

SPECIAL ISSUE

DECLARATIONS OF THE MASTER of the ORDER REGARDING THE RULE OF THE LAY FRATERNITIES OF ST. DOMING

Letter from the President

This special issue of *eLumen* presents the English translation of the newly approved **General Declarations Regarding the Rule of Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic** and a marvelous overview of the various Rules that have served over the centuries.

Some will view these new Declarations with great trepidation and question the necessity for them. Some will almost automatically fear that they are "taking away" what they view as essential to their understanding of the Dominican laity. Others might dismiss them out of hand as just more rules and regulations that probably have little effect on them. The **Declarations** are only four pages but, considered carefully, contain very definitive terms and statements that do not diminish the Lay Dominican vocation but very positively affirm it. In the true Dominican tradition shows that we can renew and affirm that vocation while we also adapt ourselves to the needs of our times and provide legislative remedy for those areas that we have not been able to address previously.

To the question, "why these changes;" the answer can be found in the very first line of the **Declarations** and that is "*to fan anew the flame of the tradition and vocation of the Lay branch of the Order of Preachers.*" It lays the legal foundation for the authority of the Lay branch affirming the principle of self-government acting through this Congress and in concert with the Master and the Acts of the General Chapters of the Order. It also speaks to addressing interpretative doubts, normative contrasts, and legislative gaps. This is very important in that it requires us to think not just in terms of *our* chapter, *our* province, and *our* country but also in terms of a worldwide order consistent in purpose.

Declaration I-1 should be of great comfort to those who have expressed many doubts in the recent past about the identity of the Lay Dominicans being weakened or sub-



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merged into a subsidiary role with the expression "Dominican Family." It again affirms the special relationship of your being *incorporated* into the Order of Preachers by the making of the *promise* contained in the Rule. Other entities of the "Family" do not make this *promise*. It sets four years as the proper length of time from reception to final promise. It mandates that appropriate records be kept at both chapter level and in the Archives of the Province. In addition to restating firmly your place within the Order this Declaration addresses the problems we all face in this mobile society of transfers from or to chapters, provinces, or even countries that had different norms and where records were inadequate or missing. In reality, the only change this province might have to make is to implement better record keeping especially at chapter level.

Declaration I-2 generally says that the formal *promise* made by Lay Dominicans is reserved to that branch alone. It does, however, ask recognition of the unique value of these other entities in the Dominican Family evidenced by our spirit of accord and collaboration. In the spirit of this **Declaration** it might serve us well to make every attempt to become familiar with and supportive of these groups when possible.

Declaration I-3 really states the prohibition against private membership. This has been the rule in this Province for over a year now with admission of new private members not being allowed. Those who were listed as private members before this time are not included but every attempt should be made to attach them to a chapter.

Declaration I-4 allows for participation in the chapter life of those who for some reason cannot be prudently be admitted to final promises. Although this is a rare situation in our province it is common on other parts of the world. One lives too far from a chapter to participate in more than an occasional meeting; one has not had any previous Catholic education of any kind or has not received any sacraments except Baptism and needs more

than the average formation; one has some problem they are attempting to address such as issues concerning marriage; or, one will be leaving the area and be far from a Dominican institution of any type, and it is doubtful if they can fulfill the requirements of the Rule. This is a situation that requires prudence as well as charity.

Declaration II-1 and 2 now gives the final approval for Provincial Directories to the Prior(s) Provincial and his Council and states the requirement for promulgation of the Directory. For example, the Provincial Directory (currently under Revision) is to be approved by the Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph.

Declaration III - Dispensation reaffirms the ability of the Master, directly or through the Prior Provincial, to grant dispensations from the **norms** of the Rule. It adds that the President of the Fraternity (under very limited circumstances) can also dispense.

Declaration IV, 1, 2 and 3 speak to the role of the Provincial or National Promoters by adding "a religious, not directly under the jurisdiction of the Master, a secular cleric and a Lay Dominican who has made a perpetual promise." This is to provide for a Promoter in those areas where there are very few Dominican friars or sisters. Although not under the jurisdiction of the Master, such appointment is not valid without the proper approval. It also states that the provincial or national promoter, although a member of the appropriate council, does not have active or passive voice on these councils. **Declaration V** simply recognizes that fact that in some cases it is not possible for individual chapters or national groups to be able to have a Religious Assistant.

Declaration VI-1 concerning release from temporary and permanent indult (promise) does concern all of us. This confirms the serious nature of both the temporary and permanent promise. A public promise "*to the honor of Almighty God*" before witnesses to live according to the Rule is not something

that you on your own just can casually walk away from or send a note that says, "I resign." [If we reread our Aquinas we will see that he indicates that such action has spiritual consequences.] Other than at expiration of temporary promise, temporary or definitive indult must be sought and obtained. The procedure for this is outlined in the **Declaration**.

