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O Light of Holy Mother Church,
Teacher of truth divine!
Sweet rose of patience, ivory-white
Thy chastity doth shine.
Of wisdom's living waters clear
All freely thou hast given:
Herald of grace, O join our souls
Unto the blest in Heaven.

(Magnificat antiphon of St. Dominic's Office)



The Eternal Father revealed to St. Catherine of Siena, "Your Father was a light that I gave to the world by means of Mary, and He does not wish His sons to apply themselves to anything but remaining at the table of the Cross to seek with the light of Science the glory and praise of My Name alone and the salvation of souls."

Devotions to Saint Dominic

[Dominic, Saint, 1170-1221]

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Dear Mother Prioress:

It was with extreme pleasure that I learned that you are planning a reprint of DEVOTIONS TO ST. DOMINIC, by Fr. Bertrand Wilberforce.

I am happy to give my hearty approval of this undertaking. I am confident that the reprinting of this little book will do much to spread devotion to our Holy Father St. Dominic throughout the English-speaking world.

May all who read it be filled with the love and zeal which characterized the life of St. Dominic.

Sincerely in St. Dominic,

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FOREWORD

This little book is being republished to afford a means of vital contact with one who is the embodiment of the spirit of truth, Saint Dominic. A short consideration of what his vocation and mission are can scarcely help but produce an awareness of the power of his patronage, and this knowledge will beget a strong desire to know him better in a living way and to seek his aid in prayer.

The spirit of Saint Dominic is best expressed in the words which Saint Thomas used to describe the Son of God, the Divine Word: "The Son is not just any kind of word whatsoever, but the Word breathing forth love."¹ God the Father Himself identified in a particular manner the spirit of Saint Dominic with that of His Divine Son. In a vision which is recounted in *The Life of Saint Catherine* by her confessor and biographer, Blessed Raymond, "Saint Catherine saw the co-eternal Son proceeding from the mouth of the Eternal Father, and while she was contemplating Him she saw the Blessed Patriarch, Saint Dominic, come forth from the breast of the Father, all resplendent with brightness. At the same time she heard a voice say: 'Beloved Daughter,

I have begotten these two sons, one by nature, the other by a sweet and tender adoption. . . . My Son, begotten by nature from all eternity, when he assumed human nature, obeyed Me in all things perfectly until His Death. Dominic, My son by adoption, from his birth until the last moment of his life, followed My will in all things. . . . My Son by nature, Who is the Eternal Word proceeding from My mouth, preached publicly to the world whatever I charged Him to say. . . . My adopted son, Dominic, also preached to the world the truth of My words. . . . His preaching continued in his successors, and he still preaches and will always preach. . . . My Son by nature is My Word, My son by adoption is the herald, the minister of My Word. Therefore I have given quite a particular intelligence of My words to him and to his religious with fidelity to follow them. My Son by nature did all things in order to promote by His teaching and His example the salvation of souls. . . . The salvation of his neighbor was Dominic's principal thought in the establishment and development of his Order. I tell you that Dominic in nearly all his works is like

¹*Summa Theologica*, I, q. 43, 5 ad 2.

My natural Son; that is why you see that even his body resembles the sacred Body of my Only-begotten Son,"² Again on another occasion God told Saint Catherine of the spirit of her father and his Order. He said: "For his more immediate and personal object Dominic took the light of science . . . thus taking on him the office of my Only-begotten Son, the Word. Rightly he appeared as an apostle in the world, and sowed the seed of My Word with much truth and light. He was a light I gave the world by means of Mary. Dominic does not wish his sons to apply themselves to anything, but remaining at the table of the cross, there to seek with the light of science the glory and praise of My Name alone, and the salvation of souls."³

If further testimony is needed that the mission of Saint Dominic was and is to bring the light of God to men, we can recall the words of the Bull of the confirmation of the Order by Pope Honorius III: "The religious of your Order will be . . . true lights of the world."⁴

²Raymond of Capua, *Life of St. Catherine of Siena*, (New York: P. J. Kenedy and Sons, First Edition), pp. 143-144; cf. *Vita di S. Caterina da Siena*, (Siena, 1934).

³*The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena*, trans. by Algar Thorold (Westminster, Maryland: Newman Press, 1950), pp. 298-299.

⁴*Bullarium Ordinis*, I p. 4.

Moreover, the incidents of Dominic's birth—his mother's visionary dream that she bore within her one who carried a torch with which to set the world afire, his godmother's seeing the brilliant star shining from his forehead at the baptismal font, the later incident of Dominic's seeing the ball of fire descending upon Prouille where his life's work was to be begun—all confirm his mission which was expressed in his name, Dominic—like to the Lord. He was to be a light, not any kind of light, but like to His Lord, a light breathing forth Love.

The above has been recalled so that a greater desire may be enkindled to have that living contact with Saint Dominic which prayer alone brings. This little work, *Devotions to Saint Dominic*, is offered to all, but especially to Dominicans, that their vocation may burn more brightly within them through the stirring up of greater devotion to their father. Pope Pius XI, in his Apostolic Letter "Unigenitus," addressed to Religious Superiors, wrote: "Above all we exhort religious to take as their model their own founder, their fatherly lawgiver, if they wish to have a sure and certain share in the graces which flow from their vocation. When the founder created his Order, what did he do but obey the divine inspiration? Therefore, the character which each one

strove to impress upon his society must be retained by all its members if they are to remain faithful to his original ideal. As a good son, let each one devote himself heart and soul to honor his father and lawgiver, to observe his commands and to drink in his spirit."⁵

May the words of the Holy Father find a resounding response from the hearts of Dominicans in a great increase of devotion to their father, Saint Dominic.

We should add a word of sincere gratitude to the Dominican Cloistered Nuns of North Guilford, Connecticut, and to all who helped them, for their efforts in the reprinting of this work. The Nuns themselves wish to thank the Very Reverend Hilary Carpenter, O.P., Provincial of the English Province, who has graciously granted permission for its republication.

John B. Mulgrew, O.P.

⁵Pius XI, *Unigenitus* March 19, 1924.

Preface To First Edition

This little book has been compiled at the request of many, with the hope that it may increase the veneration due to Saint Dominic, the friend of God and intrepid champion of the Faith, whose prayers, when he was in this world, had such marvellous efficacy.

The metrical translation of the "Little Office of St. Dominic" is from the pen of the late Very Rev. Father Dominic Aylward, O.P., and has not before been published.

Two of the English hymns at the end of the book (Nos II and IV) were written by the late Mother Francis Raphael Drane, No. II being a translation of the matins hymn for the feast.

The metrical rendering of the responsories introduced into the Novena is the work of one of the sisters of the convent at Stone, to whom my thanks are due for this and other help.

My thanks are also due to Mr. Washbourne, of Paternoster Row, for his courtesy in allowing

the use of the metrical rendering of the sequence in the Mass of St. Dominic. It is taken from Mr. Washbourne's edition of the Roman Missal for the Laity, which is the only one I have seen with a Dominican supplement, and is thus well suited to Tertiaries and others who attend Dominican churches.

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In the record of the Second General Chapter of the Order we find St. Dominic insisting upon the study of Sacred Scripture as a preparation for saving souls by preaching. Apart from the Bible, we are told that the writings of the Fathers of the Desert, especially Cassian, influenced him most. This doubtless developed his attraction for retirement, silence and prayer and assured him of the need for the rigorous asceticism he practiced himself, while his zeal for the salvation of souls was nourished by his contact with St. Paul. How easily this explains the Motto of the Dominican Order:

“To contemplate and to give to others the fruit of one’s contemplation.”

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THE LITTLE OFFICE OF OUR HOLY
FATHER SAINT DOMINIC

*(Metrical Translation, by the late Very Rev.
James Dominic Aylward, O.P.)*

Prayer to be said before the Office

Open, O Lord, my mouth, to bless Thy holy Name: cleanse also my heart from all vain, perverse and distracting thoughts. Enlighten my understanding, inflame my will, that I may be able worthily, attentively, and devoutly to recite this holy Office and may deserve to be heard in the presence of Thy divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, in union with that divine intention wherewith Thou didst offer praises on earth to God, I offer these Hours to Thee.

MATINS

Our Father. Creed, *in silence.*

℣. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we

℟. May still be pleasing unto Thee.

℣. O Lord, open Thou my lips,

℟. And my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

℣. Incline unto my aid, O God,

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia.

Or, after Septuagesima: Praise be to Thee,
O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

Invitatory. The King and Lord of confessors: O come, let us adore.

FROM PSALM 94

O come, let us be glad in the Lord, let us joyfully sing to the God of our salvation: let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

℟. The King and Lord of confessors: O come, let us adore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, etc.

℟. O come let us adore.

The King and Lord of confessors: O come, let us adore.

HYMN

Gaude Mater Ecclesia

Rejoice, sweet Mother Church, to whom
This happy festal day is given,
In mind of him who from thy womb
Is born a saint this day to heaven.

Our mighty father, who led forth
And marshalled his great preacher host,
With glory crowned now leaves this earth
To dwell on heaven's blissful coast.

To God, the Three and One, be praise
And honor, strength and glory given;
And may He deign our souls to raise
Through our sweet father's prayers to heaven.

FROM PSALM 1

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners:

Nor sat in the chair of pestilence.
But his delight is in the law of the Lord;
And on his law will he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted near the running waters

That shall bring forth its fruit in due season.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

With Christ the midnight vigil keeping,
 Oft he prayed with floods of weeping;
 He sought no couch, and hardly pressed
 The bare cold ground for needful rest.

℣. The Lord loved him and adorned him.

℞. He clad him in a robe of glory.

Our Father, *in silence*.

Pray, Father, give the blessing.

Blessing. May our blessed father, Saint
 Dominic, make loving intercession for us.

℞. Amen.

LESSON 1

Holy and blessed father, Saint Dominic, our
 great parent and guide, despise not thine own
 work, but hear us in the day when we call upon
 thee, for great is thy loving-kindness. O de-
 liver us from the power of our enemies visible
 and invisible. But do Thou, O Lord, have
 mercy on us. Thanks be to God.

℞. Sworn to Christ a virgin knight,
 Virtue's pattern pure and bright,
 Thou with burning words of grace
 Seek'st thy heavenly dwelling-place.
 Sweetest odors fill the air,
 Angel hosts thy praise declare.

℣. To thy sons, O blessed guide,
 Heaven's high portals open wide.

℞. Sweetest odors fill the air,
 Angel hosts thy praise declare.

Pray, Father, give the blessing.

Blessing. In all distress and tribulation
 may our holy father, St. Dominic, help us.

LESSON 2

O Dominic, most holy father, rise and embrace
 our Savior's feet; reconcile us to Christ by thy
 holy and compassionate prayers, for thou seest
 how we have offended the eyes of our Creator.
 Obtain for us the pardon of our sins, rest for
 our souls, and the joys of heaven. But do
 Thou, O Lord, etc. ℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. Rising from this vale of earth,
 Choirs of angels hymn his worth.
 Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we
 May still be pleasing unto Thee.

℞. Oft-times at his prayer of faith
 Thou didst loose the bonds of death;
 May his pleadings now obtain
 Freedom from our debt of pain.
 Pray, father, give the blessing.

Blessing. May blessed Dominic, the father
 and guide of the Order of Preachers, conduct us
 to the society of the heavenly citizens. ℞. Amen.

LESSON 3

Saint Dominic, our own sweet father, have compassion on the afflicted; show thy tender love to us poor exiles and pilgrims to heaven; despise not our humble petitions, but deliver us from all dangers, and by thy holy intercession translate us to the kingdom of security and peace. But do Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Thanks be to God.

- R̄. Sweet the hope thy fainting breath
 Gave to those who wept thy death,
 Promising, though life were flown,
 Thou wouldst still protect thine own.
 Father, keep thy gracious word,
 Pleading for us with our Lord.
- Ψ. Who so oft was wont to shine
 'Midst the sick with powers divine,
 To our languid souls apply
 Christ's restoring remedy.
- R̄. Father, keep thy gracious word,
 Pleading for us with our Lord.
- Ψ. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
 to the Holy Ghost.
- R̄. Father, keep thy gracious word,
 Pleading for us with our Lord.

