

President's Letter

March 1, 2017 Ash Wednesday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in St. Dominic,

With today, we begin a time period to reflect more on our relationship with God and our neighbor and prepare ourselves for Jesus' Resurrection. I encourage and ask you to also spend some time during these next 40 days to reflect on your Dominican vocation. May the following be a guide to reflect on how well you live each of our practices as a Dominican and help grow in your vocation. May you have a fruitful Lent.

Understanding of and engagement in practices of Dominican Spirituality by:

- Participating in daily Mass, when possible.
- Praying some portions of the Liturgy of the Hours with a minimum component of Morning and Evening prayer.
- Praying daily the Our Father, Hail Mary and Eternal Rest for all deceased Dominicans.
- Praying the Rosary daily.
- Reading and reflecting daily on Scripture (15 minutes).
- Studying conciliar and post-conciliar documents and other spiritual readings.
- Understanding of and participating in chapter apostolate.
- Engaging in an active Chapter apostolate.
- Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly.
- Faithfully attending and participating in chapter meetings.
- Participating in an annual retreat.
- Participating in the celebration of Masses for deceased Dominicans.
- Being knowledgeable of and obedient to the Magisterium of the Church.
- Providing financial support of the Lay Fraternities' structure: Chapter, Region and Province.
- Attending a minimum of 10 chapter meetings per year.
- Being an evangelizer with your life.

Yours in St. Dominic,

Cosette

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Message from the International Promoter

February 8, 2017 contributed by Edoardo Mattei for Fr. Rui Lopes, OP

My dear brothers and sisters,

I want to send a greeting to all the Dominican laity throughout the world and to thank you especially for your prayers in this period of rehabilitation that I am going through, in which I have experienced your closeness not only in prayer but in friendship and fraternity too.

Thank you for these moments of communion which have helped me in this time of trouble.

Thanks be to God, I am going back to Santa Sabina on Monday 30 January and so will be able, little by little, to get back to my normal life, my work and my relations with you all.

I was able to take part in the Congress on Mission for just one day, but it was a great joy for me to be there, even if only for a few hours. I was able to meet many of you: brethren, sisters and above all lay Dominicans and members of the Youth Movement.

I want to thank the many lay Dominicans who responded to the invitation to take part in this congress: they came from Australia, the Philippines, Latin America, Canada, the Caribbean, the USA and Europe. It was an experience of communion, and it is only in communion that we can live our Dominican vocation.

Because of my condition I was unable to take part in the whole congress but I was at the closing Mass at which the pope presided. At that celebration we were able to live the communion of our whole Dominican family and the fraternal openness to the whole Church under our pope, who confirmed our mission as was done with St. Dominic.

Now we must ask: how can we continue, concretely?

The jubilee, above all the congress, gave us the opportunity to live a great communion in the whole Order and face the current challenges that preaching must deal with.

Helping one another in communion and with the Holy Spirit, we will be able to discover what preaching is – in our specific case, what lay preaching is. Living ever more intensely our communion with the Order, we must improve relations, share our experiences, compare our opportunities for apostolate. We cannot remain closed up in our fraternities, our priories or our provinces. The Order is a large family and the experiences of the jubilee and of the congress have taught us that it is only in the family that we can come to know one another, help one another and discover the new challenges of preaching.

All of us who took part saw how much can be done: the paths open to us, the doors that have opened in the Order are truly enormous, and in the plurality of responses we can understand what the Dominican vocation is, what apostolate is, what Dominican preaching is.

The strength we have discovered today must not be lost. We have so many ways of communicating that we must and may remain in touch, continuing on the road of communion. It is only in communion that progress in Dominican preaching is possible.

A fraternal greeting from the promoter of the Laity.



