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Journey to Bethlehem



*Journey to Bethlehem, 1320, Byzantine mosaic, Chora Church, Istanbul, Turkey,
<https://www.wikiart.org/en/byzantine-mosaics/journey-to-bethlehem-mosaic-1320>*

Message from the President

Dear brothers and sisters in St. Dominic,

Greetings and peace to you and yours. We've just completed our annual provincial council meeting with your provincial council delegates in Easton, Penn. Let me share some of the meeting with you. The meeting was productive and some of the things we discussed included how the laity can preach and blurring the lines between fraternity members and provincial leadership. Our new PD speaks about this and is the reason we now have regional delegates who have voting privileges. Province and regional delegates are encouraged to communicate meeting details to members. We also discussed the security of sending an email that contains personal information such as contained in our membership rosters and our Laity Directory. These include password protection and methods of sending to provide protection.

We talked about moving some items from the member side of the website to the public or seekers side. Our website gets quite a bit of attention, and we want to provide more information than we currently do. If you have any suggestions in any of these regards, kindly send an email to eprovcomcom@gmail.com.

We also discussed renaming our PD and Module Shop. This name is too long and misleading. This feels like an opportunity for a "Rename the Provincial Directory and Module Shop" challenge! Please submit your suggestions by December 31, 2021, to our provincial vice-president, Virginia Wacker at vewacker1@gmail.com. The winner will receive the *Dominican Propers* book. The Communications Committee will choose the new name. Speaking of the PD and Module Shop, we will be adding our trifold brochure to the shop. If anyone

needs some brochures, just order some from the shop at no charge.

Watch for some updates to the website. These include a welcome page where the prayer requests were. To submit a prayer request, look under the Prayer tab. Jenita Pettway (R2, downstate NY and northern NJ) and Rose Jarvis (R5, DC, DE, MD, VA) are working on a laity necrology page. This will allow us to capture the deceased members of the laity in a monthly format. Don't forget to check out the committee pages for what is going on. If you would like to join a committee or have some questions, reach out via email to the committee chair. You will find this information on the Committee tab. We will also be adding a tab for communications from the Curia in Rome (Master Timoner and the General Promoter for the Laity, Fr. Ubaldo).

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation by John Tucker, of the formation project done by Region 4 members (PA and southern NJ). This excellent work addresses training formation directors. We thank them for their hard work. The project is still in the working stage, and many are looking forward to rollout and sharing it with the rest of the province.

Other things to mention were meeting our three new delegates (Malcolm Vakalis and Bob Price from R1 (New England) and Elie Shemaly from R3 (upstate NY) and naming the aroom the Miss Mary Celeste Maher, OP Memorial Archive Room. All of these issues will take time to implement and we are excited to begin! Questions? Send me an email. Be well and God bless you all,

Mrs. Kathy Kendrek, OP
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CURIA GENERALITIA

Rome, 9 November 2021

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To Priors Provincial
and Presidents of Councils of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I send you this message with prayerful wishes of good health in your communities. We rejoice in the gift of divine mercy and providence that give us courage and hope in these trying times.

In its last plenary council meeting, the General Council deliberated on the proposal presented by the members of the committee who worked on the following commission of the General Chapter in Biên Hòa:

[COMMISSION] The question of the use of the post-nominal initials "O.P." for the Dominican laity is still regulated very differently in various provinces (e.g. "OPL", "OPs", "O.P.", with or without "Mr./Mrs.") and causes confusion on different levels. We commission the General Promoter of the Laity, the General Promoter of the Priestly Fraternities, and the President of the International Council of Dominican Lay Fraternities to work out a solution to the question and to present it to the Master of the Order and his Council for a decision. (*ACG Biên Hòa 2019, n. 267*)

Having considered the merits of the proposal, and with the concurrence of the members of the General Council, I wish to convey to you the following resolution:

When using post-nominal initials to identify themselves as members of the Order in an abbreviated form, the Laity of the Fraternities of St. Dominic shall use "OP" and not others. As needed, the Prior Provincial and his Council are to ensure that the initials are used in such a way that any confusion among the faithful regarding the canonical status of the members is avoided.


We note that this does not imply that a lay Dominican *should or is encouraged* to use "OP", only that, if the member chooses to use post-nominals, they should be "OP". Furthermore, there is nothing that prevents the Prior Provincial from determining that, in the circumstances of his province, lay Dominicans are *not* to use post-nominals at all in order to avoid confusion.

I hope that this provision will lead to a more harmonious path towards promoting greater communion among the members of the various branches of the Dominican Family. May the spirit and purpose of our founder St. Dominic guide us in embracing our charism as a family joined in unity of life and complementarity of service to the Church and the World (*ACG Quezon City 1977, n. 64*).

Fraternally in St. Dominic,


Brother Jean-Ariel Bauza-Salinas, OP
Secretary General




Brother Gerard Francisco Timoner, OP
Master of the Order

Contemplata aliis tradere

Mr. Ambrose Little, OP, Pope St. Pius V Affiliate #415, Hamilton Square, N.J.

What Is Evangelical Asceticism?

Our *Rule of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic* (no. 10e) says that one of the sources by which we advance our vocation is through “conversion of heart according to the spirit and practice of evangelical asceticism.” But what does this mean? The Latin for this is *conversio cordis iuxta spiritum et praxim pœnitentiæ evangelicæ* (1). You can see it uses *pœnitentiæ*, which is often translated as penitence, and there are a few English translations that choose “Gospel penitence” or “evangelical penitence.” But they are all striking at the same concept, *sine qua non* Christian “conversion of heart” and the practices (*praxim*) that go along with it, is repentance (or *metanoia* in Greek). It is more than simply changing our mind; it is a complete conversion of heart and mind, and the works (practices) that are the fruit of that conversion, all through and with the grace of God.

