers Requested:**

**Please pray for the peace and safety of the Christian minority in India. They are being persecuted daily and the persecution is being under-reported in the media.**

## Dominican Family

Pedro J. Saavedra

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*God Answers Prayers, Pray Without Ceasing!!!*

1 Thessalonians 5:17

## Our Dominican Heritage

### Blessed Ambrose Sansedoni of Siena 1220—1287



Ambrose was the son of a book illuminator. He was born in 1220, so badly deformed that his mother gave him off to the care of a nurse. The nurse claimed that the only time the child was peaceful was in the local Dominican church, especially when he was placed near the altar of relics. Legend says that

one day in church, the nurse covered the baby's face with a scarf; and an unknown pilgrim told her, "Do not cover that child's face. He will one day be the glory of this city." A few days later the child suddenly stretch out his twisted limbs, pronounced the name "Jesus", and all deformity left him.

A pious child, he often got up in the night to pray and meditate. At age two he was given the choice of two of his father's books—and chose the one about saints. From age seven he daily recited the *Little Office of the Blessed Virgin*. Charitable, and even when young he worked with the poor, the abandoned, and the sick.

When he announced he wanted to join the preaching friars, his parents and friends tried to talk him out of it. But Ambrose had heard the call, and joined the friars in Siena in 1237 on his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

He studied in Paris, France and Cologne, Germany with St. Thomas Aquinas and Blessed Pope Innocent V, under Saint Albert the Great. He taught in Cologne, himself. He wanted to write,

but felt overwhelmed by the greatness of St. Thomas Aquinas and devoted himself to preaching.

He helped with diplomatic missions for popes and secular rulers. He evangelized in Germany, France, and Italy. He was a mystic with a deep contemplative prayer life. He had ecstasies and visions. He was also known to levitate when preaching, and was seen circled in a mystical light in which flew bright birds.

He died March 20, 1287, at Siena, Italy of natural causes. He was beatified October 8, 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.



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and state, and it also warns specifically about confusing specific political solutions with the gospel. Also interesting is the document, *Donum Vitae* (signed by then Cardinal Ratzinger), which discusses when the soul begins. Pope John Paul II indicated in *Evangelium Vitae* that a politician whose pro-life convictions were known and who felt that laws permitting abortion could not be abrogated should seek to limit the harm of abortion. So, be "ready" (pray, discern in the Spirit, study character and records); "get set" (with a decision, conviction, insistence); then, "Go" vote. But, please, don't do these actions alone; tell others and interact with others on your choices. (*No specific candidates ought to be the focus of any chapter.*)

It is my urgent hope that America will have the greatest Citizen Participation in our history! The choices we have a real choices, very clear cut. Look behind the slogans and sound bites, and consider this anonymous quote: "He who would do good to another must do it in the minute particulars. General good is the plea of the scoundrel, hypocrite and flatterer." Vote with your eyes wide open.

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## PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE October 10-12, 2008

By: Mrs. Faith Flaherty, OP

Boston, considered the home of *Magnificat* in the U.S.A., was the site of the weekend event. In addition, *Magnificat* has a French connection, in that it is also published in France. "There is a parallel of the *Magnificat* coming to Boston from France, to the first priests that came to Boston," said *Magnificat's* publisher Pierre-Marie Dumont. It was French priests who first ministered to Boston Catholics. The first Bishop of Boston was Bishop Jean Cheverus. Later, Bishop Cheverus was sent to become Archbishop of Bordeaux and then a cardinal. So it was very fitting, that the current Archbishop of Bordeaux, Cardinal Jean-Pierre Ricard be invited. Thus this event had two successors to Cardinal Cheverus: Cardinal Ricard and Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap.

The Archdiocese of Boston also was blessed to have the Pilgrimage of Hope since the Archdiocese is celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Cardinal O'Malley said he hoped this celebration of Mary would aid the Archdiocese in healing and making reparation, and in honoring our Mother. Finally, the Archdiocese felt motivated to promote the anniversary of *Magnificat* Magazine – 10 years!



Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop

Each day of the conference featured its own keynote address.

Saturday's address was given by Mrs. Michele M. Schumacher, PhD, who



teaches theological anthropology at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. It was about the prayer life of the Christian Couple.

Another memorable speaker was the Archbishop of Toulouse, France, Robert Le Gall, OSB. Toulouse is the home of the Marion apparitions at Lourdes, of which Bishop Le Gall spoke.



Sunday's address was by Fr. Peter Cameron, OP, the editor-in-chief of the magazine. Father spoke on the meaning of the pilgrimage and how the people could continue it in their lives, afterward.

*Magnificat's* Pilgrimage of Hope definitely had a Dominican presence. Everywhere the eyes

roamed, there were white habits. Besides Fr. Cameron, Fr. Romanus Cessario, OP, hosted Sunday's introductions and instructions for the day. The Dominicans were Confessors, Speakers, Workshop Presenters, and Ministers of the Eucharist. Those presenting workshops were: Fr. Michael Morris, OP-- Praying with Sacred Images, Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP – Praying Your *Magnificat*, Fr. Peter Girard, OP – Making Sense of Scripture, Fr. Andrew Hofer, OP – Lift Up Your Heart, and Fr. Romanus Cessario, OP – Hope Does Not Disappoint.



