

Vice-President's Letter

My dear brothers and sisters:

As many of you know, my second term in serving as your provincial president ended December 31, 2016. The annual lay provincial council met in December, and I am very pleased to announce the new officers for the Province of St. Joseph:

President: Cosette Heimann (Region 1)

Vice President: Marianne Jablonski (Region 5)

Treasurer: Roman Gorski (Region 1)

Secretary: Kathy Kendrek (Region 1)

DLIPC Alternate: Nancy Coleman (Region 3)



I ask you to keep the new officers in your prayers as they embark on a new journey that God has asked of them to serve our members and bring glory to God through their faithful service.

I thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support offered throughout my terms. You, your prayers, and your dedication to your vocation were directly responsible for all the good things accomplished in the province. I am grateful, and I thank you. God's blessings always!

Ms. Marianne Jablonski, O.P.
Vice President, Provincial Council
Province of St. Joseph

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Letter from our International Promoter

Christmas Is Getting Close: Second Message by the Promoter General Fr. Rui Carlos Antunes e Almeida Lopes, O.P.

November 30, 2016. Christmas is getting close, Advent has already begun with this call to prepare the ways of the Lord according to the preaching of John the Baptist, the most important figure of this liturgical period.

In this second text I would like to share some thoughts that seem important to me at the moment.



Fr. Rui Carlos Antunes e Almeida Lopes, O.P.

The first reflection is on the jubilee of the Order. I see that initiatives have been taken everywhere and the most important, such as the *Lectio Divina*, the Congress of Salamanca, and the Congress on the Mission of the Order, have an effective presence of the laity of the Order, which makes me very happy. At the Congress on the Mission of the Order, in January, here in Rome, 60% of the participants will be Lay Dominicans from all the continents, without exception. I am really glad: this is a sign of the dynamism of the laity in the Order. I hope that the Jubilee is an opportunity for the whole Dominican Family to discover the importance of laity in the Order.

The second thing I would like to share with you is the importance of two coming events: the European Assembly of Lay Dominicans and the International Assembly of Lay Dominicans. Both will be held in Fatima, in October 2017 and 2018 respectively. I encourage the participation of Provinces and Vicariates in these

events. The 2018 assembly is a preparation course. I myself chair a group reflecting on the role of Promoters and Religious Assistants. By Christmas I intend to send a questionnaire to which I ask the largest possible number of promoters / assistants and lay Dominicans to respond. I am sure the other members appointed by the International Council for each of the preparatory commissions will do the same; for them also the time to send the questionnaires will be by the end of 2017. We await your answers not later than June 2017.

During the last meeting of the Committee of the Dominican Family, the common mission of preaching in the Order was evaluated. The Chapter of Bologna gives very interesting indications, as you can see in the documents of Bologna, which are on this [site](#). I invite you to study them. We also talked about the conclusions of the Salamanca Congress and its call to reflect on the theme of peace and the care of Creation.

I would like, with your help, and in order to respond, to be able on this site to offer some lines of reflection on *Laudato Si'*. These themes are also the watchword of the international assembly. I would like all the lay Dominicans who already have a commitment to this dimension of ecology to share their experiences and projects here.

In the Dominican Family Committee meeting, communion of prayer was proposed around the theme of peace. Here I propose something concrete: a prayer that we can all share. The sanctuary of Fatima, where the jubilee of the centenary of the apparitions of the Virgin has already begun, proposes a beautiful prayer for peace. In Fatima the Blessed Virgin incessantly

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invited us to pray for peace. Here is the text that I propose:

*O God, All-Holy Father,
 who gave us Your peace through Jesus
 and through Him you wished to lead us to
 Your Heart –
 in this place where the Virgin Mary
 invites us to pray for peace in the world
 and where the Angel of Peace exhorts us
 to adore God alone –,
 grant us, we pray, that peace may reign
 among all peoples; that the leaders of
 the nations find ways towards justice,
 that we may all reach the peace of heart and
 that, through the intercession
 of the Queen of Peace, we may become
 builders of a more fraternal world.
 Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

Would it be possible for us to pray this prayer together, every day?

Next year I have already planned some trips: Malta, Mexico, Ecuador, the United States, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Portugal; I am waiting for the dates for Germany, Poland, Benin, and the Ivory Coast which I hope to visit during 2017. If you have invitations to make, please let me know during the month of January so that I can assess the possibilities.