The *Catholic Encyclopedia* explains, “The word ‘asceticism’ comes from the Greek *askesis* which means practice, bodily exercise, and more especially, athletic training. The early Christians adopted it to signify the practice of the spiritual things, or spiritual exercises performed for the purpose of acquiring the habits of virtue.... [Christian asceticism] is prompted by the desire to do the will of God, any personal element of self-satisfaction which enters the motive vitiating it more or less. Its object is the subordination of the lower appetites to the dictates of right reason and the law of God, with the continued and necessary cultivation of the virtues which the Creator intended man to possess” (2).

Asceticism is a broad category that includes many practices that keep us oriented towards our One True End and away from passing things. Most of our more concrete practices in our *Rule*

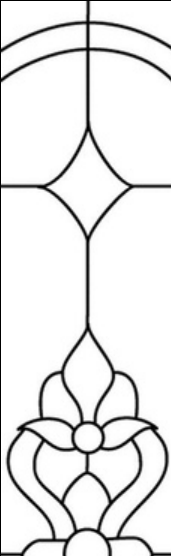
contribute to this ongoing conversion of heart. Here are some other ideas/suggestions to offer more concreteness.

Our daily discipline of prayer is ascetic. Our study, done humbly for love of God to strengthen Christian perfection and apostolate, is ascetic. Almsgiving is ascetic, as is not buying otherwise licit things, to practice detachment from worldly goods. Fasting and abstinence are, of course, ascetic; and this can include simple things like forgoing a dessert or a favored drink for love of God.

Practicing chastity and sexual continence, such as married persons who practice NFP (natural family planning) can be ascetic. Welcoming unplanned life and helping with prayers and material support, and personally volunteering to help those in crisis pregnancies, can be ascetic when done as an expression of Christian charity—in God and because of God.

Taming our wills by practicing docility and obedience to our bishop and the Holy Father is ascetic. St. Francis de Sales even suggests “being obedient” to the requests of equals or subordinates, readily acceding to their requests with little thought to how they inconvenience you—even if they are interrupting prayer or study.

Subduing one’s temper and not engaging in sharing outrage (on social media or otherwise) is another way. Being reluctant to criticize and patiently bearing unjust criticism is yet another. Even holding one’s tongue in otherwise licit and enjoyable but idle talk can be a kind of asceticism, as is not participating in or sharing gossip (including “news” about this or that person) is another.



The more that we engage in ascetical practices for the love of God, the more our hearts and minds will be trained to conform to the mind of Christ. By forgoing even licit goods out of love of God, we both train ourselves to love God above them, and we offer a witness that there is One surpassingly more valuable than these.

Notes


(1) See *Rule of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic* (Latin text), https://www.op.org/docs/886/dominican-laity-10_dominican-family-home-doc-en-5fbf8ea66d4ae/liECLxgSV-Gtta0RX5N0tY959Danw2NMY/The%20RULE%20of%20the%20Lay%20Fraternities%20of%20St.%20Dominic.

(2) See *Catholic Encyclopedia*, s.v. “Asceticism,” <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01767c.htm>.

Signs of the Times

Mr. Richard D. Fitzgerald, OP, St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #301, North Syracuse, N.Y.

The Right to Receive Holy Eucharist and Excommunication



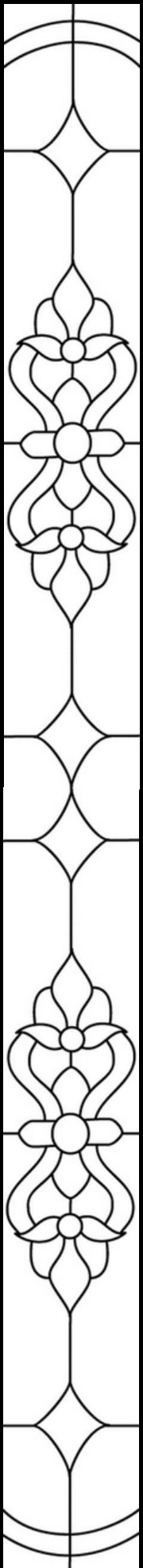
In May 2021, the archbishop of San Francisco, Salvatore Cordileone, published the pastoral letter *Before I Formed You in the Womb I Knew You* (1). In it, the archbishop declared that abortion is the greatest evil facing the United States today because it kills the most defenseless members of our society.

Moreover, he affirmed that the woman who chooses to end her unborn child’s life is not the only person responsible for this deadly act. He then describes the chain of guilt that links all the participants in the murder of the unborn. The abortionist, the facilities, and organizations that provide the abortion services are also guilty. Furthermore, the politicians who favor and vote for laws that protect women’s right to choose and the citizens who vote for them also cooperate with evil. Archbishop Cordileone opines that those Catholics who openly support abortion directly contradict the moral teachings of the Church, and they should not receive Holy Communion. Additionally, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted 168-55, with six abstentions, to develop a document detailing the responsibilities of all Catholics who

present themselves to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Subsequently, many prominent Catholic Democrats in the House of Representatives placed their signatures on a letter to the bishops asking them to reconsider their intent to publish a document on the responsibilities of Catholics who receive Holy Communion. The Democrats accused the bishops of “weaponizing” the Eucharist against pro-choice politicians. Moreover, some influential Democratic members of the House of Representatives threatened to take legislative action against the Catholic Church in the United States, including removing the Church’s tax-exempt status.

