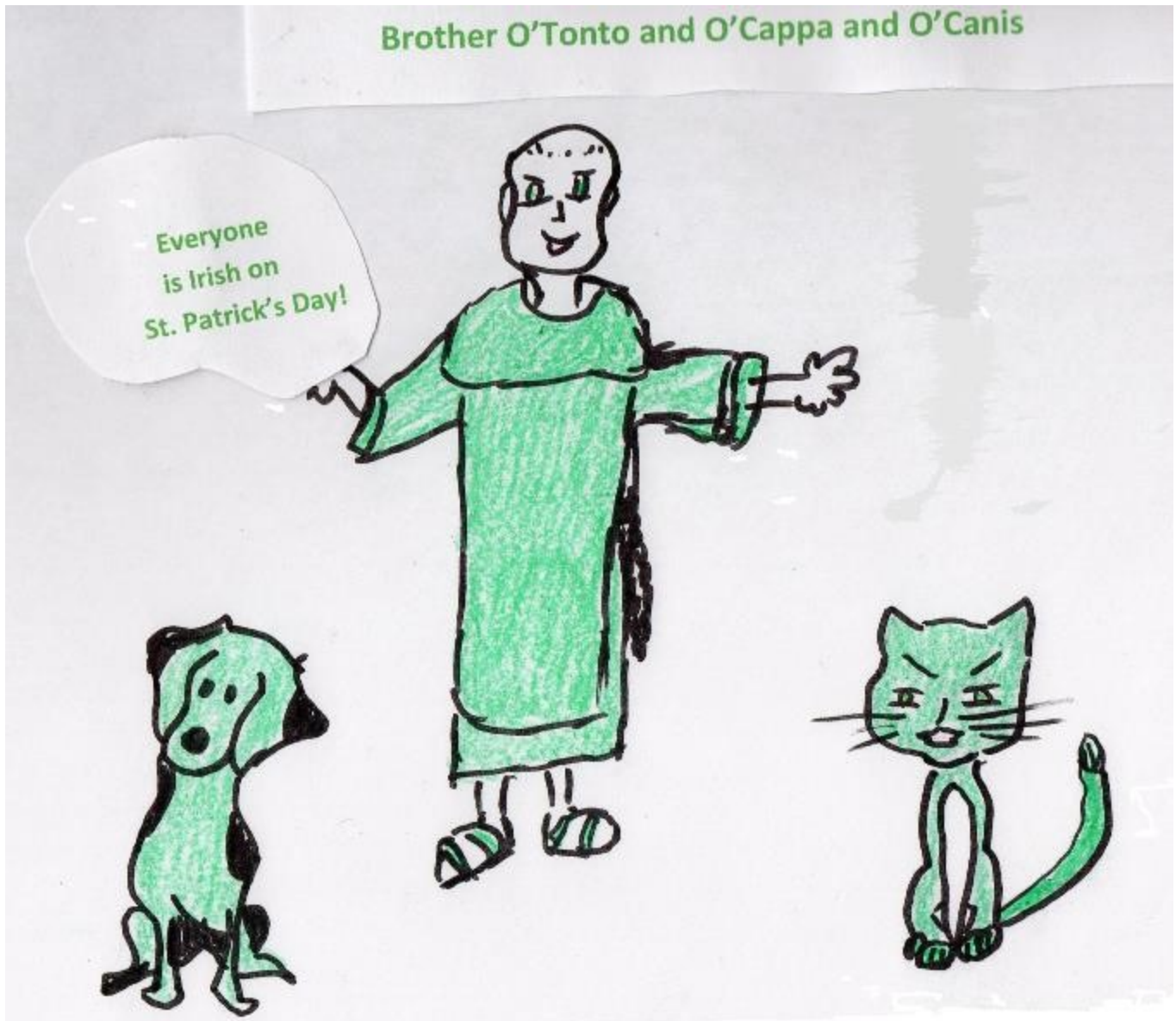


Jubilee Year of Mercy

Compassionate and merciful is the LORD;
he forgives sins, he saves in time of trouble. Sirach 2:11



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Can Human Dignity be Lost: Yes and No!

By: Fr Chris Saliga, OP, RN

During a town hall meeting shortly before the 2016 New Hampshire primary election, a “terminally ill” gentleman raised a heartfelt question regarding “death with dignity.” Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton paused, thanked the gentleman, and noted that this is a tricky matter that needs to be thought through very carefully.

As I listened I thought: Now here’s a great opportunity to help folks with a theological distinction between “intrinsic dignity” and “attributed dignity.” My reflection is based on a presentation entitled “Dignity and Vulnerability” given by Daniel P. Sulmasy, OFM, MD, PhD at the 2003 Catholic Health Association of the United States Physician Leader Forum.

Attributed dignity can be gained and lost. For example, the chief of surgery at “this” hospital has attributed dignity that goes with her position. If attributed dignity is all there is to human dignity, then our chief of surgery would suffer serious loss of her dignity if she were to suffer a profound and permanent loss of rational capacity. Hmm. Sounds like death without dignity is a real possibility.