FROM THE "TE DEUM"

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee
 to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the
 Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens
 and all the powers therein.

To Thee cherubim and seraphim, con-
 tinually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Ψ. Pray for us, O blessed father Dominic,

R̄. That we may be made worthy of the
 promises of Christ.

LAUDS

℣. Incline unto my aid, O God.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc. Alleluia; *or*,
Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting
glory.

PSALM 150

Praise ye the Lord in His holy places:

Praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise ye Him for His mighty acts:

Praise Him according to the multitude of
His greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet:

Praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with the timbrel and the dance:

Praise Him with strings and organs.

Praise Him on high-sounding cymbals:

Praise Him on cymbals of joy.

Let every spirit praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

Pie Pater

Holy Father, cast thy mind
On the work thy hands designed.
In the Judge's presence stand
For thy poor and lowly band.

LITTLE CHAPTER

Ecclus. L, 6, 7

As the morning star in the midst of a cloud,
and as the moon in the days of her fullness,
and as the sun when it shineth, so shone he in
the temple of God.

℞. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Carnis liber ergastulo

From prison of the flesh set free,

See how he shines with beams from heaven!

And for his garb of poverty

A robe of royalty is given.

The fragrant tomb, the frequent sign,

Clear proof to all mankind afford

How much of grace and power divine,

Christ's servant shareth with his Lord.

To God, the Three and One, be praise

And honor, strength and glory given;

And may He deign our souls to raise,

Through our sweet father's prayers to heaven.

Amen.

℣. Thou didst appear glorious in the
sight of the Lord.

℞. Therefore the Lord hath clothed thee
with beauty.

FROM THE "BENEDICTUS"

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:

For He hath visited and wrought the re-
demption of His people

And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us
 In the house of David, His servant.
 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy
 prophets,
 Who were from the beginning.
 Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

Carnis viror

In the flesh a virgin true,
 In desire a martyr, too;
 O'er the earth thy words have run.
 Now thy earthly course is done,
 Stripped of all for Christ's dear sake,
 O turn thee to thy rest, and take
 The prize of life divine which thou hast won.
 ♯. O Lord, hear my prayer.
 ℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray

O God, who didst vouchsafe to enlighten Thy
 Church by the merits and teaching of our
 blessed father Dominic, Thy confessor, grant
 that through his intercession we may be pro-
 vided against all temporal necessities, and ever
 increase in spiritual good. Through our Lord
 Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth

with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, for
 ever and ever. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF ST. AUGUSTINE

May all who venerate

In thee their father blest,

Find, too, in thee their certain guide

To that blest life, where glorified

The saints forever rest.

♯. The just man shall spring up like the lily,

℞. And shall flourish for ever before the
 Lord.

Let us pray

Give ear to our supplications, Almighty God,
 and through the intercession of blessed August-
 tine, Thy confessor and bishop, graciously show
 forth unto us the effect of Thine accustomed
 mercy, whom Thou indulgest in the confident
 hope of Thy loving kindness. Through our Lord
 Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth
 with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world
 without end. Amen.

♯. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

♯. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

♯. Father, keep thy gracious word,
 Pleading for us with our Lord.

PRIME

℣. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we

℞. May still be pleasing unto Thee.

℣. Incline unto my aid, O God.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be, etc., Alleluia; *or*, Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

HYMN

Novus athleta Domini

Raise to the champion of our Lord,
Great Dominic, our loud acclaim,
Whose lordly work, the Gospel-word,
So well doth suit his lordly name.*
With watchful eye and careful hand
He kept the lily all unstained;
His zeal burned like a flaming brand,
For souls that Satan else had gained.
To God, the Three and One, be praise,
And honor, strength and glory given;
And may He deign our souls to raise
Through our sweet father's prayers to heaven.
Amen.

FROM PSALM 53

Save me, O God, by Thy Name:
And judge me in Thy strength.

* "Dominicus" from "dominus," a lord.

O God, hear my prayer:

Give ear to the words of my mouth,

For strangers have risen up against me, and the
mighty have sought after my soul;

And they have not set God before their eyes.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

Gemma.

A gem of purest ray

That in its casket lay

All meanly folded round and wrapped in earth,

Still shone divinely bright,

With signs of grace and might,

That plainly told its power and priceless worth.

LITTLE CHAPTER

Eccclus. XXXIX 6

The just man will give his heart to watch early
to the God that made him, and he will pray in
the sight of the Most High. Thanks be to God.

℞. O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
at the prayer of St. Dominic,

Repeat. O Jesus Christ, Son of the living
God, at the prayer of St. Dominic,

℣. Make us pleasing unto Thee,

℞. At the prayer of St. Dominic.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R̄. O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
at the prayer of St. Dominic,

Ÿ. Arise, O Lord, and help us.

R̄. And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

Ÿ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R̄. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray

Give ear to our supplications, Almighty God,
and direct all the actions of Thy servants to the
prosperous attainment of Thy salvation; and
grant through the intercession of Thy blessed
confessor, our most holy father, Saint Dominic,
that we may ever be defended by Thine assis-
tance amidst all the changes of this our life and
pilgrimage. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Thy Son, Who liveth, etc.

Ÿ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R̄. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.

R̄. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. Father, keep thy gracious word,

R̄. Pleading for us with our Lord.

TERCE

Ÿ. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we

R̄. May still be pleasing unto Thee.

Ÿ. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R̄. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia; *or*,
Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting
glory.

HYMN

Mundum calcans

He trod the world beneath his feet,
Forward to strenuous toil he pressed,
And stripped himself the foe to meet,
By Christ's strong grace upheld and blessed.
He still fights on with ceaseless prayer,
With tears, and words, and signs of power;
And sends his children forth to bear
The glorious war from shore to shore.
To God, the Three and One, be praise,
And honor, strength and glory given;
And may He deign our souls to raise
Through our sweet father's prayers to heaven.

FROM PSALM 8

O Lord, our Lord:

How marvellous is Thy Name through all
the earth,

For Thy great might is exalted

Even above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings
Thou hast perfected praise, because of Thine
enemies,

That Thou mayest destroy the enemy and
the avenger.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

Corpus sanctum

His sacred body as a shrine

And treasure-house of sweets divine
Breathes richer fragrance to the gale
Than all earth's spicy stores exhale.

LITTLE CHAPTER

Ecclus. L, 6, 7

As the morning star in the midst of a cloud,
and as the moon in the days of her fullness,
and as the sun when it shineth, so shone he
in the temple of God. *R.* Thanks be to God.

V. Loving father Dominic, hear thy ser-
vants who pray to thee.

R. Loving father Dominic, hear thy ser-
vants who pray to thee.

V. And bring us remission from above.

R. Hear thy servants who pray to thee.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Loving father Dominic, hear thy ser-
vants who pray to thee.

V. Holy father, cast thy mind
On the work thy hands designed,

R. In the Judge's presence stand
For thy poor and lowly band.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray

O God, who didst vouchsafe to enlighten Thy
Church by the merits and teaching of our
blessed father Dominic, Thy confessor, grant
that through his intercession we may be pro-
vided against all temporal necessities, and ever
increase in spiritual good. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth, etc.

V. Father, keep thy gracious word,

R. Pleading for us with our Lord.

SEXT

℣. Jesu sweet, at Dominic's prayer,

℞. Let his sons Thy power share.

℣. Incline unto my aid, O God.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Allelulia; *or*,
Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting
glory.

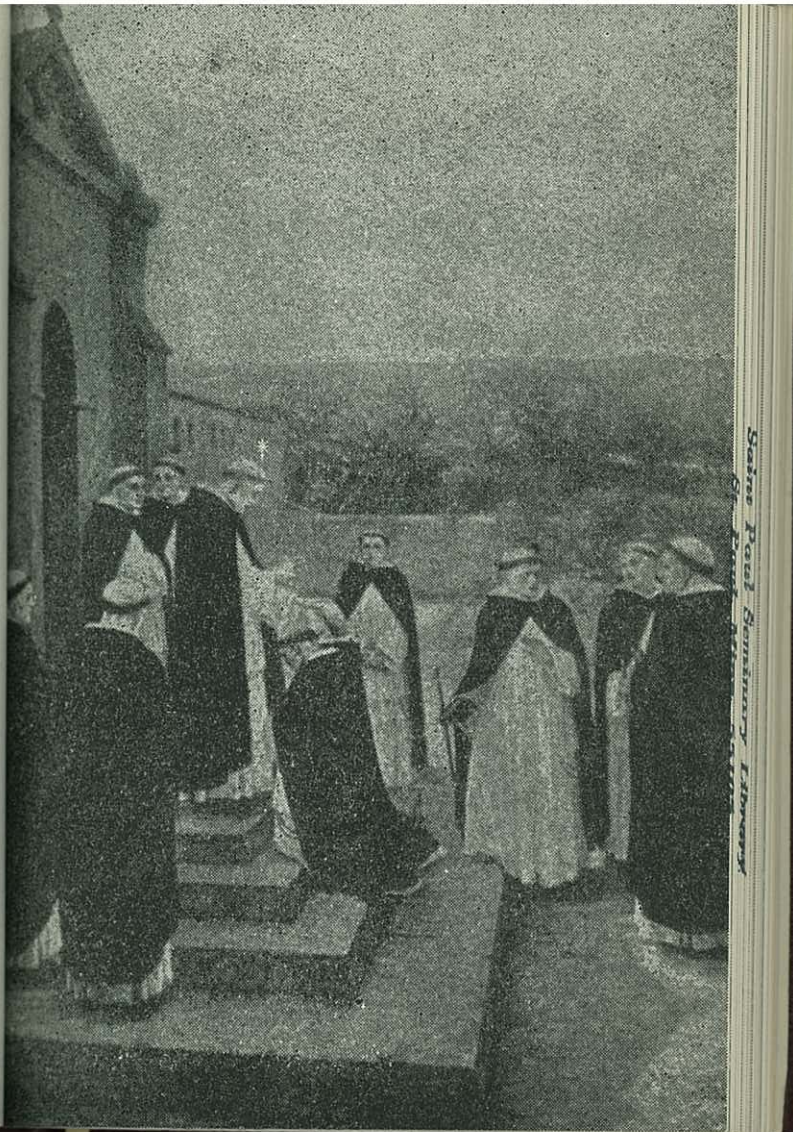
HYMN

Hymnum novae laetitiae

Come, let our choir, this happy day,
Prolong its sweet melodious lay;
And hymns of new-felt joy proclaim
The praise of Dominic's great name.
The world at its grim vesper-tide
This brightly glittering star descried,
Herald of freedom's light up-risen
To souls detained in sin's dark prison.
Unto the sacred One and Three
Praise, honor, strength and glory be;
And may He grant our souls to rise
Through Dominic's pleading to the skies.
Amen.

FROM PSALM 14

Lord, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle,
Or who shall rest on Thy holy hill?



The Dominican Order received its approval and sanction by the Church in a letter from Pope Honorius III to Saint Dominic dated December 22, 1216:

"We, considering that the brethren of your Order will be the champions of the faith and true lights of the world, do confirm the Order in all its lands and possessions, present and to come, and we take the Order itself, with all its goods and rights under our protection and government."

On the feast of Our Lady's Assumption, 1217, St. Dominic, in his burning zeal for the spread of Truth, sent his sixteen followers on their missions in the same manner as the Apostles, without wallet and on foot. Saints Peter and Paul had previously appeared to St. Dominic in a vision with the command to go and preach, "for unto this has God chosen thee." Some have referred to this dispersion of the brethren as a second Pentecost.

He that walketh without blemish
And worketh justice.
He that speaketh truth in his heart,
Who hath used no deceit with his tongue.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

Scala cælo

A ladder, reaching from the sky,
Shone brightly on a brother's eye,
Who clear descried our father blest
Ascending to his saintly rest.

LITTLE CHAPTER

Isa. LIX, 21

My spirit which is in thee, and My words which I have put into thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth now and for ever.