In the aftermath of the political uproar, Archbishop Cordileone published another letter, this time in the *Washington Post*, discussing the possibility of eventually excommunicating those prominent individuals who refuse to adhere to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church (2). The archbishop of San Francisco used the example of Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans. In 1962, he excommunicated three Catholic segregationists attempting to block his school desegregation order. In fear of



their immortal souls, two of the three people eventually obeyed his order and died in full communion with the Church.

Professor Roberto De Mattei describes the Vatican's reaction to the English Reformation in his biography *Saint Pius V* (3). In February 1570, the Dominican pope issued the papal bull *Regnans in Excelsis*. The papal declaration stated that Queen Elizabeth I was a heretic in supporting the dissident theologians of the Church of England. The document also condemned and cut off from the Church of Rome everyone who supported her.

By this action, Pius V eliminated any confusion concerning the position of the Church on the actions taken by the Tudor regime. The papal decree confirmed that Elizabeth I and the Anglican Church were in rebellion, and that their theology was in direct violation of the doctrine of the Church of Rome. The citizens of England now had a clear vision as to where the Church stood on these essential doctrinal issues. Many Catholics lost prestigious and lucrative careers; some even suffered martyrdom because they chose to obey the pope. They were all strengthened in their actions by the graces Our Lord provides to those who place their trust in Him.

Recently, the president of the United States had a private audience with Pope Francis on a diplomatic trip to Europe. In an interview after the papal visit, President Biden declared that "Pope Francis told him he was a good Catholic and that he should continue to receive Holy Communion" (4).

Many of the actions of the president are in direct opposition to the doctrine of the Church. Among these are the attempt to establish federal funding for abortion and threatening Catholic organizations that refuse to fund contraception for their employees.

Reporters asked Vatican officials to confirm the validity of the president's statement concerning his audience with the pope. They responded that the Vatican does not discuss what took place in private meetings with Pope Francis. The Vatican later stated that its stance on abortion remains the same, but it will not become embroiled in internal politics. Unfortunately, there is a direct linkage between politics and policy.

In the United States today, a popular phrase declares, "clarity is charity." In both New Orleans in 1962 and England in 1570, the clarity of the threat of excommunication saved the souls of those who chose to remain faithful. Unfortunately, a dense fog of doctrinal ambiguity has enveloped the Catholic Church in the twenty-first century. This fog has made the path to salvation a difficult journey.

Notes

(1) <https://www.sfarch.org/inthewomb/>.

(2) Salvatore J. Cordileon, "Our Duty to Challenge Catholic Politicians Who Support Abortion Rights," *Washington Post*, September 5, 2021,

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/09/05/our-duty-challenge-catholic-politicians-who-support-abortion-rights/>.

(3) Roberto De Mattei, *Saint Pius V* (Manchester, N.H.: Sophia Institute Press, 2021).

(4) Chico Harlan, Seung Min Kim and Michelle Boorstein, "Biden Says Pope Francis Called Him a Good Catholic and Said He Should Keep Receiving Communion," *Washington Post*, October 29, 2021, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/biden-pope-francis-meeting/2021/10/28/80f529ca-33a1-11ec-8036-7db255bff176_story.html.

Mr. Micheal Murphy, OP, St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603, Columbus, Ohio

Bishop Pierre-Lucien Claverie, Preacher to the Muslims (Part 1)

Pierre-Lucien Claverie was a Dominican friar and bishop beatified on December 8, 2018. His feast day is May 8. Bishop Claverie was born on May 8, 1938, in Algiers in French Algeria. He was killed by Islamists on August 1, 1996, in Oran, Algeria, at the age of 58. The cause for the canonization of Claverie was included in a group of nineteen religious killed during the Algerian Civil War.

Claverie was a preacher by word and deed. He spoke out against the violence and religious hatred characterizing the civil war, and worked to create the conditions for rational dialogue and understanding among Catholic and Muslim believers in Algeria. The approach he took towards mutual understanding offers an example for interfaith dialogue elsewhere.

Pierre-Lucien Claverie was born in a working-class neighborhood of Algiers. Among the fourth generation of French settlers in Algeria, he considered himself a true Algerian, although his later request for official citizenship was never approved. However, like many French in Algiers, he grew up within the framework of a French expatriate society with surprisingly little contact with the vast Arab culture surrounding him (Pérennès 6–11). “We were not racist, just indifferent,” he said (PMS 289).

At age ten he joined a youth group guided by Dominican friars. Claverie went to university in Grenoble, France, in 1957. Adrift in his college studies, he decided to pursue religious life and took the habit as a Dominican novice on December 7, 1958 (Pérennès 6–31). He subsequently entered the Dominican House of Studies near Paris. When Claverie returned to a newly independent Algeria for his mandatory military service in 1962, he was becoming far more aware of Algeria as an independent nation with

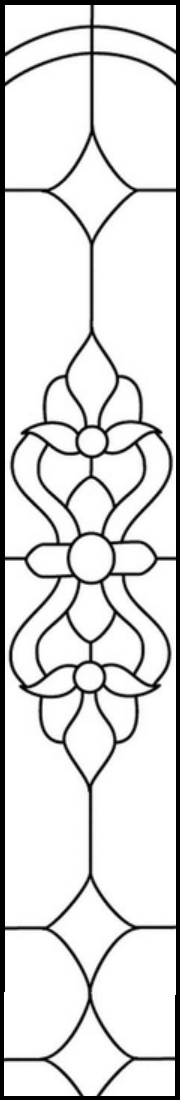
its own culture (Pérennès 45–49).