And so: Would the chief of surgery not do well to plan ahead for such a loss of “dignity?” Would she not be well advised to sign an advanced medical directive empowering someone to help her shorten her “undignified” life by suicide or euthanasia? Are we left with an undeniable rationalized “pro-choice” green light parallel to permanent “pro-life” frustration?

Surprising though it may sound, no we are not! Although a permanent loss of rational capacity would occasion a tragic corresponding loss of attributed dignity, intrinsic dignity always stands as a beautiful guiding light. Really? Where’s that come from? Divine revelation. Simply stated, every human being is brought into existence by God in His likeness, loved by God as His child—a royal somebody, and called by God to eternal union with Him—real coronation beyond our earthly sojourn.

And so we ponder the frightening mystery in that beautiful guiding light. The tragic loss of attributed dignity by a loved one caught in clutches of “terminal” illness or catastrophic injury stops us in our tracks. We live the price of loving compassion—the shaking, the anxiety, the rage, and the tears—vulnerability. And yet there is much more to the story.

God mysteriously and lovingly calls us to stand with Mary and the beloved disciple at the foot of the cross present to our loved one who is dying in the loving arms of Jesus on that same cross. God makes His Love present and tangible through you and me as you and I actively provide care for our suffering loved one—real presence. Yes, attributed dignity is lost while intrinsic dignity stands strong. God’s Love does not cower.

When it’s all said and done, attributed dignity is a wild care of sorts. Without it, there would be no Medal of Honor winners, no heroes. There would be no promotions, no congratulatory pats on the back. That would be a shame. And yet, it is only part of the story. If we do not view attributed dignity in the guiding light of intrinsic dignity, problems like voluntary and non-voluntary euthanasia, doctor-prescribed suicide, abortion, infanticide, and genocide stand very close indeed. Thanks to that guiding light, we know better. God’s Love stands!

FROM THE PROVINCIAL PROMOTER'S DESK

Fr. Bede Shipps, O.P.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Saint Dominic,

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are invited to ponder the mystery of God's gracious plan to save us poor sinners. The compassion of our heavenly Father, revealed in Christ's dying and rising, lifts us up, restores us to the dignity of God's children, and enables us to walk in newness of life. Pope John Paul II has left us a particularly powerful reflection on God's mercy in the encyclical *Dives in misericordia*, tracing the story of God's generosity down through the ages. The encyclical includes a reverent study of the parable of the Prodigal Son. Pope John Paul urged believers to turn to God in a spirit of repentance, to make God's mercy incarnate in a world where so many suffer and so many are without a foundation in the truth, and to call down the mercy of God for all people by constant and heartfelt prayer. I encourage all of you to read this encyclical as we continue in Lent. The many passages of Scripture to which the Pope refers can touch our hearts and enlighten our minds. The encyclical is available on the Vatican's website, and is published in hard copy by, among others, the Daughters of Saint Paul. May our common study of the mercy of God equip us for an even more effective witness as Dominicans!



Fr. Bede Shipps, O.P.,
Provincial Promoter

May you experience the Triduum as a time of grace and renewed faith!

Your brother,
Fr. Bede

Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND:

August 30 – September 11, 2016

This unique pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND is being led by Fr. Gregory Tatum, O.P., New Testament scholar and professor at the Ecole Biblique of Jerusalem. Since its founding in 1890, the Ecole Biblique has been a leading institution in biblical and archaeological research in the Catholic Church and now for the first time some of its fruits are being made available through this pilgrimage. The scholarly expertise from Fr. Gregory simply cannot be found on most pilgrimages as he will guide the group through the sights in the Holy Land. Fr. Allen Moran, O.P. of the Dominican Eastern Province will be joining the pilgrimage as Spiritual Director.