- ℞. Thanks be to God.
 ℣. Holy father cast thy mind
 On the work thy hands designed.
 ℞. Holy father cast thy mind
 On the work thy hands designed.
 ℣. In the Judge's presence stand
 For thy poor and lowly band.
 ℞. On the work thy hands designed.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℞. Holy father cast thy mind
On the work thy hands designed.

℣. When touched by death
We yield our breath,
O come and take us to the sky.

℞. And even now,
Great father, show
We walk beneath thy watchful eye.

℣. O Lord hear my prayer.

℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be assisted by the prayers of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor, that what we ourselves are not able to obtain, may be vouchsafed us through his intercession. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth, etc.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. Father keep thy gracious word.

℞. Pleading for us with our Lord.

NONE

℣. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we

℞. May still be pleasing unto Thee.

℣. Incline unto my aid, O God.

℞. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia; or,
Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

HYMN

Doctrinam Evangelicam

He spread abroad the Gospel sound
Even to earth's remotest bound,
And with his new-formed ranks subdued
And banished heresy's false brood.
He was the well-spring from whose tide
Swelled the rich river, deep and wide,
A living flood still rolling forth
Its healing waters through the earth.
Unto the sacred One and Three
Praise, honor, strength and glory be
And may He grant our souls to rise
Through Dominic's pleading to the skies.

Amen.

FROM PSALM 23

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof:
The world and all that dwell therein.
For He hath founded it upon the seas:

And upon the floods hath He prepared it.
 Who shall go up to the mountain of the Lord:
 Or who shall stand in His holy place?
 The innocent of hands, and the clean of heart,
 Who hath not taken his soul in vain,
 Nor sworn in guile unto his neighbor.
 Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

Fulget in choro

A teacher of the truth sincere,
 He shines among the virgin choirs,
 His brows the double garlands wear
 Of doctrine pure and chaste desires.

LITTLE CHAPTER

Mal. II, 6

The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity
 was not found on his lips; he walked with Me
 in peace and justice, and turned many from
 iniquity.

℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. When touched by death
 We yield our breath,

℞. O come and take us to the sky.

℣. And even now,
 Great father, show
 We walk beneath thy watchful eye.
 ℞. O come and take us to the sky.
 ℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the
 Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 ℞. When touched by death
 We yield our breath,
 O come and take us to the sky.
 ℣. The mouth of the just man shall speak
 wisdom.
 ℞. And his tongue shall utter judgment.

Let us pray

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that
 we who are weighed down with the burden of
 our sins may be relieved by the intercession of
 our blessed father Dominic, Thy confessor.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who
 liveth, etc.

℣. O Lord hear my prayer.

℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

℣. Father, keep thy gracious word.

℞. Pleading for us with our Lord.

VESPERS

℣. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we

℟. May still be pleasing unto Thee.

℣. Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia; *or*,
Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting
glory.

FROM PSALM 111

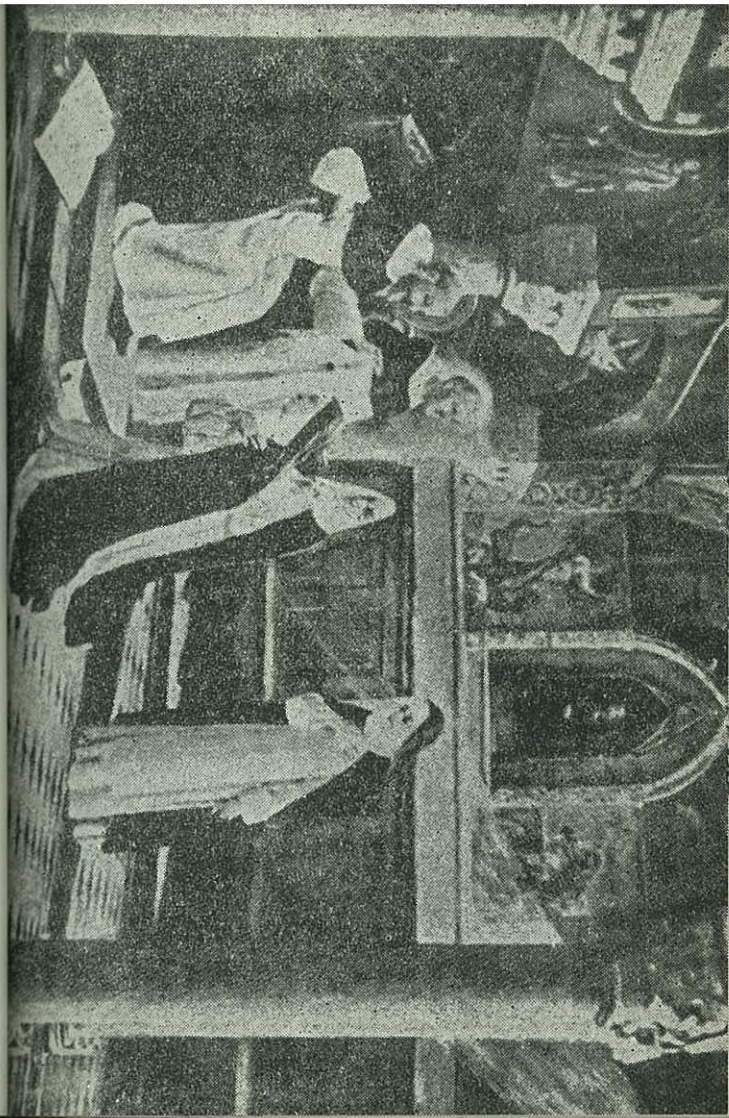
Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord:
He shall delight exceedingly in His com-
mandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon the earth:
The generation of the just shall be blessed.
Glory and wealth shall be in his house:
And his justice remaineth forever and ever.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

Transit pauper

The saint so mean and poor
Ascends a heavenly throne,
He holds a sceptre evermore,
He wears a conqueror's crown.



Saint Dominic founded his first convent in 1206 for nine women converted from heresy. This convent of Our Lady of Prouille is the parent house of all Dominican Nuns and Sisters. St. Dominic knew that his work of converting heretics could only be accomplished if supported by constant prayer and penance, and so he drew up for these Nuns a severe rule of life, imposing on them "the protection of wonderful observance, of strict silence and permanent enclosure" which is today kept by Second Order Nuns throughout the world.

In order to assist more actively in the care of souls, a modification of these regulations and a less strict rule of cloister were introduced for those who today form the large group of zealous Sisters known as the Third Order Conventual. Both Sisters and Nuns are closely united in the bond of the common spirit and zeal of St. Dominic for saving souls.

He goes from death to life,
From toil to lasting rest;
From sorrows here and ceaseless strife,
To the pleasures of the blest.

LITTLE CHAPTER

Ecclus. L, 6, 7

As the morning star in the midst of a cloud,
and as the moon in the days of her fullness, and
as the sun when it shineth, so shone he in the
temple of God.

℞. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Gaude Mater

Rejoice, sweet Mother Church, to whom
This happy festal day is given
In mind of him who from thy womb
Is born a saint this day to heaven.
Our mighty father, who led forth
And marshalled his great preacher-host,
With glory crowned now leaves this earth
To dwell on heaven's blissful coast.
To God, the Three and One, be praise
And honor, strength and glory given;
And may He deign our souls to raise
Through our sweet father's prayers to heaven.

Amen.

℣. Pray for us, O Holy Father, Dominic.

R̄. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

FROM THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid:

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

O Lumen

O Light of holy Church,
Teacher of truth divine!
Sweet rose of patience, ivory-white
Thy chastity doth shine.

Of wisdom's living waters
All freely thou hast given;

Herald of grace, O join our souls
Unto the blest in heaven.

Ÿ. O Lord hear my prayer.

R̄. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray

O God, who didst vouchsafe to enlighten Thy Church by the merits and teaching of our

blessed Father Dominic, Thy confessor, grant that through his intercession we may be provided against all temporal necessities, and ever increase in spiritual good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth, etc.

COMMEMORATION OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, our mother, for thy King hath brought Augustine unto thee, a diligent steward and most faithful citizen, redeemed from the captivity of Babylon.

Ÿ. The Lord loved him and adorned him.

R̄. He clad him with a robe of glory.

Let us pray

Give ear to our supplications, Almighty God, and through the intercession of Blessed Augustine, Thy confessor and bishop, graciously show forth unto us the effect of Thine accustomed mercy, whom Thou indulgest in the confident hope of Thy loving kindness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth, etc.

Ÿ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R̄. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.

R̄. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. Father, keep thy gracious word.

R̄. Pleading for us with our Lord.

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COMPLINE

℣. Grant his prayer, sweet Lord, that we

℟. May still be pleasing unto Thee.

℣. Convert us, O Lord, our Savior.

℟. And turn away Thy wrath from us.

℣. Incline unto my aid, O God.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, etc., Alleluia; *or*,
Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting
glory.

FROM PSALM 30

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped,

Let me never be confounded.

O deliver me in Thy justice.

Bow down Thine ear to me.

Make haste to deliver me.

Be Thou unto me, O God, a protector

And a house of refuge to save me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

Agonizans

Laboring for his Lord's dear name

Dressed in poverty's plain weeds,

Onward through the world he came

Sowing wide the heavenly seeds.

LITTLE CHAPTER

Ecclus. XV, 5

In the midst of the Church, the Lord opened his
mouth and filled him with the spirit of wisdom
and understanding, and clothed him with a robe
of glory. ℟. Thanks be to God. Dominic.

℣. Intercede for us, O blessed father

℟. Intercede for us, O blessed father

Dominic.

℣. That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

℟. O blessed father Dominic.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Dominic.

℟. Intercede for us, O blessed father

HYMN

Carnis liber ergastulo

From prison of the flesh set free,

See how he shines with beams from heaven!

And for his garb of poverty

A robe of royalty is given.

The fragrant tomb, the frequent sign,

Clear proof to all mankind afford

How much of grace and power divine

Christ's servant shareth with his Lord.

To God, the Three and One, be praise

And honor, strength and glory given;

And may He deign our souls to raise

Through our sweet father's prayers to heaven.

Amen.

THE CANTICLE

Nunc dimittis

Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart, O
Lord,

According to Thy word, in peace.
Because mine eyes

Have seen Thy salvation
Which Thou hast prepared

Before the face of all people.
A light to enlighten the Gentiles:

And the glory of Thy people, Israel.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

ANTHEM

O Speculum

O mirror-glass of purity,
Clear of all earthly stain,
May we who sing thy joys arise
Hereafter to the happy skies,
And share in Christ's blest reign.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.
℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray

Have mercy upon us, Thy servants, we be-
seech Thee, O Lord, and whatsoever sins we
have committed in this our life and pilgrimage,
by the sight of evil things, or the hearing of
unprofitable discourse, do Thou of Thine un-

speakable kindness, and through the interces-
sion of Thy confessor, our most blessed and
sweet father Dominic, wholly blot out and
forgive. Through our Lord, etc.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.

℞. Amen.

℣. Father, keep thy gracious word,

℞. Pleading for us with our Lord.

Prayer to be said after the Office

May everlasting praise, honor, power and glory
be given by all creatures to the most holy and
undivided Trinity, to the sacred Manhood of
our Lord Jesus Christ Crucified, to the fruitfulness
and purity of the most blessed and glorious
Virgin Mary, and to the fellowship of all the
holy saints; and may we obtain the pardon of
all our sins, world without end. Amen.

℣. Blessed is the womb of the Virgin
Mary, which bore the Son of the Eternal Father.

℞. And blessed are the breasts which gave
suck unto Christ our Lord.

Our Father *and* Hail Mary *to be said for the inten-
tions of the Holy Father.*

PROPER MASS OF ST. DOMINIC

As used in Dominican and Franciscan Churches
Three feasts of St. Dominic are celebrated in the course of the year. The principal feast, on August 4, is kept by the whole Church. The other two are peculiar to the Order of St. Dominic; namely, the feast of the Translation of his relics, May 24; and the commemoration of St. Dominic in Suriano, on September 25. This last is celebrated in memory of the picture of St. Dominic, which was miraculously given to the convent in Suriano in the year 1530.