Declaration VI-2 concerns those who have received a dispensation and later wish to return to the Order. All too often members have drifted away during the temporary promise period or sent that "I resign" note only to surface sometime later in another chapter and claim either membership or the wish to resume where they left off. This is now not possible, as certain procedures must be followed in the case of dispensation from either temporary or permanent promise.

Although it should be covered in formation, it would be well that both these provisions should be thoroughly discussed with any candidate for advancement so that the important of both the temporary and permanent promise are clearly understood. It is also necessary that chapters keep accurate records actions on the part of individuals who abandon the chapter or who receive dispensations are clearly recorded should they be needed in the future.

Declaration VII covers dismissal from the Lay Fraternities. The lack of such a procedure is one of the legislative gaps that in recent years have presented grave problems to all provinces, worldwide. While the basic cause can often be traced back to the chapter's own poor formation or unwillingness of the chapter Council to apply rigorous discernment to the approval of candidates, the lack of such procedure has caused grievous harm to many chapters, including some in our own province. The causes for dismissal are limited and are clearly stated. They are serious charges. The **Declaration** itself uses the term *grave*. It also provides a procedure for re-incorporation into the Order. In both dispensation from promises and dismissal from the Lay Fraternities, records must be accurate and

needless to say confidential. Both dispensation and dismissal allow for appeal or recourse to the Master of the Order.

In concert with these **Declarations**, please note that this is not a new Rule; there is no new rule. The Rule in effect is the Rule of Montreal, 1987. Just as we have needed to amend our U.S. Constitution, circumstances required that we add some things to our Rule. In the end, however, we have the same Constitution and we have the same Rule. We do have a new translation from Rome from the Latin to English. It still needs some editing so that the English is "American English." Rather than each province work on this, at the Inter Provincial Council Meeting in Detroit in April, it was voted that all North American provinces try to have one common American English translation. This is in progress now and should be completed some _____.

Also, to incorporate the changes from the Argentina Congress (especially in language) and the provisions of this Directory, the Provincial Council started work on a new Directory for this Province. The current Directory has, as they say, many gaps, numerous duplications, some conflicts with subsequent Acts of the General Chapters, and does not address some changes in Provincial procedure made over the last several years. It is a tremendous job but is now in its second edit.

The most recent ceremonies for reception, temporary and permanent promises are valid in content and may be used. **The most important part, the promise, has not changed.** However, revision of this so that all terms may adhere to Acts of the General Chapters, the Congress and the Declarations is now being made. **It is hoped that all three, Rule, Directory and Ceremony will be ready to publish in one general book this fall.** A few candles and a few prayers would help.

As always thank you for your patience, your good will and your prayers.

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Dominican Rule & Commentary

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This issue of *eLumen* is dedicated to informing you of the new Declarations of the Master of the Order, as they apply to the Rule. To help you better understand them, we will present them in historical content: ICLDF Congress, History of the Rule and Lay Dominican Statutes.

Statutes: Number 24 of the Rule clearly states it (Rule) is to be observed together with the General Declarations approved by the Master of the Order and his Council or of the General Chapter, as well as national or provincial directive.

ICLDF: The International Council of Lay Dominicans [ICLDF] held an International Congress on March 17, 2007 at Buenos Aires, Argentina, of the provincial leadership of Lay Dominicans from all over the world. The Congress was the second such international meeting since the Congress in Montreal in 1985 when the present Rule was composed.

Participating in the Congress were lay representatives from 77 provinces and vicariates. From the curia were Fr. Carlos Azpiroz Costa, Master of the Order; Fr. Jerry Stookey, Promoter General of Dominican Laity, and Fr. David Kammler, successor to Fr. Stookey.

Members of the Congress were divided into commissions to consider issues common to us all: preaching and prayer, study and formation, organization and structure, finances and economics, the role and participation of the Lay Dominicans in the Dominican Family, and in the Church, and the Rule and Statutes, including statutes for ICLDF.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the results of the Congress were presented in written form, known as "Acts of the Second International Congress of the Lay Dominican Fraternities," to be studied and acted upon. A literal translation of the Rule from the original Latin was provided along with the new Declarations of the Master of the Order.

The purpose of the Declarations is to clarify, modify, or supplement the additional statutes to the Rule. It is important that all Promised Lay Dominicans and those in formation to be Promised, read and study the Declarations which will become effective and binding as of August 8, 2008.