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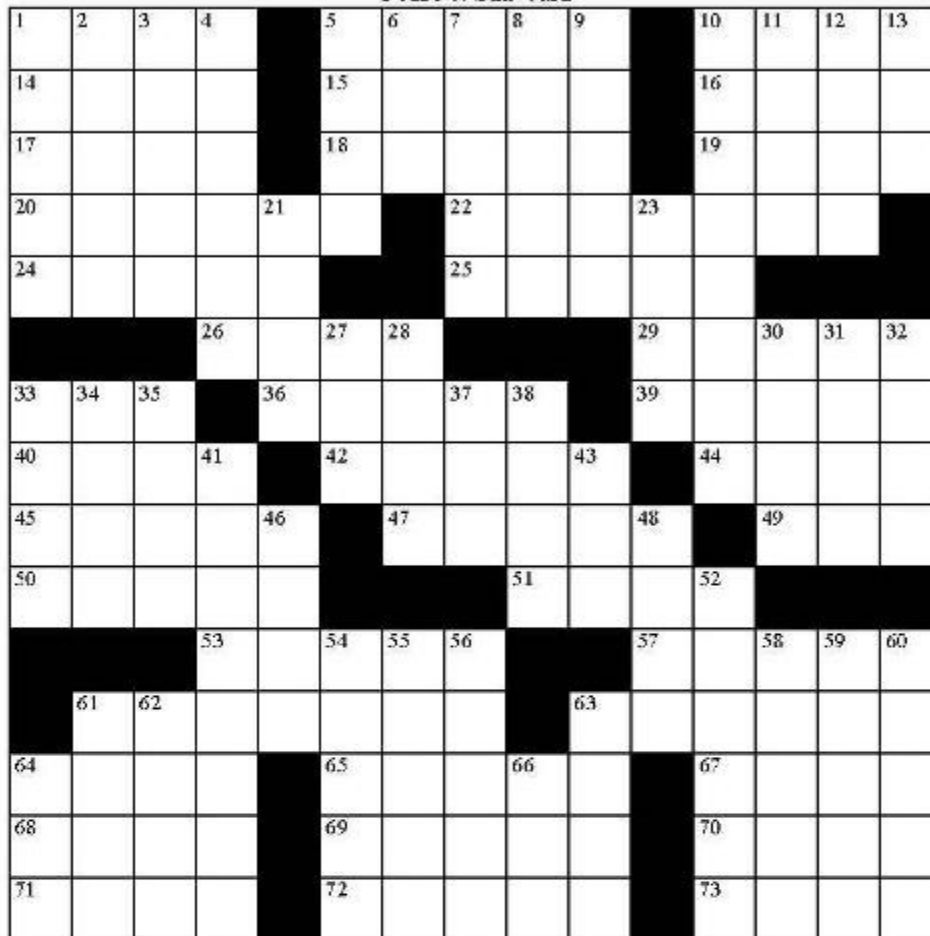
Br. Alan Piper, O.P.

Br. Edmund McCullough, O.P.

The ordination is open to the public. Please pray for the *ordinandi* as they prepare for this joyous day!

Dominicans and Allies

Pedro J. Saavedra



- 70 Crown of the head
- 71 City or gulf
- 72 Fragrant
- 73 Formerly

DOWN

- 1 Birthplace of Muhammad
- 2 "That _____ you know and .
- 3 Dish of raw vegetables
- 4 Added
- 5 Animal pelts
- 6 Exploit
- 7 Capital of Tibet
- 8 Bollard
- 9 Upright
- 10 Feudal overlord
- 11 Single entity
- 12 Saturates
- 13 Precursor of the CIA
- 21 Career golfers
- 23 Tiered shelves
- 27 Label
- 28 Geraint's love
- 30 Physical suffering
- 31 Remarkable
- 32 Old
- 33 Serpents
- 34 Monetary unit of Angola
- 35 Restrain

ACROSS

- 1 Fail to hit
- 5 Friend of Dominic
- 10 Disciple of Eckhart
- 14 Biblical twin
- 15 Doorkeeper
- 16 Some in Seville
- 17 Still
- 18 Rob
- 19 Closes
- 20 Wedges together
- 22 Unrevealed facts
- 24 Tree of the birch family
- 25 Communion table
- 26 To be lavish in affection
- 29 Raymond of ____ (Catherine's biographer)
- 33 Long-sleeved linen vestment
- 36 North Pole resident
- 39 Wild ass of Tibet
- 40 Exchange
- 42 To drink deeply
- 44 French city
- 45 Martyr of Verona
- 47 Friend of Dominic
- 49 Incline head
- 50 Catherine's home
- 51 Saint of Lima
- 53 Tinged
- 57 Battle of the Albigensian Crusade
- 61 Minor Prophet
- 63 Procession
- 64 What a British judge might wear
- 65 Dominican theologian
- 67 Norse deity
- 68 Greek philosopher
- 69 Sacred text of Islam

- 37 Form with angle or mester
- 38 American tenor
- 41 9/11 target
- 43 Checker of the id
- 46 Sudden assault
- 48 See to 47 across
- 52 Part of the world early Dominicans came from
- 54 Notches
- 55 Rare petrel
- 56 At that place
- 58 Object detector
- 59 Prepares for publication
- 60 Dogma
- 61 Was indebted to
- 62 Twining stem
- 63 Football kick
- 64 Dominic's mother
- 66 Not

The above puzzle originally appears in March of 2009. Answers are on page ____

Te Deum



Members of the **Mother of God Chapter #103, West Springfield, MA**, celebrated the 65th Anniversary as a chapter on January 21, 2016! The chapter was established on January 22, 1951! Five members were recognized for their years and service to the chapter. They are (from Left to Right): Lucille Roy (LP 34 years), Rose Marie Nathan (LP 29 years), Mary Hickson (LP 35 years), Gail Waterman (LP 31 years), and Pauline Bacon (LP 34 years). (LP = Life Promised).