So many graces have been received in the sanctuary of St. Dominic in Suriano, and so many miracles have been worked there by the Saint's intercession, that there is a proverb saying that "If the body of St. Dominic is in Bologna, his soul must be in Suriano!"

The Mass is the same on all three feasts, except that the Sequence is shortened on the two minor ones.

INTROIT

In medio Ecclesie
aperuit os ejus: et im-
plevit eum Dominus
spiritu sapientie et in-

In the midst of the
Church he opened his
mouth, and the Lord filled
him with the spirit of wis-

tellectus: stolam gloriæ
induit eum.

Ps. Bonum est con-
fiteri Domino: et psal-
lere nomini tuo, Altissi-
me.

dom and understanding;
with a robe of glory He
invested him.

Ps. It is good to give
praise to the Lord and to
make melody unto Thy
Name, O Most High.

Let us pray

O God, who didst vouchsafe to enlighten Thy Church by the merits and teaching of our blessed father, Dominic, Thy confessor, grant that through his intercession we may be provided against all temporal necessities, and ever increase in spiritual good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth, etc.

THE EPISTLE

2 Tim. IV

Dearly beloved, I charge thee before God and Jesus Christ, Who shall judge the living and the dead, by His coming and His kingdom, preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, entreat, rebuke in all patience and doctrine. For a time shall come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own desires heap up to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and from the truth indeed will turn away their hearing, and be turned unto fables. But do thou watch; in all things labor; do the

work of an evangelist; fulfill thy ministry. Be sober. For I am even now ready to be sacrificed; and the time of my dissolution is at hand. I have fought the good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. For the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the Lord, and just Judge, will render to me in that day; and not to me only, but to them also who love His coming.

GRADUAL

Os iusti meditabitur sapientiam: et lingua ejus loquetur iudicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius: et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus. Alleluia, alleluia. Pie pater Dominice, tuorum memor operum: sta coram summo Iudice, pro tuo cœtu pauperum. (Alleluia).

The mouth of the just man shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment. The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps shall not be supplanted. Alleluia, alleluia. O loving father Dominic, be mindful of thy works, and, standing before the supreme Judge, plead for thy poor clients. (Alleluia.)

SEQUENCE

In cœlesti hierarchia
Nova sonet harmonia:
Novo ducta cantico.

Now new canticles ascending,
And new strains harmonious blending,
'Mid the hierarchies of heaven;

Cui concordet in hac via
Nostri chori melodia,
Congaudens Dominico.

Ex Ægypto vastitatis
Virum suæ voluntatis
Vocat Auctor sæculi.
In fiscella paupertatis
Flumen transit vanitatis,
Pro salute populi.

In figura catuli
Prædicator sæculi.
Matri præmonstratur.
Portans ore faculum,
Ad amoris regulam
Populos hortatur.

With our earthly choirs
accordingly,
Join this festival in lauding,
To our holy father given

For the welfare of the
nations,
Called from Egypt's deso-
lations
By their God and Maker,
he

Was the chosen one and
glorious,
Passing o'er the wave vic-
torious,
In the ark of poverty.

Ere his birth, the Preacher
brother,
Is prefigured to his mother
By a hound with torch of
fire:

So her son, his torch-light
bearing,
Midst the nations dark ap-
pearing,
Leads them on with full
desire.

He, another Moses, teach-
er,
And Elias-like he preaches,
might.
Sin denouncing with his

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Vulpes dissipat Samsonis,
Et in tuba Gedeonis,
Hostis fugat agmina.

A defunctis revocatum
Matri vivum reddit natum,
Vivens adhuc corpore.
Signo crucis imber cedit;
Turba fratrum panem edit,
Missum Dei munere.

Felix, per quem gaudia
Tota jam Ecclesia
Sumens exaltatur.
Orbem replet semine,
In cœlorum agmine
Tandem collocatur.

Jacet granum occultatum,
Sidus latet obumbratum,
Sed Plasmator omnium,

Samson-like his foxes sending,
And the foe, his trumpet rending,
Gideon-like he puts to flight.

From death's sleep a child he wakes,
Whom alive his mother takes.
When the holy sign he makes,
Cease the floors, and bread from heaven
For his fainting sons is given, [he breaks.
Which into their hands

Happy he, whose elevation,
Is our mother's exaltation,
Is her joy and weal indeed.
To his home, by saints attended,
Hath his soul for aye ascended, [with seed.
Having filled the earth

Like the hidden grain he bides,
Like the clouded star he hides
But the Maker of the spheres,

Ossa Joseph pullulare,
Sidus jubet radiare,
In salutem gentium.

O quam probat carnis florem,
Omnem superans odorem,
Tumuli fragrantia!
Ægri currunt et curantur
Cœci, claudi reparantur,
Virtutum frequentia.

Laudes ergo Dominico
Personemus mirifico
Voce plena.
Clama petens suffragia,
Ejus sequens vestigia,
Plebs egena.

Et tu, pater pie, bone,
Pastor gregis, et patrone,
Prece semper sedula,

Joseph's dry bones re-adorning,
Will reveal the star of morning,
Till earth's darkness disappears.

O, surpassing fragrance, telling
Of the virtues of that dwelling,
Which within the tomb doth lie!
Thither flock the sick for healing,
Blind and lame the grace revealing [aye.
That his body lives for

Wherefore now with jubilation [nation,
Bless and praise him, every
Cry aloud, and crave his care: [rious,
Sing St. Dominic the glorious,
Sing St. Dominic victorious,
Claim his help and promised prayer.

And thou, Father, kind and loving
Shepherd, patron, unimproving,
Kneeling heaven's high throne before,

Apud curiam summi	Lift for us thy voice pre-
Regis	vailing,
Derelecti vices gregis	To our King with prayers
Commenda per sæ-	availing
cula.	Evermore and evermore.
Amen. Alleluia.	Amen. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

The following is taken from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, V, 13-19.

At this time Jesus said to His disciples: You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out and to be trodden on by men. You are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are in the house. So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and may glorify your Father Who is in heaven. Do not think that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For, amen, I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall not pass of the law, till all be fulfilled. He, therefore, that shall break one of the least of these commandments and shall so teach men shall be called



PREFACE OF ST. DOMINIC

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should always and in all places give thanks to Thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, Who for the honor and defense of Thy Church didst wish to revive through the blessed Patriarch, Dominic, the apostolic form of life. For he, supported always by the power of Thy Son's Mother, overcame heresy by his preaching, established an order of champions of the faith for the salvation of the nations, and won innumerable souls for Christ. The nations speak of his wisdom, and the Church declares his praise. And therefore, with the angels and archangels, with the thrones and dominations, and with all the heavenly host, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, saying: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY.

the least in the kingdom of heaven; but he that shall do and teach, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

OFFERTORY

Psalm XX, 3

DESIDERIUM animæ ejus tribuisti ei, Domine, et voluntate laborum ejus non fraudasti eum: posuisti in capite ejus coronam de lapide pretioso.	THOU hast given him the desire of his soul, O Lord, and hast not withheld from him the request of his lips. Thou hast set a crown of precious stones on his head.
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SECRET

MUNERA tibi, Domine, dicata sanctifica: ut meritis beati Dominici confessoris tui patris nostri, nobis proficiat ad medelam. Per Dominum, etc.	SANCTIFY, O Lord, these gifts offered to Thee, that by the merits of the blessed Dominic, Thy confessor and our father, they may profit us for our cure. Through our Lord, etc.
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COMMUNION

Luke XII, 42

FIDELIS servus et prudens, quem constituit Dominus super familiam suam: ut det illis in tempore tritici mensuram.	FAITHFUL and prudent servant, whom the Lord hath set over His family, to give them their measure of wheat in due season.
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POSTCOMMUNION

CONCEDE, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut qui	GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who
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peccatorum nostrorum are weighed down by the
 pondere premimur bea- burden of our sins may be
 ti Dominici, confessoris aided by the patronage of
 tui, patris nostri patro- blessed Dominic, Thy con-
 cinio sublevemur. Per fessor and our father.
 Dominum, etc. Through our Lord, etc.

Prayer of Blessed Jordan of Saxony to St. Dominic

Blessed Jordan, who succeeded St. Dominic in the office of Master General in the Order of Friar-Preachers, had an intense love and veneration for the holy Patriarch. He was the first to write his life. In it he says: "It is true that I was not among the very first companions of blessed Dominic, but I have conversed with the earliest members of the Order, and I have myself seen much of the blessed Dominic himself, not only before I joined the Order but also after I entered it. Yea, I knew him intimately, inasmuch as I used to go to confession to him; and in obedience to him I received deacon's orders, and also four years after the foundation of the Order I received this habit."

There is therefore a special interest in the following prayer, which expresses the confidence one saint had in the power of the other's intercession, as well as the ardent love for his

departed father, friend, and guide, which filled the heart of Blessed Jordan of Saxony.

The prayer, being long, is here divided into sections for the different days of the week; but as the whole is given, those who prefer to do so can easily say it at once.

1. SUNDAY

O blessed father, St. Dominic, most holy priest and glorious confessor of God; noble preacher of His word, to thee do I cry. O thou virginal soul, chosen by the Lord, pleasing unto Him, and beloved above all others in thy day; glorious alike for thy life, thy teaching, and thy miracles, to thee do I pray. I rejoice to know that I have thee for my gracious advocate with the Lord our God. To thee, whom I venerate with special devotion among all the saints and elect of God, to thee do I cry from out this vale of tears. O loving father, help, I beseech thee, my sinful soul, not only lacking grace and virtue, but stained with many vices and sins.

Pray for us, holy father St. Dominic.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O God, who has deigned to enlighten Thy Church by the merits and teaching of blessed

Dominic, Thy confessor and our father, grant that through his intercession we may be provided against all temporal necessities, and ever increase in spiritual good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth, etc.

2. MONDAY

Holy Dominic, man of God, may thy soul, so happy among the blessed, help my soul so poor and needy. Not only for thine own sake, but for the good of others also, did the grace of God enrich thy soul with abundant blessings. God meant not only to raise thee to the rest and peace of heaven and the glory of the saints, but likewise to draw innumerable souls to the same blessed state by the example of thy wonderful life. God encouraged numberless souls by thy loving advice. He has instructed them by thy sweet teaching; He has excited them to virtue by thy fervent preaching. Assist me, therefore, O blessed Dominic, and bow down the ear of thy loving kindness to the voice of my supplication.

℣. Pray for us, etc., *as on Sunday.*

3. TUESDAY

Behold, O holy father Dominic, my soul, poor and needy, fieth to thee for refuge. With all

lowliness of mind I cast myself down before thee. I desire to approach thee as one sick: yea, and sick unto death. Most earnestly do I beseech and implore thee by thy merits and loving intercession to heal and quicken my soul. Fill it with the abundance of thy blessing.

℣. Pray for us, etc., *as on Sunday.*

4. WEDNESDAY

I know in very truth and have the fullest certainty that thou, holy father Dominic, art able to help my soul. I trust that in thy great charity thou dost desire to succor me. I hope that in His infinite mercy our Savior will accomplish in all that thou shalt ask. This my hope is firm, because of the greatness of that familiar love which even here below thou didst bear to our Lord Jesus Christ, the beloved of thy heart, "chosen out of thousands." He will refuse thee nothing. Whatsoever thou shalt ask thou wilt surely obtain, for though He is thy Lord, yet is He likewise thy Friend. One so dearly beloved will deny nothing to him whom He so much loveth. He will give all things to thee, who lovingly left all things for His sake, and gave up thyself and all thou didst possess for the love of Him.