One last word: I wish you a Holy Christmas and a happy New Year in 2017. May the strength of the jubilee, which is coming to an end, help us revive our common vocation, that of the sons and daughters of St. Dominic, whom the Church continues to send to preach.

NOTE BENE:

On December 1, Fr. Rui Lopes O.P., promoter general of the laity, had a fall in the priory of Santa Sabina, damaging his knees and had to

undergo an operation at the wonderfully named Holy Spirit Hospital.

On December 12, he was moved to the St. John the Baptist Hospital in Rome for post-operative therapy, expected to last for about a month.

Fr. Rui is very happy: it's a new building, he has settled in well and at last can celebrate Mass again – he was suffering the lack of that.

He gets around in a wheelchair, as he is unable to stand as yet.

At the moment he is doing exercises to maintain muscle tone in his legs to prepare for the stage at which he will be able to take his first steps alone.



ADVERTISEMENT

To my Dominican brothers and sisters: I thought that a few of you may be interested in these exquisite wooden Dominican crosses crafted by Dave Cavedon at cutsofwood.com.



Dave generously made these for the members of the Dominican laity who are in prison and who need to wear wooden crosses so that they can pass through the metal detector daily.

These crosses were so beautiful that I had to show them off in order to promote Dave's new business. If you would like to purchase crosses like these, here is the link to the online store for the crosses: <http://www.cutsofwood.com/.../3e34457d-76aa-8d1f-8940-04235a6...>

In SPND,
 Fr. Nic, OP
 Nicanor Pier Georgio Austriaco, O.P.

Dominicans of Various Places

64 Strictly accurate

Pedro Saavedra

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- 1 Voodoo amulet
- 2 Jacob's twin
- 3 Theorem in mechanics
- 4 DDE
- 5 Waterfall
- 6 Make less hard
- 7 Malarial fever
- 8 Unwell
- 9 Bottom-dwelling
- 10 Put in front
- 11 Admirable
- 12 Heroic
- 13 Confined
- 18 Hear this in Madrid
- 23 Tighten
- 24 Shank
- 25 Full of unresolved questions
- 26 Knowledge gained through meditation
- 27 Strangely
- 28 Money paid out
- 29 Thinking _____ (card message)
- 30 Monetary unit of Nigeria
- 31 Pull abruptly
- 32 Pitcher
- 36 Australian city
- 37 Japanese Christian writer
- 38 Dog food brand
- 40 Site of Santa Sabina
- 41 Enemy who is not mad
- 43 Matador's red cloth
- 44 Companion
- 45 King mackerel
- 48 Family
- 49 Spanish ear
- 50 Single entity
- 51 Where the Thomasian martyrs died
- 52 Passport endorsement
- 53 2099
- 54 Ultimate
- 57 First word of the Lord's Prayer
- 58 Not rigid

ACROSS

- 1 Pertaining to song
- 6 Stated
- 10 Done before surgery.
- 14 Japanese city
- 15 Look at amorously
- 16 Act of despoliation
- 17 Dominican artist
- 19 Catholic country
- 20 Parisian affirmation
- 21 Call to mind
- 22 Result
- 24 Prison
- 25 Form with gate and tate
- 26 Successor of Dominic
- 32 Assume
- 33 Escape from the law
- 34 Air traffic agency
- 35 Lumps of gum
- 36 C16H33
- 38 16th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 39 Skin disease
- 40 Tolled
- 41 Drink liquid in a hurry
- 42 Catherine's biographer
- 46 Boss on a shield
- 47 City in Nevada
- 48 Small valley
- 51 Yorkshire river
- 52 Computer language
- 55 Queue
- 56 Dominican mystic
- 59 Entrance
- 60 Undoing
- 61 Eunuch's baptismal font
- 62 _____ bene
- 63 Romanian city

The above puzzle originally appeared in February 2009. Answers are on page 8

Te Deum

The Prefecture of the Pontifical Household has confirmed that His Holiness Pope Francis will preside at the Eucharistic celebration of the Closing of the Jubilee of the Order on the **21st of January 2017 at 4:00 pm at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome**. All members of the Dominican Family and friends of the Order are cordially invited to participate in this Jubilee celebration. **In order to guarantee entrance tickets for all those who wish to participate, we ask you to confirm your participation by sending an email to jubileum2016@curia.op.org before the 13th of January 2017.**



Basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome, Italy.