After formation, Claverie was assigned to Algiers and began to immerse himself in an Algeria far different than that of his youth. He learned Arabic, expending effort to find quality instruction (Pérennès 64). One suspects studying the language taught him much of the unspoken behavior and feelings that constitute a culture. As his biographer notes, “By persisting in his studies of Arabic, by traveling around the country, but especially by forging ties of friendship with Algerians, he hoped to feel completely at home [in Algeria]” (Pérennès 78).

As time passed, Claverie gained experience and stature. He was working closely with the Bishop of Oran by 1973 and was appointed bishop on May 25, 1981. Oran is a commercial and industrial center 270 miles from the capital of Algiers. Currently, in a population of 1.5 million, there are only 45,000 Catholics in Algeria (Wikipedia). After Algeria’s independence, large numbers of French Catholics fled to France, leaving behind empty churches. One of Bishop Claverie’s tasks was to re-purpose these churches.

Claverie organized classes in classical Arabic for those who knew only local dialects and became an expert on the Quran. He built libraries, helped the handicapped, and created educational centers for women (Allen). He wanted not only to build up Algerian society but also to create structures where Christians and Muslims worked together towards common goals. He was not one for panel discussions and study commissions. To Claverie, it was important that activities lead to concrete actions with achievable goals.

Claverie was always devoted to the Dominican life. “I was a [Dominican] religious before I became a bishop; I will



remain a religious even as a bishop,” he declared (Pérennès 120). He did not live in the bishop’s spacious colonial residence, but in a small room with minimal furniture. His vicar-general noted that Claverie “placed great emphasis on community life,” saying in a 1999 letter “for us Dominicans, community life is an apostolate: ... the fraternal life with all its problems ... the life of prayer ... the Divine Office ... the Eucharist” (Pérennès 121).

Claverie understood the significant cultural differences between Algerian Muslims and the few remaining French Catholics. He recognized that, unlike during colonial times, Muslim society could provide technical development, political organization, and social support. Christian missionaries were not needed for these contributions, nor was it appropriate for Christians to involve themselves in Algerian politics. But Claverie sought and supported organizations and situations where Christians could be of service.

As the years went by, Islam made itself more strongly felt in daily life. By 1976, the weekly day of rest was moved from Sunday to Friday and diocesan schools were nationalized (Pérennès 87). Claverie realized Christianity in Algeria was not just a minority but a guest “in the house of Islam” (Pérennès 90). In this context, proselytizing was not only forbidden, but an inappropriate activity for a guest.

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Prayer

The Pope's Prayer Intentions



December Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

January True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



February Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Te Deum

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters! Keep them in your prayers.

St. Margaret of Castello ProChapter #114
Sabattus, Maine

Reception

Ms. Chantal Kabwe, OP

Our Lady of the Assumption Fraternity #203
New York, N.Y.

Perpetual Profession

Mrs. Maria Grizzetti, OP
Mr. Ryan Ignatius Vera, OP
Ms. Catherine Wilshusen, OP

Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
Buffalo, N.Y.

Reception

Mr. Glenn Reid, OP
Mr. Thomas Schuler, OP

Temporary Profession

Mrs. Catherine Bergen, OP
Mrs. Suellen Brewster, OP
Mrs. Providence Suita, OP

Perpetual Profession

Mrs. Kathleen Nurt, OP
Mrs. Loraine Readling, OP

St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401
Philadelphia, Penn.

Perpetual Profession

Ms. Nancy Sánchez, OP

St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #413
Honesdale, Penn.

Perpetual Profession

Mrs. June Schott, OP

St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #506
Great Falls, V.A.

Temporary Profession

Mr. Thomas Zavilla, OP
Mrs. Joyce Rutowski, OP
Dr. Mary Lyn T. Lu, OP
Mrs. Josephine Clay, OP

St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #511
Charlottesville, V.A.

Perpetual Profession

Mr. Fred Gortler, OP
Mrs. Patricia Millison, OP
Mrs. Patricia Abbit, OP
Mrs. Rene Sykes, OP
Mrs. Ellen Gortler, OP
Mr. Thomas Marsh, OP



Thomas Cole, *The Angel Appearing to the Shepherds*, 1834, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, Virginia, [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Angel_Appearing_to_the_Shepherds_\(Thomas_Cole\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Angel_Appearing_to_the_Shepherds_(Thomas_Cole).jpg)

De Profundis

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may the perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mrs. Felicia Siekluski, O.P.

Sister Mary Theresa Amata

St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #301

Syracuse, N.Y.

Perpetual Profession: August 30, 1989

Date of Death: May 3, 2021

Mrs. Elizabeth See Arroyo, O.P.

Sister Maria Hesus Margaret

Holy Rosary Fraternity #403

Haddon Heights, N.J.

Perpetual Profession: May 18, 2014

Date of Death: August 29, 2021

Mrs. Jean Rhodes, O.P.

Sister Catherine

St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #506

Great Falls, Va.