SUB TUUM

(3rd Century; Oldest Known Prayer to Mary)

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. *Amen.*

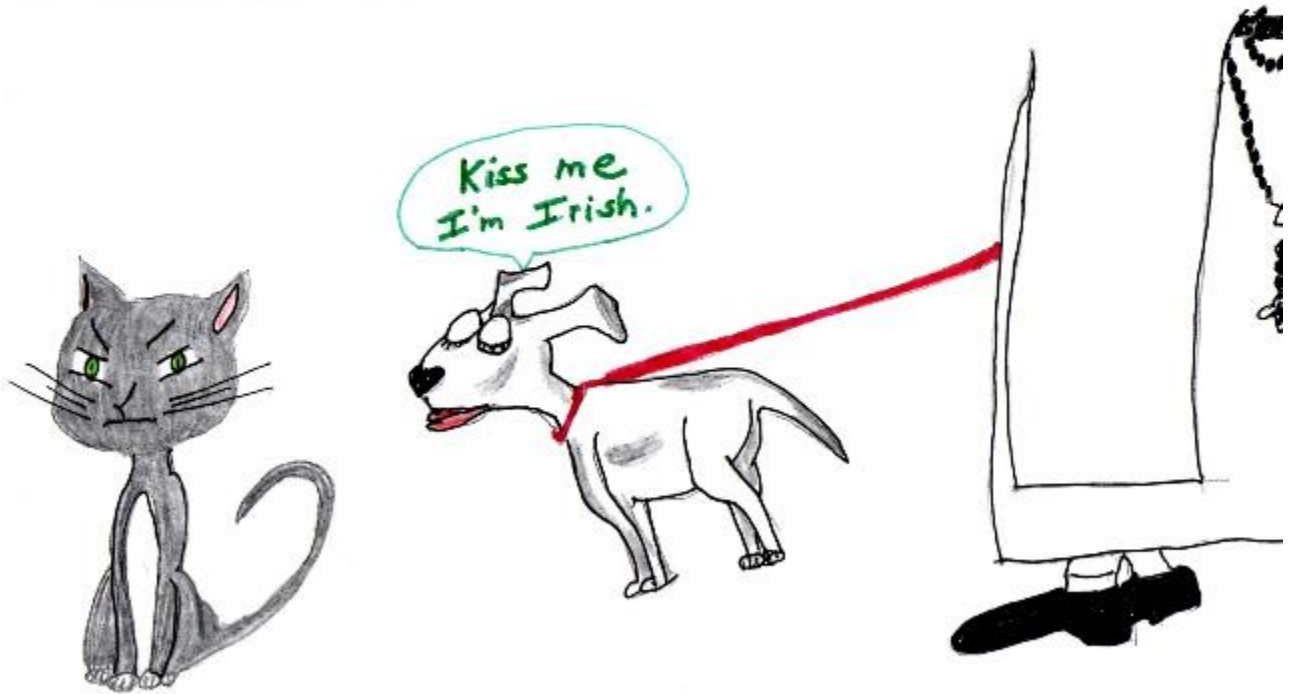


Fr. Rui Carlos Antunes e Almeida Lopes, O.P.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

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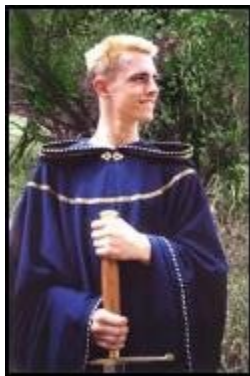
Brother Tonto, Cappa and Canis



OP MOMENT TRIVIA



A



B



C



D

Which of these is the Old Lay Brother habit?

See page 10 for answer.

What Does it Mean to Serve?

Fr Bruno Cadoré, Master General of the Order of Preachers

“What does it mean to serve? There is a link between obedience and service which constitutes the unity of the Order. St. Dominic asked his brothers to live a life of obedience and service. Service of the Order does not consist in a list of things to do. This obedience inserts us into common life to be listeners of the Word. The Order’s service is less a list of things but rather an attitude of listening. A conversation with God. The love of those to whom we will speak depends on the extent of love for the One whom we are speaking about. This is holy preaching. This is a mystery of grace which transforms the world.

The second point to strengthen us is to remind us that this is a ministry of the Word. The ministry of the Word means we serve the Word which is working. We are servants of the Word. The Word itself is working. We are servants. The Word knows better than us. We serve the Word. The Word comes to change the face of the world for the coming of the Son of God into His world.

The third point is to be at the service of the salvation of the world. We are preachers to the world. We are preachers for the salvation of the world. To do this we must contemplate the Word. Vatican II put an importance on talking about God.