Likewise, as a consequence of the Acts, our particular Directory is in the process of being revised and should be completed by 2009. The purpose of the Directory is to interpret and implement the Declarations of the Master, and the Resolutions of the Congress.

History of the Rule: As a means of helping you gain perspective on the recent Acts of ICLDF, the following chronology of the Rule is presented. There have been five Rules of the Dominican Laity since the foundation of the Order.

The First Rule: Traditionally said to have been promulgated by Master Munio de Zamora in 1285 and Papally approved in 1405 as “Brothers and Sisters of Penance of St. Dominic.” This Rule survived for centuries, serving the laity and being adapted for other branches of the Dominican Family

Recent historical studies suggest that this formal Dominican penitent rule was not written by the Master Munio de Zamora in the late thirteenth century as has long been thought, but rather in the early fifteenth century by an unknown author. This Rule was approved by Innocent VII in 1405. (See *Dominican Penitent Women* by Maiju Lehmijoki-Gardner, published by Paulist Press in 2005.) *

The Second Rule: adopted to the new Code of Canon Law in 1917, and was approved in 1923 under Master Louis Theissing with the title “Rule of the Secular Third Order.”

The Third Rule: came after Vatican II when there was felt a need for a new Rule or an updating of the 1923 Rule. The Third Rule written by the friars was approved in 1964.

The Fourth Rule: proposed by the General Chapter of River Forrest, Illinois in 1968 and promulgated by Master Aniceto Fernandez in 1969, and approved on an experimental basis by the Sacred Congregation for Religious in 1972, with the title “Rule of Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.” Now reference to “Third Order” had disappeared. Legislation of the 1974 General Chapter abolished such terms as First, Second, or Third Order. It is incorrect to refer to the LFSD as “Third Order.”

The Fifth Rule: came about after the promulgation of the new Code of Canon Law in 1983 and the “Bologna Document on the Dominican Family” in 1983. The General Chapter of Rome in 1983 commissioned the Master of the Order to hold an International Congress of Dominican Laity in order to review and adapt its Rule. The Congress was held in Montreal, Canada in 1985 at which time a new Rule was prepared. This time the Rule for the Laity was by the Laity.

The Fifth Rule, the “Statutes of Fraternities of Lay Dominicans” was approved by the Sacred Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes, in January 1987, and promulgated by Master Damien Byrne on January 28, 1987, along with his Declarations.

These Declarations will be abrogated as of August 8, 2008,
to be replaced by the following new ones.

* *Dominican Penitent Women* (Classics of Western Spirituality) by Maiju Lehmijoki-Gardner is available at our bookstore: Dominicanbookstore.com This is the first comprehensive introduction in English to Dominican penitent spirituality. You will learn some little known Dominican history. See eLumen’s book review in the January 2008 edition.

General Declarations Regarding The Rule of Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

To fan anew the flame of the tradition and vocation of the Lay branch of the Order of Preachers, an International Congress of Lay Dominican Fraternities was convoked by the Promoter General in Buenos Aires, in March 2007.

Coming from around the world, 56 delegations, participated in it. Therefore the documents and the Resolutions issued by the six commissions, articulating the work of the Congress, and approved by the Assembly, can rightly be considered the voice of all the Dominican Laity.

The International Council of Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic met, in June 2007, in order to draw up the definitive version of the Acts of the Congress and then it was sent to the Master of the Order. From the Resolutions it emerged not only the necessity of the normative revision of the Rule but also the opportunity of certain integrative definitions contained there, so that interpretative doubts may disappear, normative contrasts may be cleared or legislative gaps may be filled in, and what the Acts and Ordinations of the General Chapters of the Order have legislated for the Laity may be implemented.

Within the limits of the divine, canonical and proper laws of the Order, in conformity with the Dominican charism and whatever is considered apt for the life of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, the glory of God and the salvation of souls, with the authority of our competence

We Promulgate

the following general Declarations regarding the Rule of Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, establishing that, after publication in the next issue of *Analecta Ordinis Praedicatorum* and notification of the same to all the provincial promoters, they will come into force on August 8, 2008, Solemnity of Our Holy Father Dominic, and that they must be implemented, promptly and with good will.

Declaration I: Denomination, identity and incorporation of the members of Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

§ 1. The Lay persons of St. Dominic are those faithful, who are baptized in the Catholic Church or accepted into it, confirmed and in full communion with faith, sacraments and ecclesiastical government, have been called in a unique way to the pursuit of Christian life and to raise up temporal realities

through the charism of St. Dominic. In order to be *incorporated* into the Order of Preachers, of which apostolic mission they participate fully, they make the *promise* using the formula contained in the Rule. Only with the promise can the entry into the Lay branch of the Order called *Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic*, subject to the jurisdiction of the Master and to other Major Superiors of the Order, come about. The perpetual promise is preceded by at least one year of initial acceptance, and three years of temporary promise, of which records should be kept in the apposite registers kept both at the local Fraternity and in the Provincial archives.