℣. Pray for us, etc., *as on Sunday.*

5. THURSDAY

O holy father Dominic, we praise thee and venerate thee, because thou didst consecrate thyself to Jesus Christ. In the first flower of thine age thou didst dedicate thy virgin soul to the comely spouse of virgins. In thy baptismal innocence, shining with the grace of the Holy Ghost, thou didst devote thy soul in fervent love to the King of kings. From early youth thou didst stand arrayed with the full armor of holy discipline. In the very morning of life thou "didst dispose thy heart to ascend by steps" unto God; thou didst "go from strength to strength," always advancing from good to better. Thy body thou didst offer "a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing, unto God." Taught by divine wisdom, thou didst consecrate thyself entirely to Him. Having once started on the way of holiness, never didst thou look back, but giving up all for Christ, who for us was stripped of all, thou didst follow Him faithfully, choosing to have thy treasure in heaven rather than on earth.

Pray for us, etc., *as on Sunday.*

6. FRIDAY

O holy father Dominic, steadfastly didst thou deny thyself. Manfully didst thou carry thy

cross. Valiantly didst thou plant thy feet in the footprints of Him Who is in very truth our Savior and our Guide. All on fire with the flame of charity burning strongly in thy fervent soul, thou didst devote thy whole self to God by the vow of poverty. Thou didst thyself embrace it, and by the counsel of the Holy Ghost didst institute the Order of Friars Preachers to carry out the strictest form of evangelical poverty. By the shining light of thy merits and example thou didst enlighten the whole Church. When God called thee from the prison of the flesh to the court of heaven thy soul went up into glory, and in shining raiment thou dost stand near to God as our advocate. Come then, I pray thee, help me, and not only myself, but all who are dear to me. Help likewise the clergy, the people, and the women consecrated to God. I ask with confidence, for thou didst always zealously desire the salvation of all mankind. Thou, after the blessed Queen of virgins, art beyond all other saints my hope, my comfort, and my refuge. Bow down, then, in thy mercy to help me, for to thee do I fly, to thee do I come and prostrate myself at thy feet.

Pray for us, etc., *as on Sunday.*

7. SATURDAY

O holy father, I call upon thee as my patron. Earnestly I pray to thee, devoutly do I commend myself unto thee. Receive me graciously, I beseech thee. Keep me, protect me, help me, that through thy care I may be made worthy to obtain the grace of God that I desire, to receive mercy, and all remedies necessary for the health of my soul in this world and the next. Obtain this for me, O my master. Do this for me, O blessed Dominic, our father and leader. Assist me, I pray thee, and all who call upon thy name. Be thou unto us a Dominic, that is, a man of the Lord. Be a careful keeper of the Lord's flock. Keep and rule us who have been committed to thy care. Correct our lives, and reconcile us to God. After this exile is ended, present us joyfully to the beloved and exalted Son of God, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who, with the glorious Virgin Mary and all the court of heaven, dwells in honor, praise, glory, ineffable joy, and everlasting happiness, world without end. Amen.

℣. Pray for us, etc., *as on Sunday.*

The Devotion of the Fifteen Tuesdays

This devotion in honor of St. Dominic was begun in Florence, in 1631, and rapidly spread

throughout Italy. Father Michael Bruni exhorted the Florentines to pray to the holy patriarch during a visitation of the plague, and bade them promise to receive Holy Communion on the fifteen Tuesdays before his feast, beginning, therefore, in April.

The reason for choosing Tuesday for this devotion was because, on that day of the week in the year 1233, the solemn translation of St. Dominic's body took place at Bologna, while the number fifteen evidently refers to the mysteries of the Rosary.

All that is necessary to gain the indulgences attached to the performance of this pious practice is to go to Communion on the fifteen consecutive Tuesdays, in honor of the holy Rosary and St. Dominic.*

Any prayers may be said according to each person's private devotion: for instance, one decade of the Rosary, together with the response "O Spem miram," the Antiphon "O Lumen Ecclesiae," or the Litany of St. Dominic; all of which are given in this manual. But none of them are necessary

* Pope Pius VII granted an indulgence of 100 days for each Tuesday, and a plenary indulgence, on the usual conditions, on any one Tuesday at choice. Indulgences for this devotion can only be gained once in the year.

St. Dominic's Dying Promise

St. Dominic, when dying, comforted his weeping brethren by promising to help them even more after his death than he had done during his life-time. The trust we have in this promise is expressed in the following prayer, which forms the ninth responsory in the office for his feast.

O SPEM MIRAM

O SPEM miram, quam dedisti, mortis hora, te flentibus, dum post mortem promisisti, te profuturum fratribus!

Ry. Imple, pater, quod dixisti, nos tuis juvans precibus.

Ÿ. Qui tot signis claruisti in ægorum corporibus, nobis opem ferens Christi, ægris medere moribus.

Ry. Imple pater, etc.

Ÿ. Gloria Patri, etc.

Ry. Imple Pater, etc.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis, beate pater Dominice.

O WONDERFUL HOPE

O WONDERFUL hope, which thou gavest to those who wept for thee, at the hour of thy death, promising, after thy departure, to be helpful to thy brethren!

Ry. Fulfill, O father, what thou hast said, and help us by thy prayers.

Ÿ. O thou who didst shine illustrious by so many miracles, wrought on the bodies of the sick, bring us the help of Christ to heal our sick souls.

Ry. Fulfill, O father, what thou hast said, and help us by thy prayers.

Ÿ. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ry. Fulfill, O father, etc.

Ÿ. Pray for us blessed father Dominic.

Ry. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui Ecclesiam tuam beati Dominici Confessoris tui Patris nostri illuminare dignatus es meritis et doctrinis: concede, ut ejus intercessione temporalibus non destituatur auxiliis, et spiritualibus semper proficiat incrementis. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Ry. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O GOD, who hast enlightened Thy Church by the eminent virtues and preaching of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor and our father, mercifully grant that by his prayers it may never lack temporal help, and may ever increase in all spiritual good. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

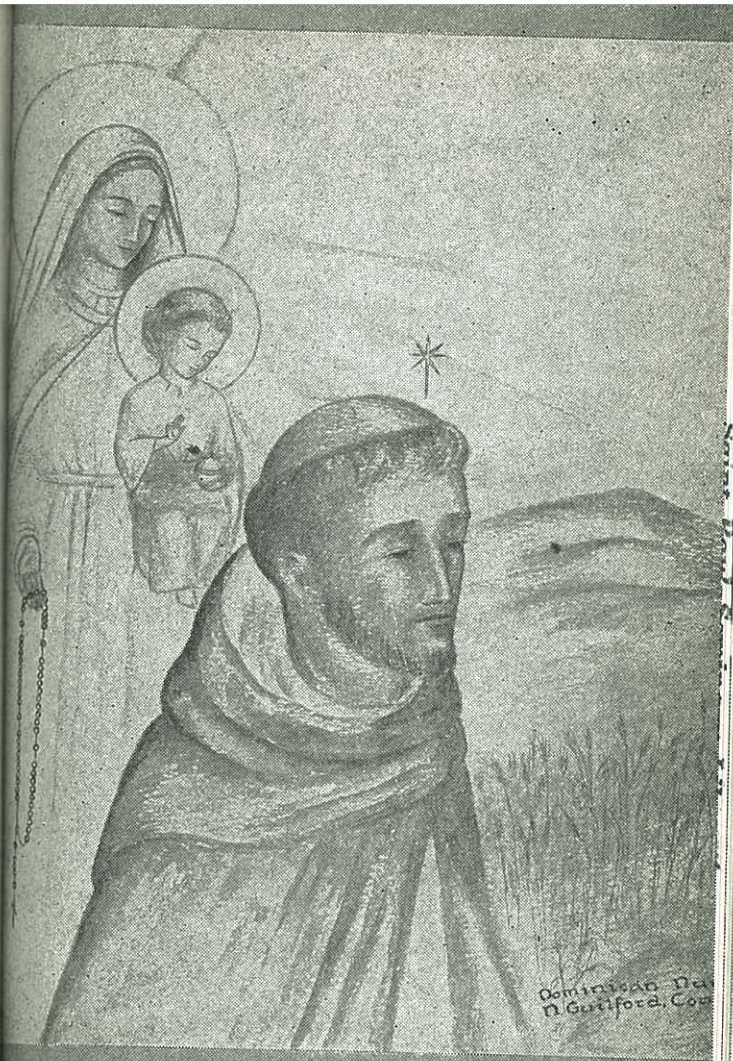
The following indulgences have been granted to all members and tertiaries of the Dominican Order for the recitation of the above response.

1. An indulgence of 500 days each time, for every day of the year.
2. A plenary indulgence, on the usual conditions, applicable to the dead, on any feast of St. Dominic, viz: May 24, August 4, September 25, to those who have said it every day for a year. (Leo XIII, Aug. 23, 1890.)

The Salve

After Compline in Dominican churches, the "Salve Regina," or "Hail, Holy Queen," is sung

to an ancient tone, the brethren going in procession from the choir to the church. During this anthem all are sprinkled with holy water. Blessed Jordan of Saxony, the second master-general of the Order, began this custom, and he explains the reason in his *Life of Blessed Dominic*. Jordan was visiting the province of Lombardy, and in the priory at Bologna he found a certain friar named Bernard possessed by the devil. Having described how he was delivered from his tormenter, Jordan continues thus: "This affliction of Friar Bernard was the reason we established the custom of singing the anthem 'Salve Regina' after Compline; we did this first at Bologna, then the pious and salutary custom spread over the whole province of Lombardy and finally prevailed over our whole Order. How many tears of devotion has not this praise of the Mother of God called forth! How often has it touched the hearts of those singing and of those hearing it, softened and inspired them with fervent piety! Can we fail to believe that the Mother of our Savior is pleased and touched with the honor thus shown her? A most trustworthy religious has assured me that he has often beheld, in the Spirit of God, the Mother of God throwing herself at the feet of her Son, praying for the preservation of the



"Our merciful God raised up against these most direful enemies a most holy man, the illustrious parent and founder of the Dominican Order. Great in the integrity of his doctrine, in the example of his virtue and in his apostolic labors, he dauntlessly proceeded to attack the enemies of the Catholic Church, not by the force of arms, but by complete trust to that devotion which he was the first to institute under the name of the Holy Rosary, and which by his preaching and that of his brethren he spread throughout the length and breadth of the earth.

"Guided by Divine inspiration and grace, he foresaw that this devotion would be the means of putting the enemy to flight and of confounding his audacity and mad impiety. Such was indeed its result. Thanks to this new form of prayer—when adopted and carried out as instituted by the holy Father Dominic—piety, faith and unity began to return. The projects and devices of the heretics fell to pieces. Many wanderers returned to the way of salvation, and the wrath of the impious was checked by the arms of those who had determined to repel their violence."

Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII

whole Order, while the brethren were singing the words 'Eia ergo advocata nostra,' that is, 'Turn then our advocate, etc.' This fact has been recorded in order that the brethren who read it may in future praise the Virgin Mother with yet deeper devotion."

SALVE Regina, Mater misericordiæ, vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevæ. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrymarum valle.

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope, all hail. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Here all kneel.

Eia ergo advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende.

Turn then, our advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All rise.

O clemens, O pia,
O dulcis Virgo Maria!

O clement, O loving, O
sweet Virgin Mary!

All bow.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis,
sancta Dei Genitrix.

Ÿ. Pray for us, holy
Mother of God.

R̄. Ut digni effici-
amur promissionibus
Christi.

R̄. That we may be
made worthy of the prom-
ises of Christ.

Oremus.

CONCEDE nos famulos tuos, quæsumus Domine Deus, perpetua mentis et corporis salute gaudere, et gloriosa beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis intercessione a præsentis liberari tristitia, et æterna perfrui lætitia. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

After the Salve, the procession returns to the choir, the brethren singing the following Anthem in honor of St. Dominic.

O LUMEN Ecclesiæ,
Doctor veritatis,
Rosa patientiæ,
Ebur castitatis:

Aquam sapientiæ,
Propinasti gratis:
Prædicator gratiæ,
Nos junge beatis.

℣. Ora pro nobis,
beate pater Dominice.
℞. Ut digni effici-
amur promissionibus
Christi.