And, discern the signs of the times. To identify how this world is working. This world is laboring. We must be joyful and hopeful. Find what the Grace of the Word is doing and wants to do in the world. We are like midwives waiting and watching for the birth of a new world. Like a midwife, we have to watch the signs of labor as we wait for the One to come in this world. We must dare to meet the world in its labor. We wait and watch this way – which is the way the Nuns keep as the heart of the Order – they remind us that the Order of Preachers is an Order that watches. The Order is about service to the Church. We are servants of a conversation of God with the world. The Church is in a permanent state of mission for those to be in need of the Sacraments. The world is in a place which is inside-out. We must think about all those who have not yet had the joy of experiencing the Face of Christ. It is not ourselves that preach, it is He who would like to preach with us”.

Address of Fr Bruno Cadoré, Master General of the Order of Preachers at the Closing of the 800th year Jubilee of the Order at the Angelicum in Rome on January 21, 2017.

We don’t study just for the sake of knowledge. We study because we desire to know the truth. And the truth is a person. The Truth is God.

St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P. 1274-1323

Our Dominican Mission

By Duncan MacLaren, O.P.

Contributed by Mr. Edoardo Mattei, O.P. <http://www.fraternitiesop.com/>

I was asked to attend the Congress on Mission¹ and to contribute by reflecting on what I had heard as a lay Dominican at the congress on the last day. This is what I said:-

My friend and mentor, Timothy Radcliffe, once wrote "To be a Dominican is to find that you belong with us. You are at home".

Wherever I have travelled in the world and met with Dominicans, whether lay men and women, sisters, nuns or friars, I have felt at home; and the same has happened here in the Angelicum. That feeling of belonging is composed of several elements.

One, the warmth of the welcome. When I was introduced to her for the first time, Sr. Anne from Trinidad gave me an embrace and a kiss. The warmth has been repeated by meeting old friends and many new ones. We recognize in that human encounter within the ambit of St. Dominic's family not just a feeling of friendship but the knowledge that we have all embarked on a mission to preach the Good News, whether by word, gesture or the way we treat one another. I have heard that must be repeated to the Other as part of the preaching.

A second element is the laughter. My experience is that Dominican gatherings don't stay solemn for long. That laughter expresses our joy at being together and being alive but it is, for us, also, a sign of God's presence in the world. Pope Francis took this theme up when, talking to seminarians and novices in Rome, he told them that, if they were sad in their vocation, then *arrivederci – goodbye*. You have no place as a servant of the Church because "there is no sadness in holiness." We were all touched by the work of Sr. Luma and her co-workers in Iraq who have brought laughter into the lives of children who have known little else but war, fear, and sadness and we should remember that in our less challenging missions too.

Third, if I am honest and ask "what have I heard from lay Dominicans at this congress," I would say, I have heard a great deal for lay Dominicans to act upon but not actually heard much from them. They, along with the young people from the Dominican Youth Movement and our lay contemplatives in the secular institutes, have been absent from the pan-

els and contributions yet what stories they have to tell, what preaching in the marketplace they undertake and what contributions they can give as members of the Dominican family! We perhaps need [to be] reminded of the words of Brother Damien Byrne, the master before Brothers Timothy, Carlos and Bruno who wrote in 1990 in his letter "In Mission Together," that "we no longer see ourselves as first, second or third Order. We are Dominicans".² How we emphasize that is for the plan of mission following the congress.

Fourth, in terms of themes, I have heard a strong message about those sacred conversations around inter-religious dialogue, especially with Muslims while recognizing how that can be difficult in the context of murderous groups such as Boko Haram and Da'esh. However, we Europeans especially, must remember how we treated the Muslims as infidels and happily killed them during the Crusades; we must "put on truth" about decolonization by the British, Portuguese, French, and Spanish. This has led often to dehumanising poverty; the continuation of dependency on the former colonial powers to their benefit; the creation by the colonisers of states from peoples of differing ethnic groups, religions and cultures which have resulted in terrible wars and the continued crucifixion of the Palestinian people. We must refresh our memory of the

recent illegal war in Iraq, the debacle in Libya, the dithering over Syria, all of which has cost millions of lives and the ruination of these countries.