De Profundis

One of the Dominican Family traditions 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 those listed below.

Name: Ms. Eleanor Sprossler, O.P.

Religious Name: *Anne Catherine of the Blessed Sacrament*

Chapter: Holy Rosary Chapter, # 208

Location: Summit, N.J.

Final Promises: November 7, 2004

Date of Death: August 7, 2016

Name: Ms. Mary Walsh, O.P.

Religious Name: *Mary Catherine Jane of Our Lady of the Visitation*

Chapter: Holy Rosary Chapter, # 208

Location: Summit, N.J.

Final Promises: November 4, 2006

Date of Death: September 7, 2016

Name: Mr. Dominic A. Muoio, O.P.

Religious Name: *Joseph Francis of Paola of Our Lady of Pompeii*

Chapter: Holy Rosary Chapter, # 208

Location: Summit, N.J.

Final Promises: November 4, 2015

Date of Death: October 14, 2016

Please remember our sisters, Eleanor and Mary and our brother, Dominic, who died in Christ with the hope of rising with Him. Please pray one Rosary for all our deceased members.

Send the names and dates of members who have died to your Regional Editor, so that they can be included in our continued prayers for the dead.

Brother Tonto, Capa and Canis New Year's Resolutions



Happy
New Year

Wisdom is knowing what to do next,
Skill is knowing how to do it, and
Virtue is doing it.
Anonymous

Links of Interest

Father Augustine Thompson, O.P.,
talking about Lay Dominicans

[https://livestream.com/dspt/
earlylaydominicans](https://livestream.com/dspt/earlylaydominicans)

European Lay Dominicans:

<http://www.ecldf.net/>

Telling the Sorrowful Mysteries of
the Rosary with our friars in Rome.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=3CFTxSvy5h4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CFTxSvy5h4&feature=youtu.be)

OP MOMENT TRIVIA

What is the name of the Dominican friar known as the "saint of Hyde Park." He was born in 1868 and lived and worked in Hyde Park, England?

See page ____ for answer.

AROUND THE PROVINCE . . . news you can use

The **St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter in Lancaster, PA**, was busy, busy, busy! Members Erin Cupp and Cass Jendzurski worked tirelessly on advertising a day of meet and greet with the nuns in November. Providing news releases, images, posters, etc., for the diocese and beyond, these two members used their energy and focus to help our nuns encourage women who are discerning their call to a vocation to consider the Dominican way of life. We can't thank these two enough for their hard work with a promise of running this day again in the spring.

A Way of Life:

Rosemary Denshaw, a newly permanently professed member lives the Dominican spirit in a unique way by working with the Off the Streets program at St. John Neumann parish in Lancaster. They provide support for those who are just getting into an apartment by helping to pay rent for a month and provide materials for living in an apartment including furniture, cleaning supplies, and linens. Rosemary holds various positions within this very active organization. She also works with challenged adults in her day-to-day work. Compassion and care are her hallmark! We appreciate her organizational abilities and her focus on the needy.

Dee Konrad, another newly permanently professed member lives at Pleasant View Retirement Center. Not nearly retiring, Dee supports the Catholic population by organizing a monthly rosary for the residents there and helping to set up for Mass and support the parish priest who celebrates the Mass monthly at the residence. Beyond that official position, that is, of course, all voluntary, Dee supports anyone who needs help at Pleasant View. Everyone knows to go to Dee when they need anything! We appreciate her donation of self to others.

Some of our family members supporting our Dominican growth of two permanently professed members. Tom Scanlon, Rich Konrad, and member Adrienne Suarez enjoy a light lunch!



Our chapter wishes all a blessed Christmas season and beyond. We are proud to be part of Region 4 and working within our communities with the Dominican spirit.



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OP Moment Trivia

Answer:

Father Vincent McNabb (July 8, 1868 –June 17, 1943) was an Irish scholar and priest, based at London, active in evangelization and apologetics.



The Holy Family on the Flight into Egypt

Pray Without Ceasing



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