Let us pray

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may enjoy continual health of mind and body and that through the glorious intercession of blessed Mary, ever Virgin, we may be delivered from present sorrow, and hereafter enjoy everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LIGHT of holy Church,
Teacher of Truth divine;
Sweet Rose of patience,
Ivory-white thy chastity
doth shine.

Of Wisdom's living waters
All freely thou hast given;
O messenger of grace to
men, [heaven.
Lift thou our souls to

℣. Pray for us, O holy
father Dominic.
℞. That we may be
made worthy of the prom-
ises of Christ.

Oremus.

CONCEDE, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus; ut qui peccatorum nostrorum pondere premimur, beati Dominici, confessoris tui, patris nostri patrocínio sublevemur. Per Christum Dnum nostrum. Amen.

An Indulgence of 200 days was granted by Pope Paul V. to all who assist devoutly at the Salve procession in a Dominican church.

Let us pray

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who are weighed down by the burden of our sins, may be raised up by the intercession of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor and our father. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of St. Dominic

LORD, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
 Holy Mother of God,
 Queen of the holy Rosary,
 Our glorious father, St. Dominic,
 St. Dominic, follower of Jesus Christ,
 St. Dominic, eminently endowed with the
 virtues of His Sacred Heart,
 St. Dominic, adorer of the Blessed Sacrament,
 St. Dominic, singularly devoted to our
 Blessed Lady,
 St. Dominic, promoter of her honor,
 St. Dominic, promulgator of the holy Rosary,
 St. Dominic, splendor of the Priesthood,
 St. Dominic, founder of the Friars Preachers,
 St. Dominic, apostle of the Albigenses,
 St. Dominic, mirror of ecclesiastical discipline,
 St. Dominic, rose of patience.
 St. Dominic, most ardent for the salvation
 of souls,
 St. Dominic, most desirous of martyrdom,
 St. Dominic, evangelical man,
 St. Dominic, doctor of truth,
 St. Dominic, ivory of chastity,
 St. Dominic, man of truly apostolic heart,
 St. Dominic, poor in the midst of riches,
 St. Dominic, rich in an unspotted life,
 St. Dominic, burning with zeal for perishing
 souls,

Pray for us.

St. Dominic, preacher of the Gospel,
 St. Dominic, rule of abstinence,
 St. Dominic, herald of heavenly things,
 St. Dominic, salt of the earth,
 St. Dominic, who didst water the earth with
 thy blood,
 St. Dominic, shining in the choir of virgins,
 St. Dominic, most humble,
 St. Dominic, most obedient,
 St. Dominic, most chaste,
 St. Dominic, most charitable,
 That at the hour of death we may be received
 into heaven with thee,
 Be merciful unto us, O Lord, *and pardon us.*
 Be merciful unto us, O Lord, *and graciously*
hear us.
 From all sin and evil,
 From the snares of the devil,
 From eternal death,
 By the merits of our holy father, St. Dominic,
 By his ardent love,
 By his indefatigable zeal,
 By his extraordinary labors,
 By his inexpressible penances,
 By his voluntary poverty,
 By his perpetual chastity,
 By his perfect obedience,
 By his profound humility,

Pray for us.

Deliver us, O Lord.

By his rare constancy,
Deliver us, O Lord.

By all his other virtues,
Deliver us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the
 world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the
Hear us, O Lord. world,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the
Have mercy on us. world,

℣. Pray for us, O blessed father Dominic,

℟. That we may be made worthy of the
 promises of Christ.

Let us pray

GRANT, we beseech Thee, etc., *as above*, p. 53.

The Crown, or Chaplet, of St. Dominic

Sometimes called "A Cry of Anguish," because used
 in times of distress.

[*An ordinary Rosary may be used for this devotion.*]

On the large beads is said the

O wonderful hope, etc., *as above*, p. 48.

On the ten small beads, the Antiphon:

Pie pater Dominice,
 Tuorum memor operum,
 Sta coram summo Iudice,
 Pro tuo coetu pauperum.

Or, in English:

Holy father, cast thy mind
 On the work thy hands designed;
 In the Judge's presence stand
 For thy poor and lowly band.

℣. Pray for us, O holy father, St. Dominic,

℟. That we may be made worthy of the
 promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O God, whose property it is always to have
 mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech Thee,
 that we, who spoil the works of Thy glory by
 our sins and are justly afflicted for what we
 have done, may, by the merits and interces-
 sion of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor and our
 father, be comforted in our trials, and ever obey
 Thy divine will. Through Jesus Christ, Thy
 Son. Amen.

Blessing of St. Dominic in Sickness or at the Hour of Death

Magne Pater

Oh, when in death
 We yield our breath,
 O come and take us to the sky;
 And even now,
 Great father, show
 We walk beneath thy watchful eye.

Pie Pater

Holy father, cast thy mind
 On the work thy hands designed;
 In the Judge's presence stand
 For thy poor and lowly band.

O Spem

O wonderful hope, etc. (*page 48.*)

℣. Pray for us, O blessed father Dominic,

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

Grant, we beseech, Almighty God, that we, who are pressed down by the weight of our sins, may be raised up by the prayers of the blessed Dominic, our father. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Lover of souls, we humbly beseech Thee, trusting in Thy great mercy, that by the intercession of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor and our father, Thou wouldst deign to have mercy on the soul of Thy servant, lest the enemy prevail against it at the hour of death, but mayest Thou grant it a passage to life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, through the intercession of St. Dominic, come down upon thee and remain with thee for ever. Amen.

Ejaculations to St. Dominic

1. Show thyself a father.
2. Fulfill, O father, what thou hast said, and help us by thy prayers.
3. Holy father, look down on us with loving countenance.
4. My father, pray that thy spirit may dwell in me.
5. Holy father, may I imitate thee as thou didst imitate Christ.

**NOVENA IN HONOR OF
ST. DOMINIC***In Preparation for his Feast*

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle within them the fire of Thy love.

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, and our hearts shall be created.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O God, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be ever truly wise, and ever rejoice in His holy consolation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O light of holy Church,
 Teacher of truth divine,

Sweet rose of patience,
 Ivory white thy chastity doth shine.
 Of Wisdom's living waters
 All freely thou hast given;
 O messenger of grace to men,
 Lift thou our souls to heaven.

*The above prayers are to be said each day of
 the Novena.*

FIRST DAY, JULY 26

The Force of Good Example

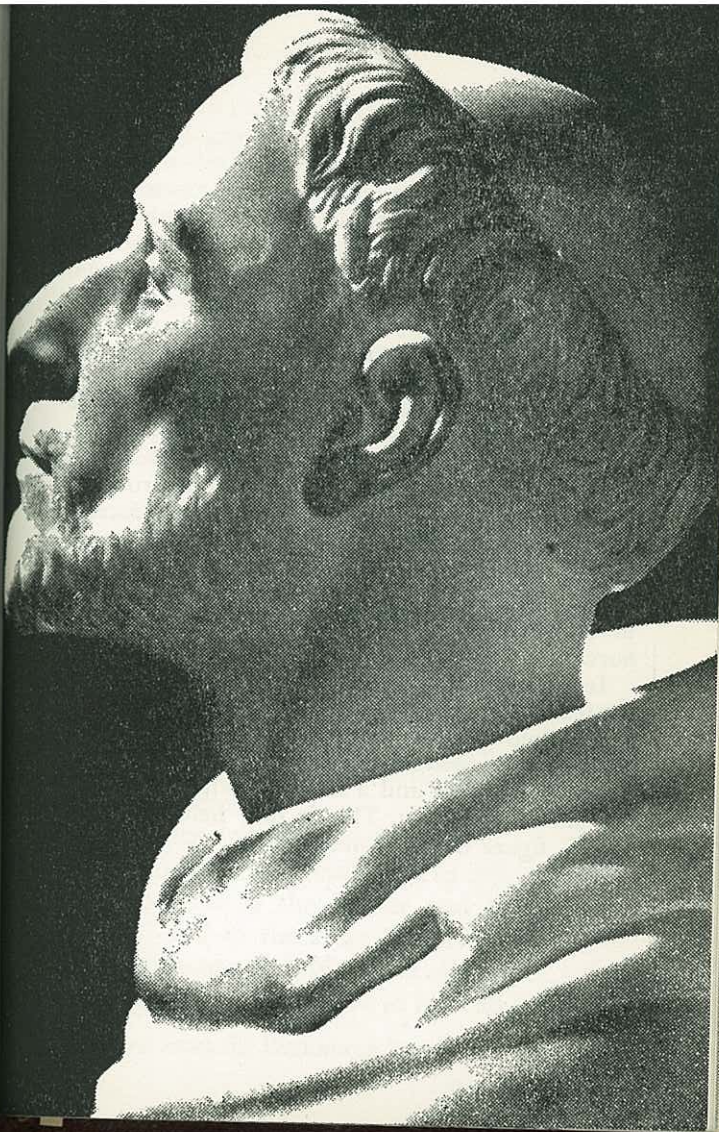
"He shone in his days as the morning star, in the midst of a cloud, and as the moon at the full; and as the sun, when it shineth, so did he shine in the temple of God." (Eclus. L, 6, 7.)

R. Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Reading

"LUMEN ECCLESIAE," LIGHT OF THE CHURCH

St. Dominic was born in Spain, A.D. 1170. With the dawn of reason his whole soul turned to God. His childhood was most pious, and his youth angelic in purity. In the University of Palentia he was the model student. When twenty-five he became a Canon Regular at Osma, and with the religious habit he put on the Lord Jesus Christ and strove in all things to imitate Him. His time was divided into prayer, study of Holy Scripture, and community duties. Silence and retirement were his delight; works of penance and tears of contrition his meat and drink. Going in 1205 to France, he spent



Sister Cecelia, one of the nuns received by St. Dominic into the Convent of St. Sisto in Rome, left us this description of him: "He was of middle height, his countenance beautiful with little coloring, his hair and beard very fair, and his eyes strikingly fine. A certain radiance shone from his forehead and from under his eyelashes attracting love and respect. His hands were long and beautiful, and his voice strong and sonorous. . . . He was always radiant and joyful, except when moved to compassion by some misfortune of his neighbors."

In 1943, Pope Pius XII, a Dominican Tertiary, expressed the desire that a scientific research be undertaken on the relics of St. Dominic. This investigation proved that Sister Cecelia's description was accurate and a famous sculptor executed a statue accordingly. This is now held to be the "true" figure of St. Dominic.

many years in every kind of labor for the conversion of the Albigensian heretics. Like Jesus Christ he passed the day in apostolic work, the night in prayer. His penance was extreme, but to others he was gentle, sweet and kind. Many were converted by his miracles, many by the example of his holy life. Six times he journeyed to Rome, once to Spain, once to Paris, walking barefoot, praying or singing on the road, preaching in the towns and villages, spending the nights in contemplation. He founded in 1215 the Order of Friars Preachers for the conversion of souls. He was a man of truly apostolic heart, a column of the faith, a trumpet of the Gospel, the light of Christ to men. He died at Bologna in 1221.

** Responsory*

The father bids the word prepare
The nuptials of the Lamb to share;
The hour has struck, the Master sends
His faithful servant to His friends.

*Rich food of life He offers all,
Who come, responsive to His call.

℣. And Dominic His herald names,
Who through the world the feast pro-
claims.

℣. *Rich food of life He offers all
Who come, responsive to His call.

℣. Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost:

℣. *Rich food of life He offers all
Who come, responsive to His call.

* Taken from the Dominican Breviary for Aug. 4.

℣. Pray for us, O blessed father Dominic,
 ℞. That we may be made worthy of the
 promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O most enlightened teacher of divine truth, holy father, St. Dominic, who didst teach what was profitable for salvation and didst make thyself all things to all men, that thou mightest win all to Christ; help us to close our ears and hearts to all false doctrine and whatever may be hurtful to our souls and to open them joyfully to the truths of holy Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. May the divine assistance remain with us always.

℞. Amen.

℣. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℞. Amen.

SECOND DAY, JULY 27

Humility

Come, O Holy Spirit, etc., *as above*.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God but emptied Himself, taking the form of

a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross." (Phil. II, 5-8.)