The answer to the questions yesterday from two young Dominicans, one brother and one layman, about how they could help in the context of such suffering lies not so much in volunteering, in my view, but [in] speaking truth to power – [to] their governments, the UN, and civil society bodies – and being advocates of truth about migrants, war, and discrimination. Our Dominican presence on the ground where the suffering is gives us credibility as advocates for change. In terms of "truth," the *Oxford Dictionary* has included the phrase "post-truth" from the Brexit and Trump campaigns, in the latest version. Had Aquinas been here, he would have choked over his partridge. There is no such thing as "post-truth." What came out most clearly in the campaigns I mentioned was lies – that is, the opposite of truth. I have heard at this

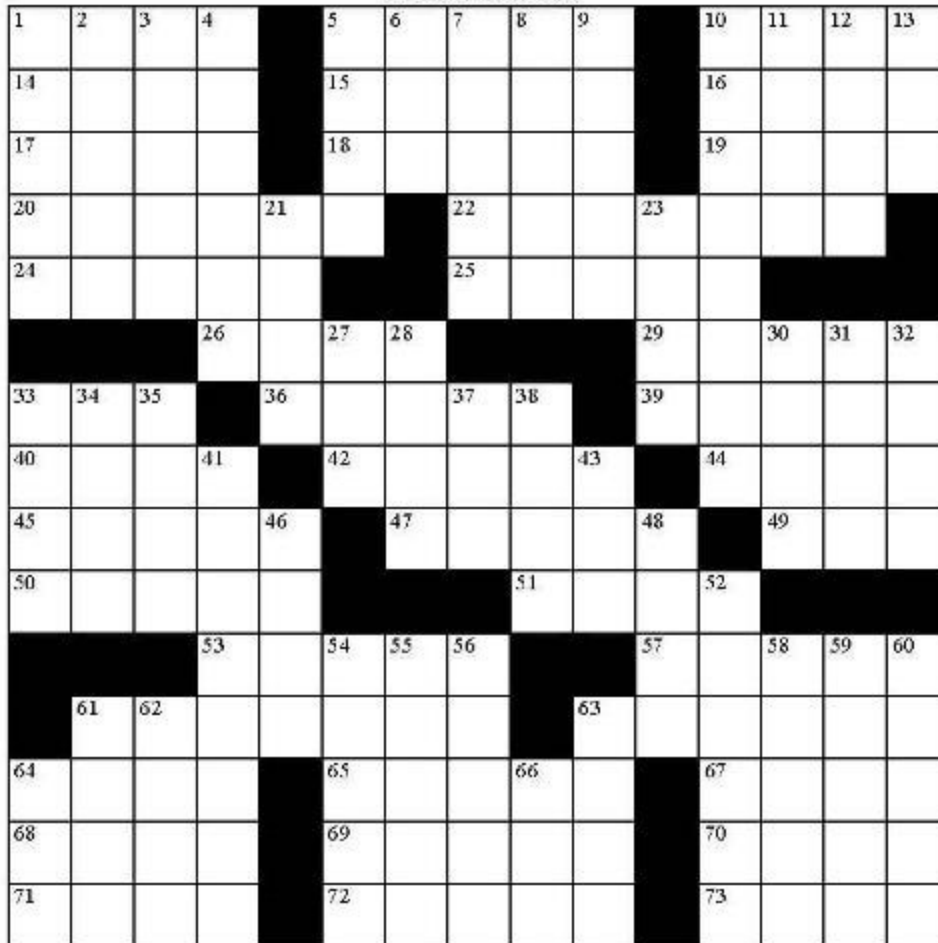


Duncan MacLaren, O.P.

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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

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Our Dominican Mission

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congress a desire to be more active in preaching on justice and peace issues and using the language of truth, not deceit.”

Thinking afterwards about the richness of the congress where liturgy, discussion on relevant themes and art – song, theatre and dance – were intertwined, it still seemed strongly to me that the lay voice in the Order has to be strengthened so that the mission we were discussing has a conduit into workplaces, pubs, politics, and the marketplace in general. This website will help.

If you wish to respond, please contact me, Duncan MacLaren, at dmdonncha085@gmail.com.

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1 As part of the celebration of the Jubilee Year, there was an International Mission Congress in Rome from 18 to 20 January 2017. The congress was part of the closing ceremony of the Jubilee Year, and aimed at highlighting and promoting the mission of the Order through a theological and pastoral reflection on issues central to our preaching mission.