DIACONAL ORDINATION

The Province of St. Joseph will soon have eight new deacons. The province's diaconate ordination will be held in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 9 AM on Saturday, March 5th. The brothers to be ordained are:

- Br. Bonaventure Chapman, O.P.**
- Br. Thomas Davenport, O.P.**
- Br. Humbert Kilanowski, O.P.**
- Br. Joachim Kenney, O.P.**
- Br. Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, O.P.**

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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: Deacon Joseph Wall, O.P.

Religious Name: *Martin*

Chapter: St. Martin de Porres, 610

Location: New Hope, KY

Final Promise: March 24, 2011

Date of Death: January 21, 2016

Name: Mrs. Mary Wall, O.P.

Religious Name: *Mary Magdalene*

Chapter: St. Martin de Porres, 610

Location: New Hope, KY

Final Promise: March 24, 2011

Date of Death: January 29, 2016

Please remember our brother, Joseph, and sister, Mary, 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.



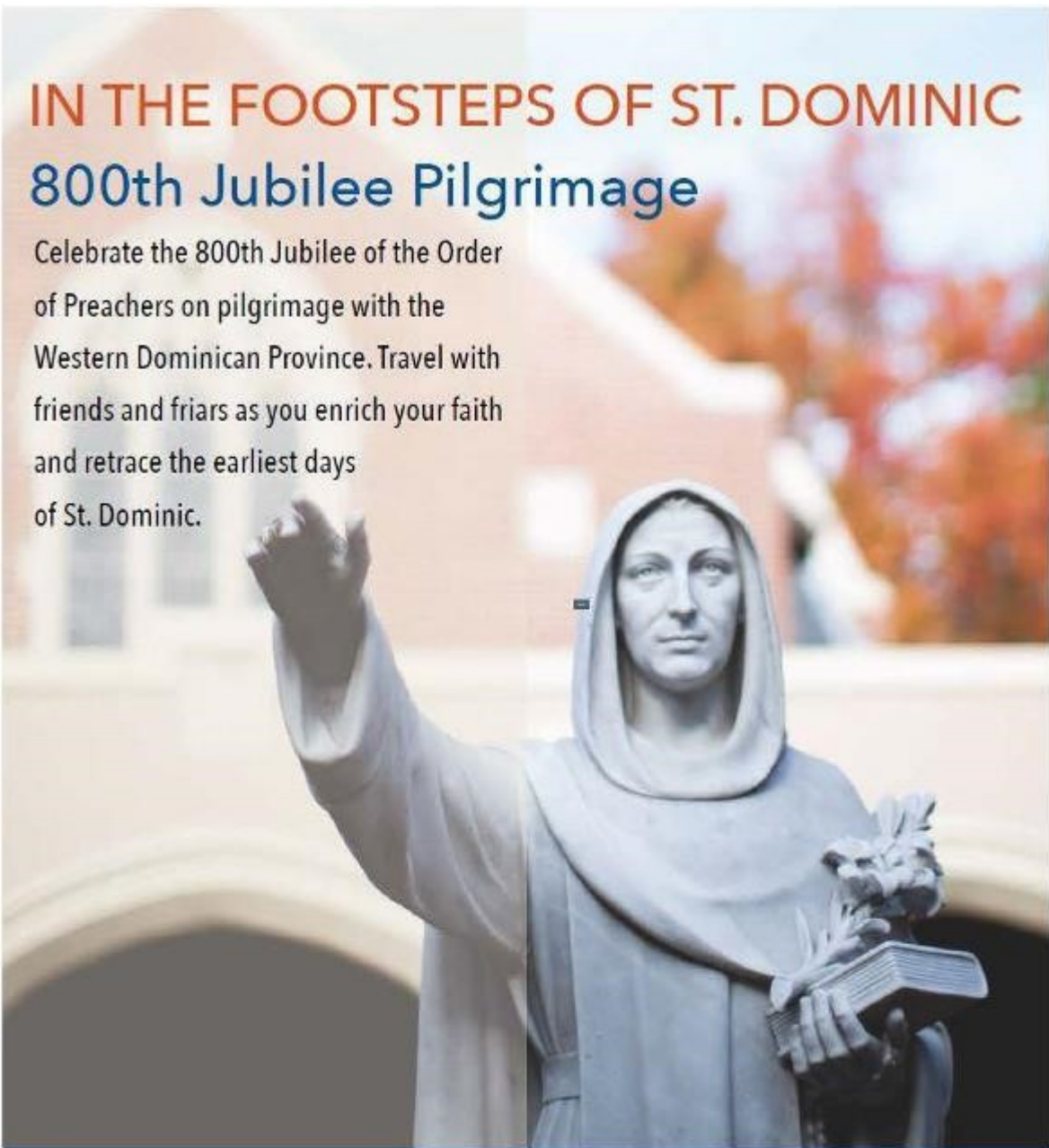
*Sorrowful Mother,
pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
Holy Father Dominic,
pray for us.*



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LECTIO DIVINA PROJECT: Invitation to Preach