Perpetual Profession: November 3, 2007

Date of Death: September 30, 2021

Around the Province

Region 1

St. Martin de Porres Fraternity

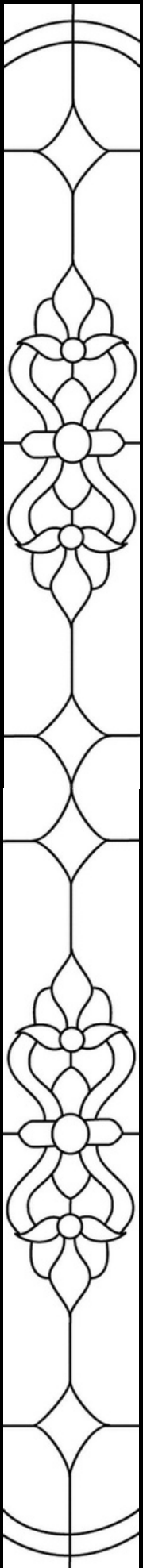
#101

Wayland, Mass.

On August 8, 2021, St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101, celebrated the Feast of St. Dominic, at Fatima Shrine, in Holliston, Mass., for all Lay Dominicans and families. An outdoor Mass was celebrated, in the Martyr's Grove, at Fatima Shrine. As tradition required, a Franciscan friar celebrated Mass, Father Andrew Beauregard, fpo. The opening remarks were given by the fraternity's president, Mrs. Christina Valenzuela, OP. Then a teaching was given by Mr. Bernard Gracy, OP, titled "They Were Going the Wrong Way." The Mass was well attended by St. Martin de Porres Fraternity, as well as Our Lady of Providence / St. Thomas Aquinas



Fraternity and Our Lady of Mercy Fraternity, and their families. After the talk, everyone prayed the Rosary while walking around the rosary walkway, consisting of boulders connected by chain links. Finally, donations of diapers were given to a local birthing organization in Marlborough, Mass. It was a wonderful day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship, celebrating 800 years since the death of Saint Dominic.



l to r: Ms. Denise Mailhot, OP, president; Fr. Michael Seigny, OFM Cap.; Ms. Chantal Kabwe, OP; Mr. Claude Mailhot, OP; Sr. Jackie Provencher, religious assistant

St. Margaret of Castello ProChapter #114 Sabattus, Maine

Chantal Kabwe was received into the novitiate on July 17, 2021, at a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Mike Seigny.

Region 2

Our Lady of the Assumption Fraternity #203 New York, N.Y.

Our Lady of the Assumption Fraternity is please to announce that three members made their perpetual profession into the Order of Preachers at the magnificent Dominican Church of St. Vincent in New York City on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, the traditional feast day of Our Holy Father St. Dominic.

The candidates making their professions were **Mrs. Maria Grizzetti, OP** (Domenico Maddalena), **Mr. Ryan Ignatius Vera, OP** (Benedict), **Ms. Catherine Wilshusen, OP** (Zélie Marie).

The professions were received by Mr. John L. Stehn, OP, president; and Rev. Fr. Joseph Allen, OP, religious assistant in front of the high altar.

Immediately following the profession ceremony, a sung High



l to r: Ms. Catherine Wilshusen, OP, Mrs. Maria Grizzetti, OP, Mr. John L. Stehn, OP, Mr. Ryan Ignatius Vera, OP

Mass according to the Dominican Rite for the Feast of St. Dominic was offered by Rev. Fr. Reginald Hofer, OP. Rev. Fr. Aquinas Guilbeau, OP, prior of the Priory of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C., preached the homily. A gathering was held afterwards.

Region 3



l to r front row: *Mr. Thomas Schuler, OP; Father Bernard Confer, OP, religious assistant; Mrs. Loraine Readling, OP; Mrs. Kathleen Nurt, OP.* back row: *Mr. Jon Trabucco OP, fraternity president; Mrs. Providence Siuta, OP; Mrs. Suellen Brewster, OP; and Mrs. Cathy Bergen, OP.*

Immaculate Heart Fraternity

#304

Buffalo, N.Y.

On September 26, 2021, at Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, N.Y., with our religious assistant, Father Bernard Confer, OP, presiding, the Immaculate Heart Fraternity of Buffalo, N.Y., celebrated the perpetual profession of **Mrs. Kathleen Nurt, OP** (Sr. Catherine Vincent Mary Magdalen), and **Mrs. Loraine Readling, OP** (Sr. Vera Margaret Mary); the temporary profession of **Mrs. Catherine Bergen, OP** (Sr. Consolata Maria), **Mrs. Suellen Brewster, OP** (Sr. Ann Joseph of the Child Jesus), and **Mrs. Providence Suita, OP** (Sr. Mary Catherine of the Precious Blood of Jesus); and the reception of **Mr. Glenn Reid, OP** (Br. Dionysius) and **Mr. Thomas Schuler, OP** (Br. Jerome).

Region 4

St. Catherine Siena Fraternity

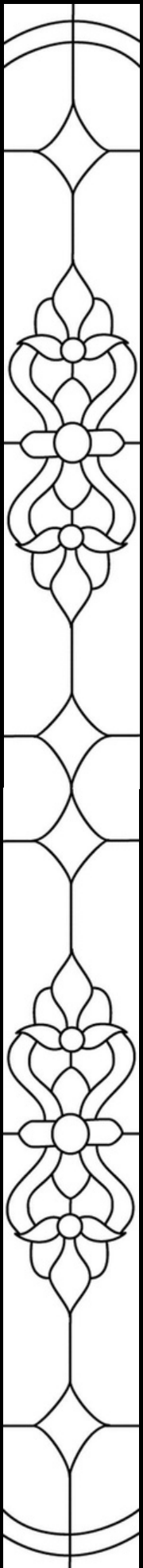
#401

Philadelphia, Penn.