℞. Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Reading

"DOCTOR VERITATIS," DOCTOR OF TRUTH

Humility is the foundation of perfection, and in St. Dominic it was deep and strong. So clear was his knowledge of the great majesty of God and his own nothingness that he lived always in lowly fear and self-distrust. Though most innocent, he considered himself to be a base sinner, unworthy of the least grace. Constantly he prostrated himself before God, praying for long with his face on the ground, shedding abundant tears. Often he would strike his breast, exclaiming, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." Before entering a town to preach, he used to kneel down on the road, begging God not to punish the people for his sins but to make his labor fruitful. When passing an altar or crucifix he would bow profoundly, in token of his nothingness. He often said with tears, "I am not worthy to behold heaven on account of my sins." Praise and honor he heartily detested, and thrice refused a bishopric. Once he raised the son of a Roman widow to life, and the pope ordered the wonder to be published. "Holy Father," said Dominic, "I must fly; I can remain here no longer." At the General Chapter he said to his brethren, "I deserve to be deposed from my office, for I am negligent and relaxed." When asked

where he would be buried, "Under the feet of my brethren," said the humble saint.

The saints, though great in virtue, look upon themselves as worthless, because they see themselves in the light of God, and knowing Him they know themselves. "Our righteousness," St. Dominic would say, "when compared to the righteousness of God, is mere uncleanness."

"Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you shall find rest to your souls." (St. Matt. XI, 29.)

Responsory

Chosen by Christ's free grace, he comes;
For sinners' needs to us he's given.

*Called to the work whilst yet unborn,
His advent's marked by signs from heaven.

℣. The star upon his infant brow,
Shining with radiance pure and mild,
Reveals the splendor hid within
The spirit of the new-born child.

℞. *Called to the work whilst yet unborn,
His advent's marked by signs from heaven.

℣. Glory be to the Father, etc.

℞. *Called to the work whilst yet unborn,
His advent's marked by signs from heaven.

℣. Pray for us, O holy father, St. Dominic.

℞. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O holy father, St. Dominic, true lover of humility, who, the greater thou didst appear in the sight of men, didst humble thyself the more before God: be to us a loving guide, that, following in thy footsteps we may be enabled to withstand all the snares of the enemy, and spending our lives in earnest prayer, self-denial and humility, we may, at the hour of death, be received with thee into heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. May the divine assistance, etc.

THIRD DAY, JULY 28

Compunction of Heart

Come, O Holy Spirit, etc., *as above*.

"They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts and in His sight will sanctify their souls. They that fear the Lord keep His commandments and will have patience even until His visitation, saying: If we do not penance, we shall fall into the hands of the Lord and not into the hands of men. For according to His greatness, so also is His mercy with Him." (Ecclus. II, 20-23.)

Spiritual Reading

"ROSA PATIENTIÆ," ROSE OF PATIENCE

Though so pure that Holy Church calls him "Ivory of Chastity," and Christian art puts a lily into his hands, Dominic was always weeping over sin. His soul being full of contrition, acts of sorrow were constantly upon his lips. On seeing towns or villages, he used to weep over the sins committed there against God. Though so cheerful with others, in his prayers he shed many tears. But this sorrow was not merely hidden in the soul, it bore fruit in works of penance. Thrice every night he scourged himself to blood: once for his own sins, once for those of others, once for the suffering souls. He was a rule of abstinence, even on journeys never eating flesh meat or food cooked with meat. His fasts were strict and continual; even when travelling over Europe on foot, he fasted from September till Easter, though preaching daily. For ten years he tasted no wine, and afterwards, by order of superiors, only a few drops in water. He never had a room or bed of his own, but slept anywhere, on the ground, a bench, the altar-step. He was tightly girded with an iron chain, only found after his death. Being a zealous lover of rule, he punished faults severely, but with such fatherly love that penance was sweet from his hands.

"If you have no sins of your own to weep for," St. Dominic would say, "still weep, after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, and grieve for the sinners of the world, that they may repent."

"Whosoever doth not carry his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." (St. Luke XIV, 27.)

Responsory

The Word of life he loud proclaims,

Nor shame nor fear doth know.

*His pen defends the faith of Christ
And vanquishes the foe.

℣. Three times the book—O wondrous sight!—
Amidst the flames they cast;
Three times, uninjured, it is flung
From out the fiery blast.

℞. *His pen defends the faith of Christ*
And vanquishes the foe.

℣. Glory be to the Father, etc.

℞. *His pen defends the faith of Christ
And vanquishes the foe.

℣. Pray for us, O holy father, St. Dominic.

℞. That we may be made worthy, etc.

Let us pray

O zealous preacher of penance, holy father, St. Dominic, whose ardent desire for the salvation of souls made thee ever ready to endure the greatest labors and fatigues and even to give thy life in order to win them to God, pray for us, that treading in the steps of Jesus Crucified, the Redeemer and Physician of souls, we may

disregard all suffering and generously sacrifice ourselves for the needs of others. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. May the divine assistance, etc.

FOURTH DAY, JULY 29

St. Dominic's Prayer

Come, O Holy Spirit, etc., *as before*.

"Be ye filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God and the Father." (Eph. V, 18-20.)

℣. Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Reading

St. Dominic's Prayer

Prayer was the breath of St. Dominic's life, the light on his path, the staff of his pilgrimage. He prayed always. In childhood his delight was to serve Mass, to visit the Blessed Sacrament, and to chant the Office. As a student, he drank in wisdom more from prayer than from books. He won more souls by prayer than by preaching or miracles. Fervent and humble prayer was the sling and stone with which he overthrew the Goliath of heresy. In travelling, always on foot, he prayed as he went, sometimes singing *Veni, Creator Spiritus*, "Come, O Creator, Spirit," or *Ave, Maris Stella*, "Hail, Star of the

Sea," or making earnest ejaculations, or reciting psalms. Sometimes he walked behind his companions, saying, "Let us each think of our Divine Lord," and often they found him kneeling in a thicket of wood, lost in God. His nights were passed before the altar, and his short sleep was taken on the stone pavement, his companions being often awakened by his groans and loud supplications. His methods of prayer were various; sometimes he lay prostrate, then stood erect, then knelt down. For hours he would stand before a Crucifix, genuflecting and making fervent ejaculations. Often he stretched out his arms like a cross, crying earnestly to God. He was often seen raised into the air in rapture by the venemence of his prayer. "In all labors and disquiets, in hunger, thirst, fatigue, his heart turned always to God."

Responsory

Sublimest heights of poverty he reaches,
And thence against the crimes of men he
preaches;

His enemies before him prostrate lie,
Or, breathing vengeance, turn their backs and
fly.

*The saint, undaunted, fears no earthly foe;
To martyrdom for Christ full gladly would he
go.

℣. By night his soul in prayer is raised to
heaven;

To preach the Master's Word his days are
freely given.

- ℣. *The saint, undaunted, etc.
 ℵ. Glory be to the Father, etc.
 ℣. *The saint, undaunted, etc.
 ℵ. Pray for us, O holy father, etc.
 ℣. That we may be made worthy, etc.

Let us pray

O God, who hast enlightened Thy Church by the eminent virtues and preaching of St. Dominic, Thy confessor and our father, mercifully grant that by his prayers we may be provided against all temporal necessities and ever increase in spiritual good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth, etc.

ℵ. May the divine assistance, etc.

FIFTH DAY, JULY 30

How to maintain a Spirit of Prayer

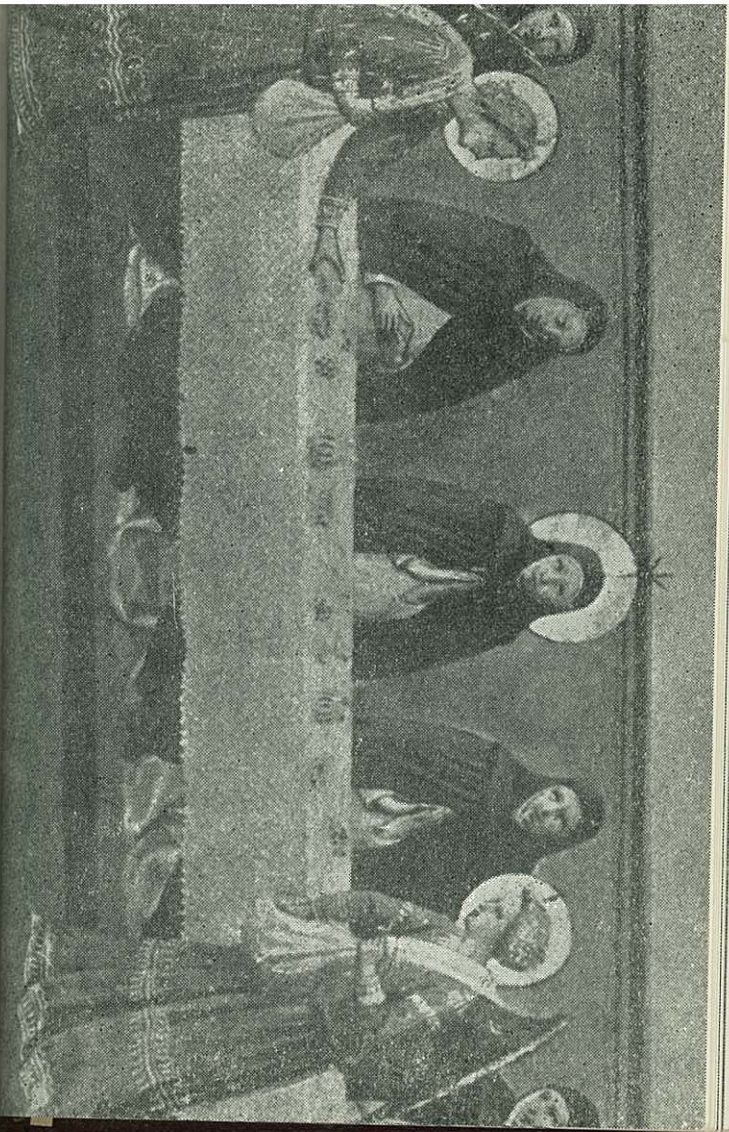
Come, O Holy Spirit, etc., *as before.*

"The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips; he walked with Me in peace and in equity and turned many away from iniquity." (Mal. II, 6.)

℣. Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Reading

As an unbridled tongue destroys a spirit of prayer, Dominic loved silence and retirement, that he might dwell with God. His intimate friend, William of



Many are the miracles recorded which St. Dominic performed during his lifetime—curing the sick, raising the dead and providing for those in need. More than once food was miraculously supplied for the brethren through his intercession. On one such occasion, St. Dominic had sent the friars out from St. Sixtus to beg alms. After spending the whole morning they were returning with the only loaf they had obtained. Entreated by a man along the way, they gave him what they had for the love of God. When they arrived at the convent they recounted their story to St. Dominic. After praying, he told them to assemble in the refectory, where suddenly there appeared two youths, carrying loaves of bread in two white cloths which hung from their shoulders. They distributed the bread beginning with the youngest, and then disappeared. The blessed Dominic said, "My brethren, eat the bread which the Lord has sent you."

Montserrat, said that "Dominic always kept the silence prescribed by the custom and rule of the Order, abstained from idle words, and always spoke either of God or to God." Seldom speaking of earthly things, his conversation was in heaven, and his heart could freely rest on God. Moreover, he carefully guarded his senses. If others spoke idly, he began to pray. On journeys his eyes were cast down, and he seldom noticed anything as he passed along. He fed his soul with constant spiritual reading. His books were the Bible and Cassian's *Conferences of the Fathers of the Desert*, and these he read continually from youth till death. The Holy Scriptures he always carried, and ordered his spiritual children diligently and unceasingly to read them. At dinner one religious used to read aloud, that the souls of all might feed on the Word of God. Dominic used to sit alone after dinner reading the Holy Scriptures. He would kiss the sacred volume, sign himself with the Cross, and then read, often with tears, always with many prayers. When ill with fever, lying on a hard rough bed, he asked the brethren to read to him, in turns, the Holy Scriptures.