Have you ever wondered “*How can a Lay Dominican preach*”? Well, here’s a wonderful opportunity for chapters or individual Lay OPs to share in the preaching mission of the Order by “... *sharing the fruits of your contemplation...*” around the world! The Laity has been invited to submit *lectio divina* throughout the Jubilee Year. Below is the invitation and guide from Fr. Dominic Izzo, O.P., from Santa Sabina (former Prior Provincial, Province of St. Joseph). Should you decide not to submit a *lectio*, I encourage all members to visit the Order’s site daily to help expand one’s spiritual practice and growth: <http://www.op.org/en/lectio>



Dear member of the Dominican Laity,

For each day of the Jubilee Year of the Order, that is November 7, 2015 – January 21, 2017, there is the opportunity to prepare a *lectio divina* for each day. The Jubilee *lectio divina* is designed to be short so that all who read them on their computers or mobile devices, can recall them throughout the day. They will be posted on the website of the Order in the three official languages of the Order (French, Spanish, and English).

I would like to ask if you are willing to participate in this preaching mission. Attached to this document is the guide for the *lectio divina* outlining all of its parts and an introductory text regarding the entire project. In order to keep each *lectio divina* short and consistent in length each day, the guide limits the number of characters used in each section. Please, do what you can to keep your text within the limits presented.

If you are able to join this preaching mission of the Dominican Family, please indicate if you have a preference for a Sunday or a weekday. Also, if you have a specific date you would like to offer a *lectio divina*, please let me know. Specific dates will be given to those who first ask for them. Also, please indicate how many times you would be able to participate in this Jubilee event.

The email address for all texts and any questions you may have is jubileelectio@curia.op.org. If you know any other members of the Dominican Family who are interesting in participating in this unique opportunity, please send me their contact information or forward this message to them.

Thank you once again for considering to participate in the *lectio divina* for the Jubilee Year. Be assured of my prayers for you.

In St. Dominic,

fr. Dominic Izzo, O.P.
Socius for Permanent Formation

Format for Jubilee *Lectio*

Below is the format of the Jubilee *Lectio*. The headings and text in bold indicate what is to be presented for review and possible editing, before it is translated into the other official languages of the Order and posted on the Jubilee page of the website of the Order of Preachers. All directions are in italics.

N.B. Please use Times New Roman type font at 12 points or something equivalent. Also, please submit your *lectio divina* in one of the official languages of the Order (English, French, or Spanish). If you wish to submit it in more than one of these languages due to concerns about translation, please do so. Once you have completed the Jubilee *lectio* for the day, please email it to fr. Dominic Izzo, O.P., at jubileelectio@curia.op.org.

See next page for continuation of the Format.

1. Biographical information & Photo:
(maximum character count with spaces 500)

Please write a biography that you would like to appear on the right hand column of the lectio page. The biography cannot be more than 500 characters (includes letters, spacing, punctuation, etc.).

fr. Dominic Izzo, O.P., is a son of the Province of St. Joseph, U.S.A. Currently, he is a member of the General Council of the Order as the socius of the Master of the Order for the U.S.A. He is also the President of *Spem Miram Internationalis*, the organization that oversees the solidarity funds of the Order. He may be contacted at s.usa@curia.op.org.

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Please include a photo: resolution should be 72 pixels, width 240 pixels and height between 150-300 pixels. Also, please use your full name for the file name of the photo (e.g., *izzo.dominic.jpg*).

2. The title for the *lectio*:
(maximum character count with spaces 50)

The title will be a way to catch the reader's attention.

Going once, twice ... not sold!

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3. Date of the *Lectio*:

Please note the calendar date of the lectio and where it falls in the liturgical year (e.g., day of a saint; Third Week in Ordinary Time: Tuesday; Second Sunday of Advent, etc.). Also, please indicate the original language of the text (e.g., English, French, or Spanish), especially if you submit translations of your lectio divina.

**February 17, 2016
First Week of Lent: Wednesday
Original Language: English**

4. The *Lectio* text that you would like the reader to focus on:

There will be a link on the webpage for the reader to read all of the Scriptures for the day. However, due to space and in order to focus the reader's attention, each contributor is asked to indicate the specific Scriptural text for the lectio. This may be one of the readings if it less than 1,500 characters or it may be part of a reading. Also, for emphasis, the contributor can ask that part of the text be placed in italics. The other texts of the Scrip-

tures may be mentioned in the meditatio (e.g., *This builds on the first reading in which...*).

The focus will be on the first reading: Jonah 3:1-10

The other Scriptures of the day are Ps 51:304, 12, 13, 18-19 and Luke 11:29

The text or portion of the text that you choose will appear in the dropdown menu at Lectio. The reader will be able to read the text by clicking the arrow near the word, "Lectio." Please see the attached screenshot for an example.

Lectio: (maximum character count with spaces 1,500)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's bidding.

Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it.

Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes. Then he had this proclaimed throughout Nineveh, by decree of the king and his nobles: "Neither man nor beast, neither cattle nor sheep, shall taste anything; they shall not eat, nor shall they drink water. Man and beast shall be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God; every man shall turn from his evil way and from the violence he has in hand. Who knows, God may relent and forgive, and withhold his blazing wrath, so that we shall not perish."

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

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5. *Studium* (maximum character count with spaces 2,100)

This section is to give the reader information about the text that is necessary for the following sections as you develop the lectio. Please be mindful that many readers are not well educated in biblical exegesis. Therefore, try to avoid technical terms and keep the explanations accessible. The use of Hebrew and Greek words may be

used when necessary but ought to be fully explained. There will also be an arrow near the word, "studium," for a dropdown text.

Although much study is part of lectio, please be concise in the information that you present and mention only the most important points. This section is intended to lead the reader to the next section, meditatio.

The prophet Jonah is the only prophet whom Jesus mentioned by name. He was a patriotic Israelite who reluctantly received his call to serve in a foreign land and is the only minor prophet to preach exclusively to a foreign people. The Assyrians were considered enemies of the Israelites.

Nineveh was the capital of Assyria and was located on the Tigris River (modern day Mosul, Iraq) with a population between 600,000 and 1,000,000 inhabitants. Interestingly, the Lord God sends his prophet to this foreign people in order to give the inhabitants of Nineveh the opportunity to repent and turn back to the Lord. The sending of the prophet to a foreign people signifies that the Lord God is God of all nations and not only Israel.

The use of sackcloth and ashes placed upon the head were signs of mourning and repentance. One practical consequence of genuine repentance is a change of behavior. Otherwise, it would have been only words spoken by the people of Nineveh without any effect.

The remainder of this short story is not recorded in this reading. In chapter four, the final chapter, Jonah finds a comfortable place from which to view the destruction of Nineveh. However, it does not come to pass because the Lord God accepts the repentance of the people. Although the Lord God originally provided some pleasant shade from a bush, poor Jonah is left with a bad case of sunburn because God withers the bush while Jonah is sleeping. Jonah becomes very angry when he sees that the bush has died. The Lord God tells Jonah that he is upset because the bush is dead but that he had no concern for the people of Nineveh who are more precious than a plant. The irony is that Jonah is angry because his enemies have listened to his preaching and have repented of their sins. God, who had intended to destroy them, has now relented in his punishment and shown them mercy.

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6. Meditatio (maximum character count with spaces 1,750)

The meditatio flows from the studium and presents to the readers an encounter with the Word of God. As such, it challenges the reader to think anew about his/her life in light of the entire lectio divina for the day.

There is always a chance. God never tires of being at the threshold of return and new beginnings. Just when we think all is completed, as in an auction – going once, twice... - there is still a bit of space for a surprise. This is all that God needs, so to speak. The question, then, would be, "Do we create room in ourselves, in our hearts, for God's grace?" Jonah was so filled with his own zeal and jealousy for the Lord God for himself and his own people that there was no room for others. Perhaps, he thought that the ingathering of others, especially his enemies, into God's own people would somehow lessen God's love for him and Israel.

The story of Jonah is as much about his own conversion as it is about the conversion of the Ninevites. We are called to be evangelizers and to present to others an encounter with the Lord Jesus. As preachers we are to be living examples of conversion because we are sent by God to all peoples in all kinds of situations. Where we go is not our choice. God sends us. How we go depends on whether we take hold of the grace given to us as preachers of the Word. There is always a bit more room in our lives for the surprises God has in store for us even if we think that it is no longer possible or if it cannot fit into our worldview.

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7. Oratio (maximum character count with spaces 500)

Oratio is a prayer that follows from the major theme of the lectio.

O, Lord God, we give you thanks for your universal love for all peoples. Assist us with your grace to love as you love without limit and without prejudice. Through our preaching, may we be your instruments of reconciliation and hospitality so that all may come to know you and your steadfast love in which all may find the peace they seek.