On Sunday, October 24, 2021, at St. Patrick Church in Philadelphia, Penn., St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401 celebrated the final profession of **Ms. Nancy Sánchez, OP** (Sr. Guadalupe del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús). Ms. Louise A. Mitchell, OP, president, received the final profession of Ms. Sánchez. The rite was presided over by religious assistant Fr. Dominic Bump, OP.



l to r front row: *Mr. Charles DeFeo, OP, formation director; Mr. Joseph Paganelli, OP; Mr. Clemence Huml, OP; Ms. Tyler Brown-Cross, OP;* back row: *Rev. Dominic Bump, OP; Ms. Nancy Sánchez, OP; Ms. Sara MacArthur, OP; Ms. Louise Mitchell, OP, president; Ms. Milagros Dias, OP.*



l to r front row: Mrs. Grace Garufi, OP; Mrs. Anna Grady, OP; Fr. William J. Lanan, religious assistant; Mrs. Marian Menapace, OP, fraternity president; Mrs. June Schott, OP; Mrs. Alexandra Orvieto, OP; Mrs. MaryAnn Cavanaugh, OP back row: Mr. Markland Hamilton, OP; Mrs. Diane Lowe, OP; Mrs. Grace Peletier, OP; Mrs. Judy Jarfas, OP

St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #413 Honesdale, Penn.

St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #413 celebrated the perpetual profession of Mrs. June Schott, OP (Sr. Marie Estelle of the Trinity) on Sunday, June 13, 2021, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Honesdale, Penn. Mass was celebrated by Fr. William J. Lanan. A nice celebration was held following this special occasion.

Region 5

St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #506 Great Falls, V.A.

St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #506 is happy to announce the advancement of two of its members, Mr. Thomas Zavilla, OP; and Mrs. Joyce Rutowski, OP, who made their temporary profession on September 4, 2021, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Great Falls, Va. Fr. John Martin Ruiz, OP, religious assistant, presided, and Mr. Patrick Smith, OP, president, received their professions.

Additionally, Dr. Mary Lyn T. Lu, OP; and Mrs. Josephine Clay, OP, made their temporary profession on October 2, 2021, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Great Falls, VA. Fr. Ruiz presided, and Mr. Smith received their professions.



l to r: Mrs. Joyce Rutowski, OP, Mr. Thomas Zavilla, OP, Mr. Patrick Smith, OP (president) and Fr. John Martin Ruiz, OP, Religious Assistant



l to r: *Mrs. Donna Kerrigan, OP, president; Mr. Fred Gortler, OP; Mrs. Patricia Millison, OP; Mrs. Patricia Abbit, OP; Fr. Walter Wagner, OP; Mrs. Rene Sykes, OP; Mrs. Ellen Gortler, OP; Mrs. Janet Diller, OP, formation director; and Mr. Thomas Marsh, OP.*



St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #511

Charlottesville, V.A.

St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #511, Charlottesville, Va., is blessed to announce that six members of the chapter made perpetual profession as Lay Dominicans on the feast of St. Dominic, August 8, 2021. **Mr. Fred Gortler, OP; Mrs. Patricia Millison, OP; Mrs. Patricia Abbit, OP; Mrs. Rene Sykes, OP; Mrs. Ellen Gortler, OP; and Mr. Thomas Marsh, OP** joined their fellow Lay Dominicans and Fr. Walter Wagner, OP, who celebrated the Mass in the new church at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish.

International News

Contributors Needed!

There are many active Lay Dominican fraternities around the world. The International News section focuses on international Lay Dominicans and their fraternities. Have you read any interesting news or articles about Lay Dominican communities outside the United States? Please send a short summary and web link to your region editor. See the May-August, 2021, issue for examples.

Friars Calendar

Ms. Amy Strickland, OP, Fra Angelico Fraternity #510, Washington, D.C.