§ 2. The formula of the promise contained in the *Rule of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic*, approved by the Holy See, cannot be used validly for other forms of aggregation to the Dominican Family, unless it is expressed otherwise and granted by the Master of the Order. All the rights of the Associations and Fraternities governed by their own Statues, legitimately approved by the competent authority, in various capacities, are formally annexed to the Dominican Family. Because they constitute a great and multiform richness for the Church and the Dominican Family, they must be greatly appreciated by all the members of the Lay Fraternities, in a spirit of concord and active collaboration, recognizing one another as brothers and sisters in St. Dominic, each with his own state of life and identity.

§ 3. The Lay persons of St. Dominic are always ascribed to a Fraternity (possibly in one's own domicile or quasi canonical domicile) or, at least put in a stable contact with a member of the provincial or vicariate council.

§ 4. The faithful who live particular situations, and because of that, according to the judgment of the Council of the Fraternity, is not prudent to admit to the promise, can equally participate in the life of the Fraternity and follow the permanent formation, in a *Sequela Christi* following the Dominican charism, each in one's own situation, *always and integrally safeguarding the discipline and the Magisterium of the Church*.

Declaration II: National or Provincial Directories

§ 1. The approval and promulgation of national and/or provincial Directories does not pertain directly to the Master of the Order. However, for just reason, he can command the emendation of particular norms already promulgated. The *provincial* Directories, approved by the provincial council of Laity, are ratified and promulgated by the prior provincial with the consensus of his Council; the *national* Directories, approved by the national council of the Laity, in concord with the re-

spective provincial council of the Laity, ratified by the respective priors provincials, with the consent of their Councils, are promulgated by the President in charge of the national Committee of the priors provincials.

§ 2. The general Declaration, n. 1 of the Master, fr. D. Byrne, dated 16. 02. 1987, is hereby expressly declared and partially abrogated as to the section in which it was said that the provincial and national Directories would be effective, once approved by the Master of the Order.

Declaration III: Dispensation from proper Law

While keeping the prohibition of dispensing from the norms of the Rule which are connected with divine law or merely ecclesiastical common law, only the Master of the Order can dispense all the Dominican Laity from the norms of the Rules with general dispensation with or without time limit.

The prior provincial, within those same limitations, can dispense from the norms of the Rule or the Directory with particular dispensation for each Fraternity even in a stable form without time limit.

The President of the Fraternity can legitimately dispense from non constitutive norms and not divine or purely ecclesiastical law of the Rule or of the Directory in specific situations and for a specified time.

The general Declaration n. 3 by the Master Fr. D. Byrne, promulgated on 16. 02. 1987, is declared explicitly abrogated.

Declaration IV: Provincial and National Promoter

§ 1. It is granted, in partial general dispensation from Art. 20 b, of the Rule of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic, without time limit, that for the office of provincial and/or national Promoter of the Fraternities, can be appointed, by the competent authority, in consultation with the provincial/national Council of Lay Fraternities, a friar or a nun belonging to the Order, where the opportunity suggests or the necessity requests it, a religious, not directly under the jurisdiction of the Master of the Order, a secular cleric, a lay Dominican who made the perpetual promise.

§ 2. Someone does not validly take possession of the abovementioned office who, not being dependent on the jurisdiction of the Master of the Order, after his appointment has not underwritten an agreement with the provincial

Prior and Promoter and has not obtained written permission from the proper competent Superior.

§ 3. The provincial and/or national promoter does not have either active or passive voice in any collegiate body of the Lay Fraternities he participates in.

Declaration V: Religious Assistant

In individual situations where it is impossible to apply the common or particular law with regard to Religious Assistant, (Rule, art. 21c; can. 317, § 1,2), the general norms of dispensation from common and proper law are applied.

Declaration VI: Temporary and Permanent Indult

§ 1. When the temporary promise expires, if it is not renewed, the lay person can freely leave the Order. One who has made the temporary promise – before it expires – or perpetual, may not ask temporary indult or the indult to leave definitively the Order, if not after pondering over it seriously before God and seeking help from the brethren; he should present his request, with reasons to the President of the Fraternity, who will forward it to the prior provincial together with his vote and that of the council of the Fraternity. The temporary or definitive indult, once legitimately granted and notified in writing to the interested person, brings about the dispensation from the promise and from the observance of the particular law of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

§ 2. Should those who have obtained the definitive indult, no matter where they ask to be incorporated into the Order need to undergo a basic formation period. His perpetual promise will be received only with the permission of the prior provincial, with the consent of the council of the Fraternity to which he will now be ascribed. If one who seeks admission to a Fraternity, conceals the previous indult, then, he does not make a valid promise and is not validly enrolled.