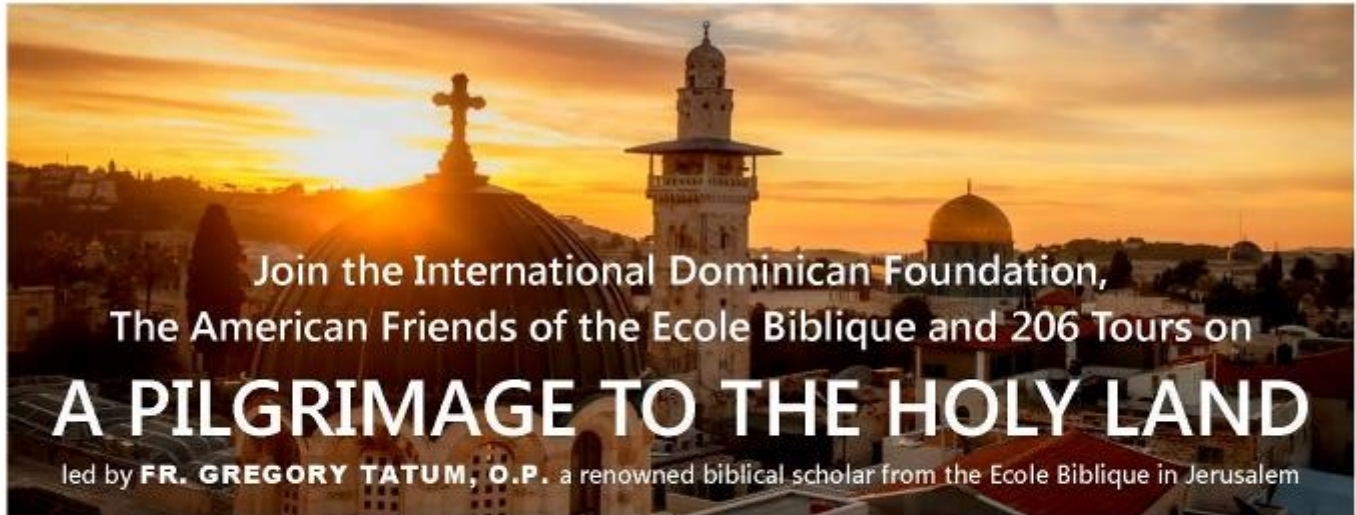
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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8. Contemplatio

This section is only one or two sentences that the reader can keep in mind for the day. It is meant to be short so it can be easily remembered.

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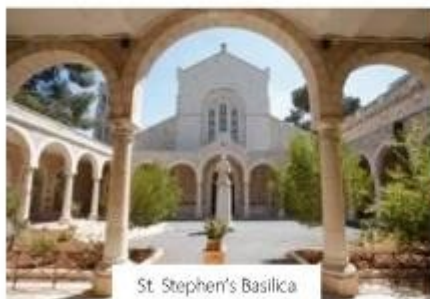
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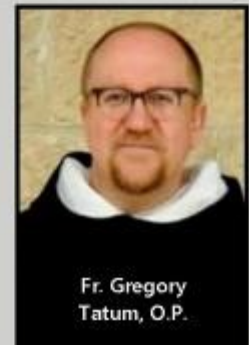


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Fr. Allen Moran, O.P.



Fr. Gregory Tatum, O.P.

Fr. Allen Moran, O.P. is the President of the International Dominican Foundation. Fr. Gregory Tatum, O.P. is a New Testament scholar and professor at the Dominican-run Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem. Since its founding in 1890, the Ecole Biblique has been a leading institution in biblical and archaeological research in the Catholic Church and now for the first time some of the fruits of its works are being made available through this pilgrimage. Don't miss the one-of-a-kind opportunity! A portion of the proceeds of this pilgrimage will directly benefit the Ecole Biblique.



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Preaching on the International Bridge

By Ms. Alexandria Faiz, O.P.
St. Mary's Chapter
New Haven, Connecticut

Every Easter finds me amazed how the Holy Spirit both revives and unifies our whole Church. Though country boundaries and complex languages artificially divide us other times of the year, it is now most evident that Christ's blood flows across all lands, filling us with Our Father's love as the Holy Spirit urges us to never stop drinking. Below are excerpts of Easter messages, originally written by Dominican friars in three different regions of the world, but together form what I hope you'll find to be one deeply beautiful message.

"How can we have life in His name other than to live for Him, with Him and in Him, welcoming Him to our upper room through the door of faith? The name is the same Jesus who comes the first day of the week, the day of the new creation, when the heaven and the earth shuddered with joy, because that is the life that raises the dead, awakens from death those who have fallen asleep in their own darkness... This is our vocation, awakening after dying again and again to our vices and sins, and let the finger of the right hand of our Father, the spirit of Christ, burn and destroy in us all what impedes their work... Eternal merciful God, dur-



A Paschal candle painted by Fr. Thomas Skeats, O.P., when he was a Dominican student brother at Blackfriars, Oxford. (Credit: <http://english.op.org>)

ing the annual celebration of the Easter feasts, we thank you for reviving the faith of the Holy people, increasing in us the gifts of your grace to understand your invaluable gift of baptism that purifies, the greatness of spirit that revives us, and the price of blood that redeemed us." – [Fr. Alberto Maria Wernly, O.P. \(Argentina\)](#)

"Instead of the usual: "Truly Risen!" I would like to say: "Truly died." Only the certainty of death, real death, gives cause for real joy when meeting with the Risen. We can't truly rejoice

that someone was raised from the dead if we are not sure He really died, that this death was not an illusion. We cannot experience the joy of the radiant resurrection of Christ had we not experienced the deep silence of the great Saturday, had we not stood before the wounds of Christ, crucified on the cross of love for us. We have to truly die to start living.

