

Dear Chapter President,

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Provincial Apostolate Committee send warm greetings and blessings to you and to your Chapter Members.

Since the last time that we had emailed you regarding your specific Chapter Lay Apostolates in the Dominican Order, we have garnered your replies and compiled them into a format that can be read, absorbed, and transformed together with the other Three Dominican Pillars into an active work to 'Spread the Kingdom of Christ'.

Apostolate is an important factor to fulfill our lives as Dominicans, to answer the call, 'Duc in Altum,' (Go into the Deep). It is a way to make a difference in the World, in our Country, our Province, Region, State, and Chapter.

Therefore, please share these many Apostolates, all in our Province, with your Chapter Dominican Brothers and Sisters, so that all may be inspired, labor without rest, and increase their love toward our fellow man for the love of God and neighbor, in the heart of Holy Father Dominic.

The Provincial Council Apostolate Committee—

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APOSTOLATES Province of St. Joseph 3/19)

A. CATHECHESIS IN A DE-CHRISTIANIZED WORLD

- Sponsoring a conference day at a local church, open to all parishes in region
- donating to a seminary to buy bedding for needy seminarians from Vietnam
- helping to support the Pontifical Faculty of Immaculate Conception.
- sponsoring a parish Bible Study
- promoting religious vocations to Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary in Catholic high schools, colleges, and universities
- supporting Catholic schools
- administering parish prayer line
- providing spiritual direction
- instructing couples on natural family planning
- teaching a Bible Study series in a local parish
- giving lectures on Dominican Spirituality

- creating art and carpentry work for a chapel
- introducing Angelic Warfare in a parish
- sponsoring and staffing vacation Bible school
- teaching biology through the "lens of the Gospel"
- facilitating Bible Study
- sponsoring a child at Catholic School
- forming 'Catholic Athletes for Christ'
- leading Catholic reading/study groups
- lecturing to medical students on St. Thomas Aquinas and virtue
- teaching elementary students about Dominican Spirituality
- helping to transport shut-ins to Mass
- holding baby showers for mothers in need
- running a Catholic theology website
- leading a weekly Gospel reflection group
- distributing homemade soup to sick and elderly
- assisting at yearly 'Church Teaches Forum'
- presenting 'Four Pillars of Spirituality at College
- working with families in crises
- mentoring young women
- organizing vocation weekends
- managing 'Virtues in Practice' program
- establishing a 'Love and Fidelity' Network chapter
- helping homeless at 'Dorothy Day House'
- working with therapy ponies for special needs persons
- running a Capodanno Society for Catholic military officers
- directing a homeschool organization
- being chaplain in a state hospital and nursing home
- providing youth ministry
- being a team member in 'That Man is You' for Catholic men
- conducting a Siena Circle by Chapter
- volunteering as a music minister at nursing homes
- visiting the sick
- providing parish 'soup suppers'
- working at soup kitchens

B. EVANGELIZATION IN DIVERSE CULTURES

- contributing to the "East Africa Charitable Projects Fund"
- doing pro-life missionary work in Cuba
- distributing religious goods, holy cards, medals, rosaries in Uganda
- helping to support Cross Catholic Outreach Program
- providing prison ministry
- providing hospice care
- volunteering at pregnancy centers
- volunteering to feed the homeless
- evangelizing at work to bring fallen away Catholics back
- providing hospital ministry and volunteering at a hospital
- working at food pantries
- providing rides and help to senior citizens
- evangelizing through St. Paul Street Evangelization
- creating religious items(crosses) for distribution by Sisters
- witnessing prolife and Christian presence in hospital
- sharing the fruits of chapter discussions through ecumenical discussions
- doing outreach to the Little Sisters of the Poor holy Family Home
- doing outreach to addicts
- coaching at Courage Sports Camps
- giving retreats to teachers at parish school
- working with students at Mercy Neighborhood ministries
- volunteering at a parish thrift shop
- working for the homeless in "Off the Streets"
- operating a Non-profit that supports Dominicans in Nigeria
- distributing soup to the sick and elderly
- contributing to Focus apostolate for Catholic students at secular colleges
- working on parish retreats (Kairos)
- supporting parish mission work in Cambodia
- doing door to door evangelization
- running a "World Apostolate of Fatima"
- praying for mothers at abortion clinics
- distributing rosaries and various Marian devotion materials
- working with women's 'Cornerstone Retreat Movement'
- evangelizing through a non-denominational prayer group
- offering two 30-hour workshops on the "Called and Gifted"

C. JUSTICE AND PEACE

- providing for persecuted Christians and Refugees
- being active in pro-life activities, including speaking at conferences, walk for life events, writing for publications, speaking at gatherings of physicians on sanctity of life and against euthanasia, giving financial support
- helping support a crises pregnancy center
- supporting 'Christ Child Society
- supporting "Coalition against Rape and Abuse"
- supporting (providing food and cleaning supplies, and socializing with residents), Mother Teresa Missionary Sisters of Charity Peace House in DC which ministers to victims of aids, elderly, and handicapped.
- starting Holy Hours for particular issues
- providing for the homeless
- volunteering for 'No One Dies Alone'
- volunteering for Dominican Sisters of Peace project
- participating in Knights of Columbus ultrasound project
- volunteering at crisis pregnancy center
- collecting baby supplies for the poor

+ DEVOTIONS

- doing Eucharistic Adoration at Parish
- leading the Rosary in various groups
- praying daily a decade of the Rosary for a specific child in Uganda
- holding monthly holy hours for Seminarians, including Rosary and Litany for vocations
- praying for the persecuted Church
- supporting Divine Mercy message and Cenacle
- demonstrating Dominican presence in a parish through public recitation of the Office, etc.
- being intensively involved in the cause of Fr. Solanus Casey
- spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- working with Charismatic Renewal
- working with 'My Jesus Mercy Ministries'
- participating in the Legion of Mary
- participating in 'Spiritual Mothers for Priests'
- forming Taize Prayer Services to bring to parishes
- participating in Serra Club prayer for vocations

+ **MINISTRY**

- serving at funerals
- administering a parish
- organizing pilgrimages and speaker events
- assisting with parish bereavement program
- being a parish disability advocate
- creating Baptismal garments for Jordan Ministry
- raising funds for parish improvement
- hosting a Respect Life group
- hosting 'Dinner and Discussion with a Dominican'