Declaration VII: Dismissal

§ 1. The lay person who has made his temporary or perpetual promise and is found guilty of grave inobservance of the Rule or the Directory, or lacks ecclesial communion (faith, sacraments, government) or is the cause of public scandal among the faithful, after formal warning by the President of the Fraternity, if he persists in this behaviour, at the request of the council of the Fraternity, can be dismissed by the written decree of the prior provincial. The decree

of dismissal, once legitimately issued, in writing, and notified to the interested person, entails the cessation of rights and duties deriving from the promise. Such a decree has validity, on pain of nullity of contrary acts, for *all* Lay Dominican Fraternities.

§ 2. Following careful evaluation of the condition of life and having certainty as to amendment, the one who has been dismissed can be reincorporated into the Order on the same conditions, as to validity, for which see Declaration VI § 2.

§ 3. Against the aforementioned decrees, it is always possible to have hierarchical recourse to the Master of the Order.

Given in Rome, 15 November 2007, Feast of St. Albert the Great

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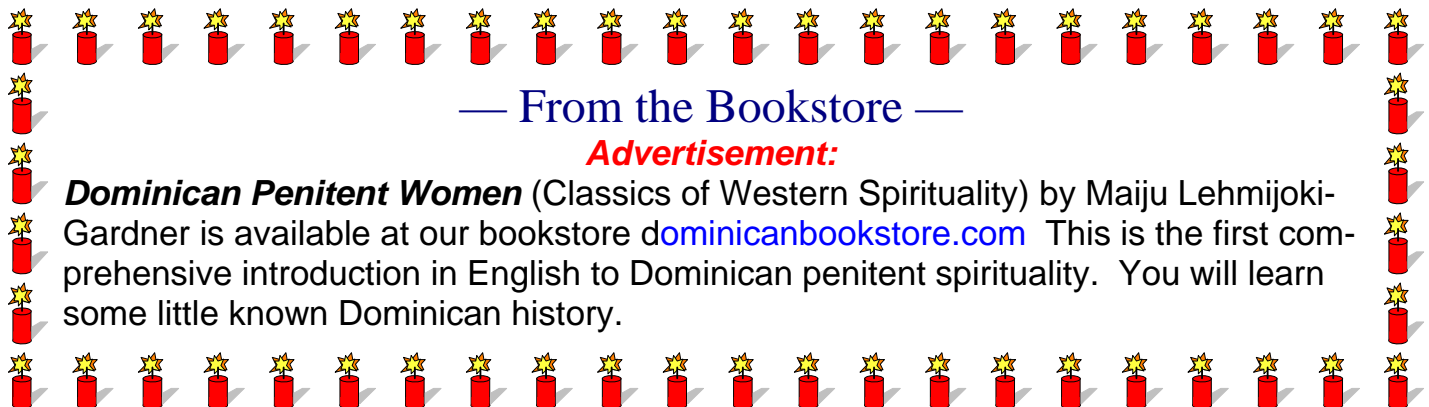
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Te Deum

Congratulations to the following:

On June 7, 2008 the following ceremonies were performed:

Mr. John Barron, O.P.	Received	Hope of Bethany Pro-Chapter	Sherborn, MA
Mrs. Janice Vaughn, O.P.	Received	Hope of Bethany Pro-Chapter	Sherborn, MA
Mrs. Louise Fahey, O.P.	Final Promises	St. Martin de Porres Chapter	Natick, MA
Mrs. Nancy Foster, O.P.	Final Promises	St. Martin de Porres Chapter	Natick, MA

On May 18, 2008

Christine Anderson-Davis, O.P.	Received	Holy Rosary Chapter	Camden, NJ
Mrs. Christina Castillo, O.P.	Temporary Promises	Holy Rosary Chapter	Camden, NJ
Mrs. Betty Ann Bill, O.P.	Final Promises	Mother of God Chapter	W. Springfield, MA
Ms. Linda Burr, O.P.	Final Promises	Mother of God Chapter	W. Springfield, MA
Ms. Dorothy Murray, O.P.	Final Promises	Mother of God Chapter	W. Springfield, MA
Ms. Joanne Pirog, O.P.	Final Promises	Mother of God Chapter	W. Springfield, MA
Dr. John Sears, O.P.	Final Promises	Mother of God Chapter	W. Springfield, MA
Ms. Elaine Talbot, O.P.	Final Promises	Mother of God Chapter	W. Springfield, MA