2 A. Fernandez, V. de Couesnongle, D. Byrne, and T. Radcliffe, *To Praise, to Bless to Preach: Words of Grace and Truth* (Dublin: Dominican Publications 2004) 248.

**Spiritual Bouquets
By the Dominican Nuns**



What is a spiritual bouquet? A spiritual bouquet is a cluster of prayers

gathered together for a particular intention. It may be a congratulatory occasion, an illness, or a death. The prayers are offered like flowers as a gift to God for the particular intentions. The Dominican nuns in W. Springfield, MA, at the Mother of God Monastery hand make beautiful spiritual bouquets.

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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: Miss Stephanie Siczewicz, O.P.

Religious Name: Mary Rose

Chapter: Our Lady of Providence/
St. Thomas Aquinas #106

Location: Providence, R.I.

Final Promise: November 22, 1970

Date of Death: January 11, 2017

Name: Ms. Jeanne Johnston, O.P.

Religious Name: Imelda

Chapter: Holy Rosary #403

Location: Mount Ephraim, N.J.

Final Promise: May 19, 2002

Date of Death: January 25, 2017

Please remember our sisters, Stephanie and Jeanne, 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.

On Saint Dominic

Holy Father, whose austere yet joyous life I laud,
Fifty-one years you were lent us by a jealous God.

Quiet child, birth foretold by a dog brandishing flame, scholar, priest, canon, founder, and Master by name.

The copious tears shed for the salvation of souls
Answered the folly of Arius with miraculous Prouille.

Star undimmed by canon 13 of Lateran Council Four, with the vision of a worldwide order in store.

Following the true democracy of Peter and Paul,
Sending out two-by-two the brethren all.

Your legacy – friars, nuns, sisters, and laity:
"Laudere, Benedicere, Prædicare."

AROUND THE PROVINCE . . . news you can use***Region 1*****Regional Meeting**

Region 1 will have its regional meeting on June 3, 2017. The location is in Weston, MA, at St. Julia's Catholic Church, 374 Boston Post Rd., Weston, MA 02493. Keep reading *eLumen* for future details in the upcoming months.

Region 4

News from the **St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter, in Lancaster, PA.**

We began our discussion of the book *Dominican Spirituality Principles and Practice* by William Hinnebusch, OP. This discussion, underscoring the beauty of the Dominican focus on contemplation, emphasizes growth in our Christian life. Illustrated by many of the saints and their practices of contemplation, we learn of the wellspring that contemplation is, supporting us even hundreds of years later, in our effort to walk with St. Dominic through our life. We will continue reading this book and sharing as we discuss our rule and focus on our personal and group apostolic efforts.

Wishing all of you a blessed entry into the season of Lent. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Please join us at our website: <https://oplaitylancaster.org/> for up to date information on our group and links of interest.

Links of Interest

Lay Dominicans of Cagliari blog
<http://cortiledicaifa.blogspot.it/>

Fallacies and propaganda techniques:
<http://undermoregrace.blogspot.com/2009/03/spotting-logical-fallacies-and.html>

Everything on Thomas Aquinas:
<https://st-thomas-the-search-engine.op.org/>

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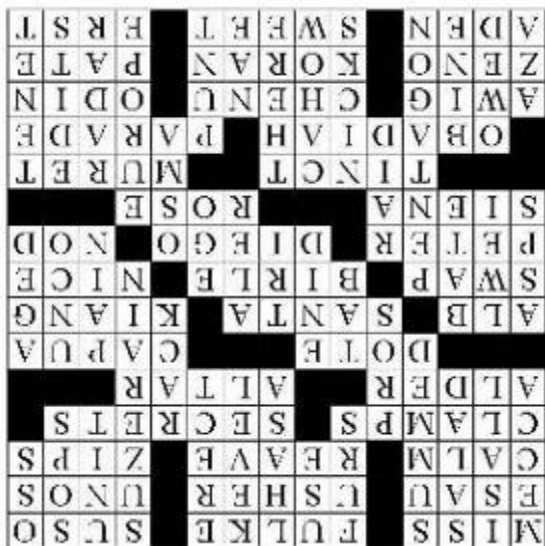
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Honor Mary's Spouse and Jesus's earthly father, St. Joseph March 19

OP Moment Trivia

Answer: d.



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