December

December 1

Father Ambrose Little
Aquinas Richard Costello

December 2

Father Frassati Davis
John Linus Sullivan

December 3

Brother Steve Sese
David Joseph Donovan

December 4

Father Gregory Salomone
John Fabian Cunningham

December 5

Father Gerard Timoner
Joseph Michael Reilly

December 6

Father Juan Ubaldo Lopez
Salamanca
Dominic Francis Hoffman

December 7

Father Carlos Quijano
Robert Justin Hennessey

December 8

Father Sharbel Janhuri
Thomas Finbar Carroll

December 9

Father Mario Calabrese
Matthew Leo Osbourn

December 10

Father Kenneth Letoile
Thomas Raphael Gallagher

December 11

Father Albert Trudel
Joseph Bertrand Taylor

December 12

Brother Alfred Agon'g
Richard Ambrose McAlister

December 13

Brother Cornelius Avaritt
Charles Bernardine Quirk

December 14

Brother James Wallace
Thomas Cajetan Kelly

December 15

Brother Ignatius Muhatia
Bernard David Kenny

December 16

Father Allen Moran
Sydney Albert Clarkson

December 17

Father Jacob Bertrand
Janczyk
John Frederick Hinnebusch

December 18

Father William Holt
Thomas Urban Mullaney

December 19

Father Elias Henritzky
Robert William Vaughn

December 20

Archbishop Christopher
Cardone
Augustine Darold Hartman

December 21

Father Dominic Legge
Paul John Dominic Scanlon

December 22

Father Jordan Kelly
Thomas Marcellus Coskren

December 23

Brother Rocco Capobianco
Andrew Richard McQuillen

December 24

Father Joseph-Anthony
Kress
Vincent Raymond Burnell

December 25

Brother Thomas Aquinas
Dolan
John Patrick McGuire

December 26

Father Gerard Lessard
Charles Thomas Shannon

December 27

Father Joseph Barranger
George Gerard Maley

December 28

Father Luke Clark
Robert Dennis Riley

December 29

Brother Lawrence Mwanzia
James Reginald Kennedy

December 30

Brother Ignatius Perkins
Daniel Dalmatius Madden

December 31

Father Pier Giorgio Dengler
*Richard Thomas Aquinas
Murphy*

January

January 1
Brother Nicholas Hartman
Charles Cajetan Leute

January 2
Father Norbert Keliher
Richard Raymond King

January 3
Father Dominic Legge
Daniel Edward Mary Casey

January 4
Father Simon Teller
Robert Linus Walker

January 5
Father William Rock
Dennis Cornelius Kane

January 6
Father Bruce Williams
Daniel Brendan Crowley

January 7
Father Jerome Zeiler
Thomas Bernard Smith

January 8
Father Brian Chrzastek
Donald Paul Thibault

January 9
Father Francis Wu
Ralph Theodore Hall

January 10
Father Sebastian White
William Bertrand Ryan

January 11
Father Michael Weibley
John Stephen Peterson

January 12
Father Luke VanBerkum
William Aquinas Hinnebusch

January 13
Father Gabriel Gillen
Thomas Richard Heath

January 14
Father Ambrose Eckinger
John Michael Sweeney

January 15
Father Luke Bett
Matthew Anthony O'Brien

January 16
Father Jonathan Kalisch
Paul Luke Sweeney

January 17
Father Austin Litke
John Thaddeus Murphy

January 18
Father Leo Mwenda
John Aedan McKeon

January 19
Brother Luke Neitzke
Adolph Dominic Frenay

January 20
Father Bede Shipp
Edward Maurice Gaffney

January 21
Father Bruno Shah
Leo Walter Edgar Schnell

January 22
Father Kevin Robb
Paul Patrick Walsh

January 23
Father Jonah Pollock
Pierre Hyacinth Conway

January 24
Father Bernard Timothy
Walter Urban Voll

January 25
Father Terence Keegan
Joseph Martin Connors

January 26
Deacon Maximilian
Jaskowak
Joseph Jerome Jurasko

January 27
Father Jordan Zajac
Bernard Kenneth Harkins

January 28
Deacon James Ritch
Bertrand O'Connor

January 29
Father Thomas Ochieng
William John Outwater

January 30
Father Timothy Myers
Vincent Clement Donovan

January 31
Father Michael McCormack
John Paulinus Kenny

February

February 1

Father Lawrence Nwabueze
Stephen Hyacinth Montgomery

February 2

Father Tony Breen
Charles Pius Welsh

February 3

Father Vincent Hung Le
Robert Philip Fitzsimmons

February 4

Father Irenaeus Dunlevy
Bernard Gerald King

February 5

Father Carlos Fortunio
James Stanislaus Wilburn

February 6

Father Dominic Eshikena
David Arthur O'Connell

February 7

Father Brian Davies
Charles Hugh McKenna

February 8

Father Cassian Derbes
James Adrian McGee

February 9

Father Martin Bui
Fabian Butler

February 10

Brother Vincent Ferrer
Ekiring
William John Burke

February 11

Father Olusola Adewole
John Kusmierz

February 12

Father Dominic Azagbor
John Denis Brackett

February 13

Father Joseph Allen
William Brendan Tarrier

February 14

Father Francis Belanger
Francis Robert Prout

February 15

Father John-Mark Igboalisi
Vincent Ferrer McHenry

February 16

Father Kenneth Gumbert
John Alphonsus Madigan

February 17

Father Tukura Pius Michael
William Pius Tefft

February 18

Father Josemaria
Guzman-Dominguez
Francis Ambrose Howley

February 19

Father Daniel Morrissey
John Reginald Dooley

February 20

Father Reginald Hoefler
Carl Sandin

February 21

Father John Baptist Nguyen
Kurt John Pritzl

February 22

Father Mannes Matous
John Lawrence Finnerty

February 23

Father Edmund Ditton
Winston Benedict M. Ashley

February 24

Father Giles Dimock
Francis Christopher Lehner

February 25

Brother Dominic Koester
Joseph Aquinas Byrnes

February 26

Father John Baptist Ku
Francis Louis Kelly

February 27

Father Fidelis Umukoro
James Gerald Crombie

February 28

Brother Michael Donahue
Arthur Theophane O'Brien

Note: We pray daily for the living friars and *deceased* friars of our province (in no particular order).