From the St. Louis Bertrand Women's Chapter

Ms. Mary Jo Avery, O.P.	Received	Louisville, Kentucky
Mrs. Chris Blanton, O.P.	Temporary Promises	Louisville, Kentucky
Ms. Patti Horton, O.P.	Temporary Promises	Louisville, Kentucky
Mrs. Fran Welsh, O.P.	Temporary Promises	Louisville, Kentucky

YEAR 2008 ANNIVERSARIES from the Mother of God Chapter, W. Springfield, MA

Final Promised 45 Years - Marie Swierzewski	Final Promised 15 Years - Hilda Marta LaPierre
Final Promised 40 Years - Ann Maloney	Final Promised 15 Years - Joanna Cardinale
Final Promised 35 Years - Eugene Murphy, Una Trudel	Diodati
Final Promised 25 Years - Eleanor Kennedy	Final Promised 10 Years - Mary Beth Dillon, Lenore Gewinner, Leona Karcz, Gloria LaFleur, Billie Ann Lawlor
Final Promised 20 Years - Laura Giuggio, Barbara Lane, Barbara Mendrala, Connie	Final Promised 5 Years - Maureen Collins, Peggy

De Profundis



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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: Ms. Helen B. Deacutis, O.P.
CHAPTER: Our Lady of Divine Providence #105
CHAPTER LOCATION: Providence, R.I.
RECEIVED: June 4, 1972
(Member for 36 years)
FIRST PROMISE: April 27, 1973
FINAL PROMISE: April 25, 1976
DATE OF DEATH: May 29, 2008

Please remember our sister, Helen, 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 sister mentioned in this *eLumen*. Also, pray a Rosary for all our deceased members.

Please send the names of those members who have died to elumened@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.*

From the Regions

Region One

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Mother of God Chapter in W. Springfield, MA held a council meeting on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, May 31st. One of our chapter members, Mrs. Betty Ann Bill, O.P. was the guest speaker. She told members about her ministry and work as a health care professional (she is a retired registered nurse).

Through the years she saw a need to uplift her patients and compiled a unique prayer book designed especially for the sick and elderly. The council voted unanimously to accept this Visitation Ministry as one of our chapter's apostolates and appointed her as the director. This apostolate should unite our members even more to St. Catherine of Siena, our Fraternities' patron, who spent her life ministering to the sick, (when she wasn't writing and dialoguing with God).

All chapter members are strongly encouraged to volunteer their time and talent to participate in this wonderful spiritually rewarding ministry. **N.B.** St. Catherine of Siena is also the patron saint of nurses.



Novices Janice Vaughn & John Barron with President, Anne Willhite.

Hope of Bethany Pro-Chapter, Sherborn, MA, celebrated on June 7, 2008 with two new novices: Janice Vaughn and

John Barron. They also had two women make their Final Promises: Nancy Foster and Louise Fahey.



From left: Nancy Foster, Sr. Kathleen Corrigan, O.P., and Louise Fahey.



Fr. Wayne Cavalier, OP

Fr. Wayne was on hand to receive the novices and hear the promises on behalf of the Master of the Order. The wonderful and dedicated music ministry serenaded us to conclude the events. The wonderful,

dedicated music ministry of the Bethany Community. Deo Gratiash Sr. Kathleen Corrigan, OP,



The dedicated music ministry of

Region Two

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Caldwell College Chapter, Caldwell, NJ, will have news of a member received. See the August issue.

Sacred Heart Chapter, Rahway, NJ, had their end of year gathering with 10 members and one guest, Sr. Julia Marie Zguszynski, F.S.S.E. Sr. Julia was initially a Lay Dominican but joined our cousinly order, the Franciscans. We attended Mass, said the Daytime Office, and then enjoyed a hearty Lunch. The talk flowed concerning the chapter and the direction for the new year. The study day talk by Bro. Jordan Schmidt on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at St. Vincent Ferrer Hall, NYC, was attended by three chapter members who brought back good ideas and suggestions for a working chapter apostolate. We will be praying on this issue over the summer and will decide what to

thought of George Tyrrell. He is also an accomplished poet.

Immaculate Conception Chapter, Washington, D.C., sponsored a standing room only lecture at the Dominican House of Studies on May 25, 2008. The featured lecturer was popular speaker Christopher Check speaking on "Lepanto: How the Rosary and Pius V Saved Europe." Mr. Check's riveting exploration of this pivotal historical event started with an in-depth examination of G.K. Chesterton's famous poem supplemented with historical commentary from Mr. Check's extensive knowledge of the era. The lecture ended with a rousing recitation of the entire poem by Mr. Check.