Throughout the pilgrimage, there was music, both at the Masses and the prayer services and as musical

inter-ludes performed by musicians and singing groups, including



the Archdiocese of Boston Boy's Choir. Saturday evening there was a full concert, "Magnificat in Music," a canticle from the Gospel of Luke recalling Mary's visit to Elizabeth and Elizabeth's feeling John the Baptist stirrings in her womb, at the presence of Christ in Mary's womb.

At the end of the closing Mass on Sunday, Cardinal O'Malley



gave the pilgrims an Apostolic Blessing, in the name of Pope Benedict, invoking the intercession of Mary our Mother and Sts.

Peter and Paul. This blessing was given in Latin, after a deacon made a preparatory announcement in English. The blessing included a plenary, or full indulgence for the Pauline Year granted by Pope Benedict XVI.

*Magnificat's* Pilgrimage of Hope—a blessing, indeed.



## FOOD FOR THE SOUL: POETRY & PROSE

This column has been established to showcase 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 avail yourself of this opportunity to share your talents with your Dominican Family as we celebrate everyone's contribution.

For fans of  
Dominican Sister Rosena Marie  
A New Book:

### *The Mystery and Destiny of the Church*

Many know Sister through her poetry (some was published in the *Torch*). She does write beautiful poetry, and now beautiful prose, with the publication of her new book, *The Mystery and Destiny of the Church*, by the Sophia Institute.

Sister Rosena Marie takes the reader from the creation of mankind, to the church, and shows God's loving plan for us. The Church's founding and its very structure, sacraments, and teachings can be revealed as all part of God's salvific plan for us.

Sister lives at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in New Jersey. Sister Rosena Marie is a pen name.

## PLEASING PREACHING

Will Return Next Month

# Te Deum

# De Profundis

On September 21, 2008, in the **Mother of God Chapter, W. Springfield, MA.**, Maurice DeMontigny completed his journey in the Formation program and made a Life Promise in Saint Dominic's Order of Preachers! Also, four members made a Temporary Promise for three years: Elizabeth Fettes, Mary Guzik, William Mellom, and Deanette Pease. The newly Received into the Novice program are Barbara Boudo, Irene DiCiocco, Angela Gray, and Di-  
anne Marie Graveline.

**Our Lady of Mercy Chapter in MCI Norfolk, MA** had its Promise day on October 5, 2008. The following men were received: Peter C., Everett B., Robert G., Zephyr H., John K., Anthony O., and Steven P. There were three candidates for Temporary Promises: Richard D., Fred L., Kim T. Final Promises were made by: Richard D. and Wayne H. The ceremonies took place within the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The event ended with the Final Blessing and a blessing on two new candidates entering the Postulancy: Timothy M., and Ronald S. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

## REGION IV

**Final Promise:** Mrs. Yolanda Bermudez, OP, of the Expectation of the Blessed Mother Chapter, Bethlehem, PA

**Temporary Promise:** Miss Gwendolyn Armstrong, OP, and Mr. J. Ambrose Little, OP, of St. Catherine of Siena Chapter, Philadelphia, PA  
Mrs. Nora Mercado, OP, and Mr. John Tucker, OP, of the Expectation of the Blessed Mother Chapter, Bethlehem, PA

**Reception:** Mr. Edmund McCrane, OP, of St. Catherine of Siena Chapter, Philadelphia, PA

**Reception** of Mrs. Patricia A. Cancelli, O.P. on October 19, 2008 at Holy Rosary Chapter in Camden, NJ.

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 our deceased members:

**NAME:** Mr. Brian Getcher, O.P.

**CHAPTER:** Our Lady of the Assumption (203)

**LOCATION:** New York, New York

**LIFE PROMISE:** February 1, 2007

**DATE OF DEATH:** October 1, 2008

**NAME:** Mrs. Jacqueline Guyt

Mother of Mrs. Helen Tice, O.P

**President of:** Sacred Heart Chapter #201  
of Rahway, New Jersey

**DATE OF DEATH:** October 26, 2008

Please remember our brother and sister: Brian and Jacqueline in your prayers. Please have a Mass celebrated for all deceased members of the Dominican Laity in the Province of St. Joseph, U.S.A., and in particular for our sisters mentioned in this *eLumen*. Also, pray a Rosary for all our deceased members.

Please send the names of those members who have died to [elumen@verizon.net](mailto:elumen@verizon.net), so that they can be included in our continued prayers for the dead.



*Our Lady,  
Queen of the Most Holy  
Rosary, pray for us.  
Our Holy Father Dominic  
pray for us.  
St. Catherine of Siena,  
pray for us.*



**Nov 1  
ALL SAINTS**

**Nov 3  
ST. MARTIN DE  
PORRES**

**Nov. 7  
ALL SAINTS  
OF THE  
ORDER OF  
PREACHERS**

**Nov 8  
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OF ALL  
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