Dominican Saints and Blessed

Mr. Michael Murphy OP, St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603, Columbus, Ohio

December

- 1 Bl. John of Vercelli, friar and priest (1285–1283)
- 8 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Solemnity**
- 9 St. Narcisia de Jesus Martillo y Moran, virgin (1832–1869)
- 15 Ember Day
- 16 Bl. Sebastian Maggi, friar and priest (1414–1496)
- 17 Ember Day
- 18 Ember Day
- 22 St. Louis Bertrand, friar and priest (1526–1581)
- 25 Bl. Jakob Griesinger of Ulm, friar and religious (1407–1491)
- 13 Bl. Magdalen Pannatieri, Lay Dominican and virgin (1433–1503)
- 14 Bl. Mary Poussepin, Lay Dominican and virgin (1653–1744)
- 19 Bl. Agnes of Jesus Galand, nun and virgin (1602–1634)
- 21 Bl. Peter Capucci of Città di Castello, friar and priest (1390–1445)
- 22 Anniversary of the approval of the Order (on 22 December 1216)
- 25 **NATIVITY OF THE LORD, Solemnity**

January


- 1 **Mary, Mother of God**
- 2 **Epiphany**
Bl. Stephana Quinzani, sister and virgin (1457–1530)
- 7 St. Raymond of Peñafort, friar, priest, and Master of the Order (1175–1275)
- 9 **Baptism of the Lord**
Bl. Gonsalvo of Amarante, friar and priest (1187–1259)
Bl. Ann of the Angels Monteagudo, nun and virgin (1602–1686)
- 11 Bl. Bernard Scammacca, friar and priest (1430–1487)
- 15 St. Francis Fernandez de Capillis, priest (1607–1648);
Peter Sans, bishop (1680–1747); and companions, martyrs in China
- 18 St. Margaret of Hungary, nun and virgin (1242–1270)
- 19 Bl. Andrew Grego of Peschiera, friar and priest (1400–1485)
- 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Bl. Anthony della Chiesa, friar and priest (1394–1459)
- 23 Bl. Henry Suso, friar and priest (1295–1366)
- 27 Bl. Marcolino of Forli, friar and priest (1317–1397)
- 28 **St. Thomas Aquinas, friar, priest and Doctor of the Church (1225–1274)**
- 29 Bl. Villana delle Botti, Lay Dominican, wife, and mother (1332–1361)



February

- 2 Presentation of the Lord
- 3 Bl. Peter Cambiani of Ruffia, friar, priest, and martyr (1320–1365)
Bl. Anthony Pavonio, friar, priest, and martyr (1325–1374)
Bl. Bartholomew of Cerverio, friar, priest, and martyr (1420–1466)
- 4 St. Catherine de Ricci, sister and virgin (1522–1590)
- 7 Anniversary of Deceased Parents
- 12 Bl. Reginald of Orléans, friar and priest (1180–1220)
- 13 Bl. Jordan of Saxony, friar, priest, and Master of the Order (1185–1237)
- 16 Ash Wednesday
Bl. Nicholas Paglia of Giovinazzo, friar and priest (1197–1256)
- 18 Bl. John of Fiesole (Fra Angelico), friar and priest (1186–1455)
- 19 Bl. Alvarez of Zamora (or of Cordoba), friar and priest (1350–1430)
- 20 Bl. Christopher of Milan, friar and priest (1410–1484)
- 24 Bl. Constantius Servoli of Fabriano, friar and priest (c. 1400–1481)
Bl. Ascensión of the Heart of Jesus Nichol Goñi, sister and virgin (1868–1940)

Links of Interest

- 
- Pope Francis's *Urbi et Orbi* message for Christmas 2021, https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/papa-francesco_20211225_urbi-et-orbi-natale.html
 - Pope Francis's message for the 55th World Day of Peace, January 1, 2022, <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20211208-messaggio-55giornatamondiale-pace2022.html>
 - Courtney Mares, "The Last Surviving Trappist Monk from Algeria Massacre Has Died at 97," *Catholic Herald*, November 23, 2021, <https://catholicherald.co.uk/the-last-surviving-trappist-monk-from-algeria-massacre-has-died-at-97/>

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2021 Dominican Month for Peace

by Rosemary Denshaw

St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #410, Lancaster, Penn.
Chair, Justice, Peace, and Care of Creation Committee

Every year since 2017, the entire Dominican Order has set aside the season of Advent to preach, pray, and promote peace during the season when we wait for the Prince of Peace. Each year a country has been chosen to focus our attention on in a particular way. These countries have included: Columbia (2017), Democratic Republic of Congo (2018), India (2019), and Ukraine (2020).

This year the chosen country is **Venezuela**. Did you know that in this country, where 96 percent of the population is Roman Catholic, Catholic Relief Services estimates that hundreds of thousands of families have no access to food, medical care, critical supplies, and social services? Or that 57 percent of the population is living in poverty, with an average monthly income of \$3.00?

The Justice, Peace and Care of Creation Committee will be actively promoting this year's Dominican Month for Peace in St. Joseph Province. We have chosen this as a goal to complete our committee's first year of existence. You are invited to participate on an individual, fraternity, or regional level as vital lay members of the worldwide Dominican family. Keep a lookout for information which will be shared on the provincial website and through our committee's regional representatives. Please join with us in promoting this vital vision for peace along with the entire Dominican Order.

Old Testament Author Needed

The Formation Committee is looking for a perpetual professed member to write an Ongoing Formation module on the Old Testament. If interested, please send an outline covering your lesson's topics to Richard Fitzgerald at RDF549@aol.com. Email Mr. Fitzgerald with any questions.



Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic

One Day Retreat

on Saturday, April 30, 2022

Hosted by Region 2 Province of St. Joseph

Open to Lay Dominicans and all lay persons.

St. Augustine Church

381 N. Highland Ave. Ossining, NY 10562

Meet and greet with continental breakfast begins at 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM.

Retreat begins at 9:30 AM ends at 4:00 PM.

Mass followed by Lunch (included).

Retreat Master is Fr. Leo Camurati, O.P.

Topic: "St. Catherine of Siena and the Vocation of the Laity."

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