Immaculate Conception Chapter received Mr. Julius Jackson, O.P. into the chapter on May 18, 2008. Mr. Jackson is a recent transfer to this area



From left: Fr. Matthew Rzczkowski, O.P., spiritual promoter, newly received into the order, Mr. Julius Jackson, O.P. (now a novice), perpetually promised transfer from Texas, Ms. Jan Ed-

and is currently working on "the hill" (as a Congressional aide). He is active in the church and the local community. The chapter also officially welcomed perpetually promised transferee Ms. Jan Edmiston, O.P., from the Houston, Texas, area.

To mark the occasion, the chapter gave her an Eastern Province Scapular.



Ms. Jan Edmiston, O.P., transferee from Texas, received the Scapular.

"Members of the **Saint Catherine of Siena Chapter, Great Falls, VA**, attended EWTN's live broadcast of *The World Over* program with Raymond Arroyo at the John Paul II Center in Washington, D.C., on May 9. The program was brought to the JPPII Center by Fr. Steven Boguslawski, O.P., and welcomes visitors to participate as audience members. Shows are Fridays from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If interested in seeing how this interesting and informative program is aired, contact *The World Over* and reserve a seat. Information is available at www.ewtn.com.

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The **St. Catherine of Siena Chapter, St. Patrick Church, Columbus, Ohio** is sporting a new look. Often times in our minds, faces and names do not mirror up. Also, our members that are no longer able to attend the meetings have no idea of what their new brothers and sisters in the chapter look like. Our Vice President, Tom Williams, suggested that we put our pictures with our directory information....a project was born....we now have a new pictorial Directory. Many thanks to Dan Marcum, Moni Massa and Dacia DeVillers for their contribution in helping to complete the project.

St. Catherine of Sienna Chapter #603, of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, held it's Day of Recollection at the St. Therese Retreat Center, 5277

E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, May 18, 2008.

We had 35 in attendance, including Judy Mally and Maureen Schuler from Cleveland, in Northern Ohio, who braved a pre-dawn thunderstorm to drive down to the meeting.

Our Day began promptly at 10:30 A.M. with Registration. Then we assembled in the Chapel for a recitation of the Holy Rosary, led by Fr. Peter Fegan, O.P., who was also our Conference speaker. After the Rosary, we went to the dining hall for a delicious lunch, beginning at 11:30A.M. We then returned to the Conference room to await our speaker.

The first part of the Conference was at 12:30 to 1:15 P.M. Father Fegan spoke on the topic of : "Gifts of the Holy Spirit". He explained that the red vestments worn on Trinity Sunday signify the Holy Spirit, and that we don't only receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but all 3 persons of God together, because of their perfect unity.

The 7 gifts, [wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear (respect) of the Lord] are also linked with 7 virtues of which the main ones are Faith, Hope, and Charity (love). We will be judged on the degree of our love, and we can see ourselves by what we talk about. Our goal should be to speak mainly about or to God.

From 1:15 to 2:15 we had time for confessions and silent contemplation, followed by a break/ snack.

The second part of the Conference resumed at 2:30 and we learned that the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to us, and He reveals the Father, who is our Father in heaven.

Through natural instincts we see eternity in our descendents, but God gives us an eternal life which we achieve by doing His will and becoming part of his family through Grace. We can aspire to heaven's Glory rather than natural life and survival by following the urgings of the Holy Spirit, teachings of Christ, and studying God's Word in the Scriptures.

Originally Bishops were "preachers" and priests just did the Mass, but St. Dominic saw a need for traveling priests who could fight heresy,

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Prayers are requested for our representative to the International Council for Lay Dominican Fraternities, Ms. Doris Stukes, O.P. Doris was in a terrible automobile accident, June 7, 2008. She has two broken ankles which required surgery, several broken ribs, plus numerous other scrapes and bruises. In this condition, Doris is unable to even use crutches, for a while.

Needless to say, she will miss the upcoming International Council meeting to be held in Cameroon.

Doris is now at National Rehabilitation Hospital, 102 Irving Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010.

Doris also is a Past President of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic in the Province of St. Joseph.

so his Order combined learning and poverty with mobility. Examples of famous Dominicans were: St Thomas Aquinas, and St. Catherine of Sienna, a Lay Dominican. She attributed her gifts to the Holy Spirit and her biographer was St. Raymond of Capua who personally witnessed some of her miracles. Tradition tells us St. Dominic was given the Rosary by Our Lady herself, so we Dominicans especially ask her help and her prayers.