Die to sin to live for Christ. Christ Is Risen!" -- [Fr. Maciej Rusecki, O.P. \(Russia and Ukraine\)](#)

"Alleluia! If there's one word that characterizes our Easter celebrations, it's this. We've been holding off from using it for the whole of Lent just so that we can apply it with renewed intensity to our celebration of Christ's Resurrection... The joy which our Easter alleluias express is the joy of believing, that joy in the Gospel of which Pope Francis has written so pow-

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AROUND THE PROVINCE

. . . news you can use



News from the **St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter, 410, Lancaster, PA.** The diocese of Harrisburg celebrated a mass to end the Year of Consecrated Life. Bishop Ronald Gainer, pictured with Sr. Mary Veronica, O.P., and Kathy Fegley, O.P., attended the mass at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill, PA.

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OP MOMENT TRIVIA

by Mrs. Lynn Simpkins, O.P.

Which Dominican is the patron saint of builders?

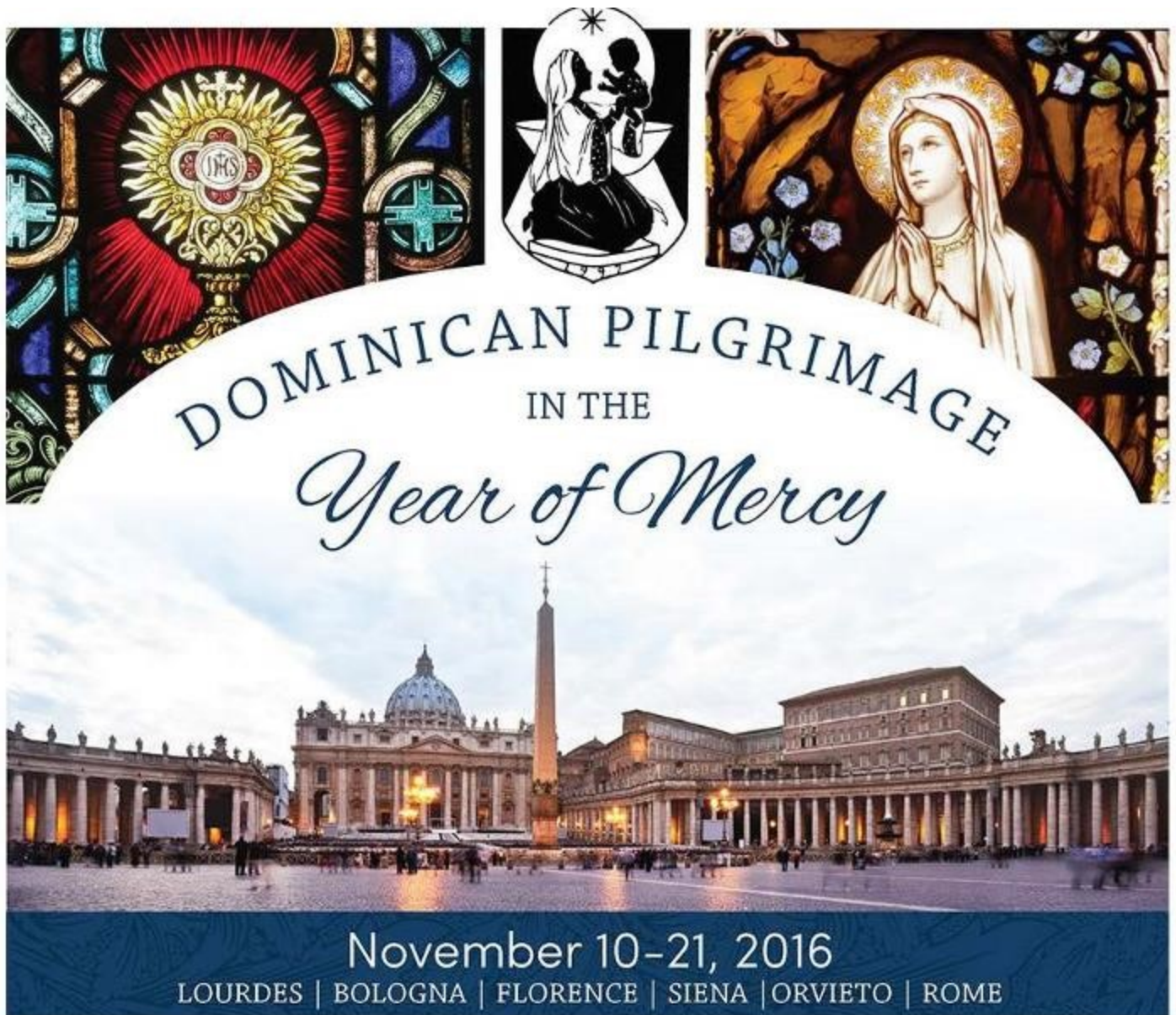
- a. St. Dominic
- b. St. Martin de Porres
- c. St. Vincent Ferrer
- d. Blessed Pope Innocent VI

See page 12 for answer.

OP MOMENT Trivia

Answer: OP Moment Trivia is: **c.**

St. Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419),
Spanish priest, celebrated itinerant preacher, and ascetic, canonized in 1455.



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