The final part of our day was the Holy Mass with Vespers at 3:30 celebrated by Father Fegan, and then we left for our homes.

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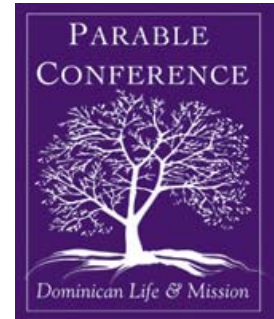
On May 25, 2008, **St. Louis Bertrand (Women's), Chapter, Louisville, KY**, proudly announced four women who are continuing their formation. Mrs. Chris Blanton, Ms. Patti Horton and Mrs. Fran Welsh have made Temporary Promises while Ms. Mary Joe Avery will begin the Novice program. Fr. Frances Ralph, O.P. presided at the ceremony. We congratulate these spirit-filled women as they continue their faith journey in the Dominican family.

Uniting the energies of the U.S. Dominican Family
for the sake of preaching the Gospel in today's world.

Parable Conference for Dominican Life and Mission

to Close:

Mission & Dream Live on in the Dominican Family



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

After thoughtful discernment and extensive consultation with leadership throughout the United States Dominican Family, the Board of Directors of the *Parable Conference for Dominican Life and Mission* has decided to dissolve the Conference. The closure comes at an ambiguous time of substantial change, with pockets of cooperative activity and some expressed desire for ongoing collaboration within the U.S. Dominican Family.

From its inception *Parable* has sought to be a place where the entire U.S. Family (Friars, Laity, Nuns, Sisters and Associates) could meet, study, reflect and grow in our call to be the Holy Preaching. We believe that *Parable's* mission to unite the energies of the entire Dominican Family in the U.S. has contributed a significant dimension to the Order's preaching effectiveness. *Parable* has filled a unique role and this transition signals a new moment for the U.S. Dominican Family. The mission of uniting the energies of the entire Dominican Family in the United States for the sake of preaching the Gospel remains a dream worthy of our best efforts.

We solicited input in a letter sent to leaders of various Dominican entities across the United States in early January 2008. Board members came to the decision to close *Parable Conference* in the light of the input we received from the letter as well as limited financial resources.

Our process of discernment led us to the important realization that, although many constituents of the Dominican Family articulate a dream for collaboration among the entire Family in the U.S., there appears to

be no center of gravity for this dream. It is clear to us that the present reality of the U.S. Dominican Family demonstrates both the need for and resistance to such a center (e.g., a Secretariat), and that *Parable* cannot become or implement such a center. We want to affirm the importance of a Family-wide focus on Dominican life in the United States and we pray that the appropriate structure or alignment will emerge to foster that collaboration and fullness of Dominican life.

We are planning for dissolution of *Parable Conference* in a manner consistent with our mission of collaboration, which will include:

fulfilling all program commitments, including the 2008 *Lands of Dominic Pilgrimages*,

bequeathing program materials for open use by the entire Dominican Family, including the *Lands of Dominic Pilgrimage* and the *At Home with Dominic Retreat*, and

distributing *Parable's* remaining assets to other Dominican entities in accordance with the *Conference's* bylaws.

We want to express our profound gratitude for the grace that *Parable* has been to the Order these past 32 years. We are grateful, too, for the Executive Directors and staff who served *Parable* over its vibrant life and for all the women and men whose vision and hard work made the gifts of collaboration we enjoy today a reality and a legacy for future generations. We are thankful for the preaching charism entrusted to us as a Dominican Family and we hope that each one of us will continue to embrace personally our common call to collaborative

preaching of the gospel through our shared life and mission. With the closure of *Parable* and the sharing of our legacy and remaining assets comes fresh opportunity for new avenues of collaboration among Dominicans.

Gratefully in Dominic,

Maureen R. Geary, OP (Grand Rapids)
President of the Board of Directors
on behalf of the entire Board

Thank you for your support of
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Holy Father, Dominic, pray for us!



Do not go where the path may
lead. Go instead where there
is no path and leave a trail.

Robert Frost



Pray without Ceasing!!!



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the people of Darfur.**

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It would be so nice to hear more **"FROM THE REGIONS"** Surely, other chapters are doing interesting things. Surely, other chapters would like to share themselves with the Province. Surely the Province members would appreciate hearing how we all live our Dominican Life. Take up your pens or computers and let us all know what's **happening** at your chapter.

*"If you are what you should
be, you will set the whole
world on fire."*

St. Catherine of Siena



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