"If any man offend not in words, the same is a perfect man!" (St. James III, 2.)

Responsory

With wondrous loaves the brethren are fed,
Supplied from heaven at their father's
prayers.

*A child to life he raises from the dead,
And bids the weeping mother dry her
tears.

- V. He stays the rainfall with the sign of our
 salvation;
 His words are understood by men of
 every nation.
 R. *A child to life he raises from the dead,
 And bids the weeping mother dry her
 tears.
 V. Glory be to the Father, etc.
 R. *A child to life, etc.
 V. Pray for us, O holy father, St. Dominic.
 R. That we may be made worthy of the pro-
 mises of Christ.

Let us pray

O most holy father, St. Dominic, who didst
 ever show thyself loving to all and didst never
 despise, wound or offend anyone, obtain for me
 from our most sweet Savior, Christ, the grace
 to be severe only to myself and my evil passions
 and always gentle and loving towards my neigh-
 bor, ever, like Him, pardoning all who injure
 or offend me. Through the same Christ our
 Lord. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance, etc.

SIXTH DAY, JULY 31

Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady
 Come, O Holy Spirit, etc., *as before*.
 "How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord

of hosts! My soul longs and faints for the
 courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh
 have rejoiced in the living God; for the
 sparrow hath found herself a house and the
 turtle a nest for herself where she may lay her
 young. Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
 and my God!" (Ps. LXXXIII, 2-4.)
 R. Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Reading

The adorable Eucharist and the holy Mother of God
 were objects of Dominic's tenderest devotion. His
 lively faith made the altar his paradise. Before the
 tabernacle he spent his nights, finding there rest
 after his labors; and arriving weary and footsore
 from a journey, he always visited the Blessed Sacra-
 ment before refreshing his body. However much
 fatigued, he always celebrated Mass, if possible
 singing it, and during the Sacrifice tears flowed in
 streams down his face, moving all present to devo-
 tion. "Never," said Stephen of Lombardy, "do
 I remember his celebrating without tears." Some-
 times at the elevation his body rose visibly in the
 air. Of God's holy Mother he was always an ardent
 and reverent lover. His life, his work, his Order
 were placed under her protection, and he invoked
 her in every difficulty and danger. He began the
 custom of saying the "Hail Mary" before preach-
 ing. She filled him with heavenly favors, watched
 over him with motherly care, and gave the habit of
 his Order. A tradition cherished in his Order, and
 supported by the testimonies of many popes, ascribes

to him the first teaching of the devotion of the rosary. The sweet and tender Mother often appeared to him and consoled him at the hour of death. His disciples were called "Friars of Mary," and have carried her rosary and scapular to the uttermost parts of the earth.

"I am the Bread of Life; he that cometh to Me shall not hunger and he that believeth in Me shall never thirst." (St. John VI, 35.)

"I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits." (Eclus. XXIV, 24-26.)

Responsory

The chaff of human frailty
Threshed out by holy poverty,
The good seed sown
To fruit hath grown,
And, ripe for God, is quickly garnered
home.

*The virgin's lily shining in his hand,
Amongst the doctors Dominic doth stand.

℣. A flower blooming amidst other flowrets
fair,
The mighty saint for aye a double crown
shall wear.

℞. *The virgin's lily shining in his hand,
Amongst the doctors Dominic doth stand.

℣. Glory be to the Father, etc.

℞. *The virgin's lily, etc.

℣. Pray for us, O holy father, St. Dominic.

℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O most blessed father, St. Dominic, who didst love our Lord Jesus Christ in the most perfect manner, and didst serve Mary, His Virgin Mother, with most fervent devotion, pray for us, thy children, that we may ever grow in love of the adorable Sacrament of the altar, and that, next to God, we may at all times trust in the protection of the Queen of Heaven, so that at the hour of death we may be received by Her into heaven, and ever abide under the mantle of her love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance, etc.

SEVENTH DAY, AUGUST 1

Love of God and Our Neighbor

Come, O Holy Spirit, etc., *as before*.

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not abides in death. In this we have known the charity of God, because He hath laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (I St. John, III, 14-16.)

℞. Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Reading

Love is the fulfilling of the law, and Dominic, the preacher of God's law, was consumed with the fire of love. In all his actions his love for God appeared, and his constant prayer was that he might have true charity and love God purely for His own sake. From this love sprang that ardent desire to suffer for God which made him a martyr in spirit. So deeply was he moved by the love of Jesus Crucified that he longed to die for Him. His life of generous self-sacrifice proved his love sincere. As a youth he sold his only treasure—the books from which he studied—to feed the famine-stricken poor. His life was entirely devoted to the hardest apostolic labor, travelling on foot far and wide to seek the lost sheep of the Good Shepherd and braving every kind of danger. His prayers for souls were continual, and daily his blood flowed in penance for their sins. The one object of his Order was the salvation of souls. Throughout life he longed to preach to the heathen, hoping for martyrdom. His compassion was so tender that he was moved to tears whenever he thought of the sufferings and miseries of others. To all he was gentle, sweet and merciful. Twice he desired to be sold into slavery—once to redeem a widow's son, and once to relieve poverty caused by conversion to the Catholic Church.

The true love of God is proved by the desire to be like Christ, and to labor and suffer for others.

“Every one that loves is born of God and

knows God. He that loves not, knows not God. For God is charity.” (I John IV, 7-8.)

Responsory

O happy, glorious vine, whose living sap o'er-flowing,

Hath fertilized the world, on all men life bestowing:

*A consecrated vessel, replete with heavenly wine,

Thou offerest to all mankind, the cup of grace divine.

℣. Thy fruitful branches circle

Our great world all around,

And, ever, sweet new tendrils

Are springing o'er the ground.

℟. *A consecrated vessel, replete with heavenly wine,

Thou offerest to all mankind, the cup of grace divine.

℣. Glory be to the Father, etc.

℟. *A consecrated vessel, etc.

℣. Pray for us, O holy father, St. Dominic.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O holy father, St. Dominic, who didst show us the way to eternal happiness, and didst win

many souls to God by founding the Order of Friars Preachers, pray for us, that we may follow in thy footsteps, and ever work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance, etc.

EIGHTH DAY, AUGUST 2

The Death of St. Dominic

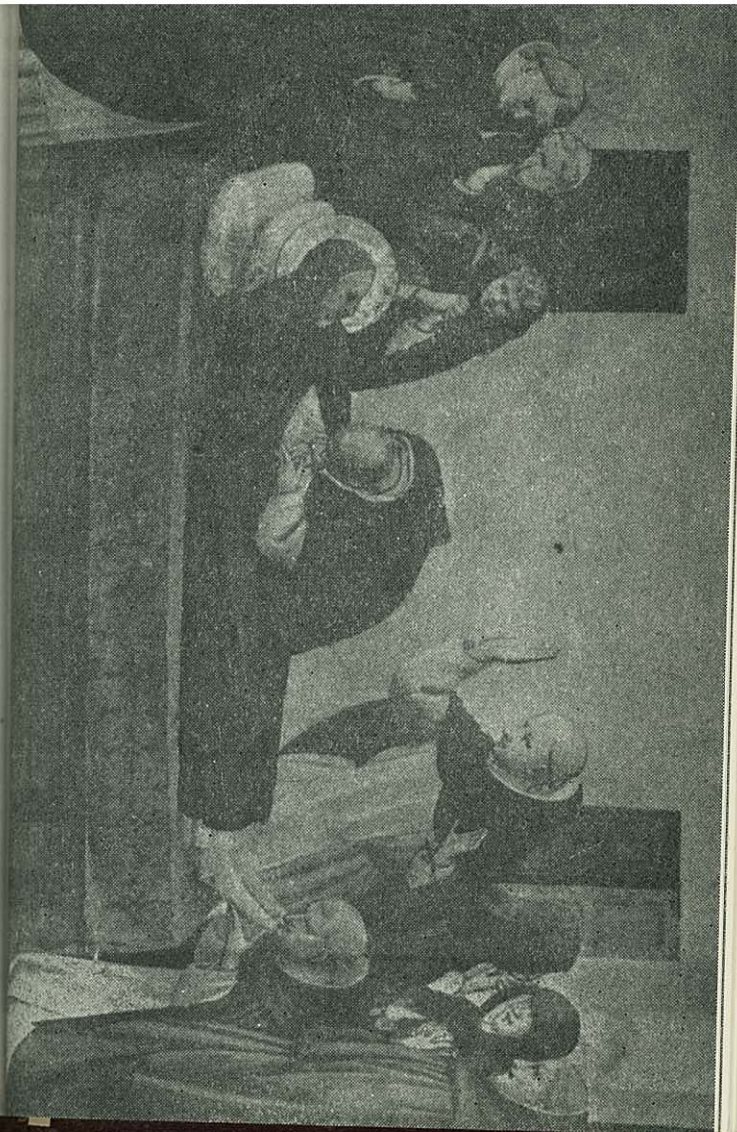
Come, O Holy Spirit, etc.

"Well done, good and faithful servant; because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord." (St. Matt. XXV, 21.)

R̄. Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Reading

St. Dominic died at Bologna, in 1221, on Friday, August 6, at mid-day. Father Ventura, Prior of Bologna, was present and thus describes the blessed end of that holy life. "Father Dominic returned from Venice about the end of July. Although very weary with travelling, he conversed on the affairs of the Order with me till late. I begged him to rest that night but he prayed in the church till Matins at midnight, and then was present in choir. Afterwards he complained of his head, and his last illness began. Lying on a straw mattress, he called the novices around him and exhorted them to fervor with cheerful words and smiling countenance. After



As St. Dominic lay dying just outside Bologna at St. Mary of the Hills, he requested to be taken back at once to Bologna that he might be buried "under the feet of my brethren." There, having assured his weeping brethren that he would be of even greater assistance where he was going, he left them his last Will and Testament:

"Behold, my children, the heritage I leave you: have Charity for one another, guard Humility, make your treasure out of voluntary Poverty."

With what devotion, what tears, what sobs, they then recited the prayers for a departing soul. When they came to the words, "Come to his help, ye saints of God; hasten to meet him, ye angels of the Lord: receive his soul, and offer it in the sight of the Most High," having lifted up his hands to Heaven, he gave up his spirit.

being carried to a hill not far off, for better air, he preached a touching sermon to the brethren and was then anointed. Fearing lest he might not be buried 'under the feet of his brethren,' he was carried back to the convent. After an hour he said, 'Begin.' Then did we begin the prayers for a departing soul, and Dominic joined, his lips moving, until the words 'Help him, ye saints of God,' when he gave up the spirit." During the same year in winter a marvelous perfume was perceived throughout the church in which he was buried, particularly near his grave. Many miracles were wrought where the sacred body rested.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive what God hath prepared for them that love Him." (I Cor. II, 9.)

Responsory

From this vale of grief, ascending,
See our father rise on high,
Whilst the angels' voices, blending,
Greet him with sweet minstrelsy.

*Jesu, by his prayers of might,
Make us pleasing in Thy sight!

℣. By the Holy Name of Jesus.
Thou didst raise the dead to life;
Now, through Him, our loving Savior,
Loose our souls from sin and strife.

℞. *Jesu, by his prayers of might,
Make us pleasing in Thy sight!

℣. Glory be to the Father, etc.

℞. *Jesu, by his prayers of might,
Make us pleasing in Thy sight!

℣. Pray for us, O holy father, St. Dominic.

℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

O most kind father, St. Dominic, by thy saintly life and precious death, bless and guide us in the path of thy holy rule, that persevering therein even until death, we may, through it, attain the eternal joys of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. May the divine assistance, etc.

NINTH DAY, AUGUST 3

Devotion to St. Dominic

Come, O Holy Spirit, etc., *as before*.

"This is My covenant with them, saith the Lord: My spirit that is in thee, and My words that I have put in thy mouth shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth, now and for ever." (Isa. LIX, 21.)

℞. Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Reading

Miracles of Saint Dominic

The power of St. Dominic's prayer was marvelous, and his charity made him use it to help others. In 1206, to test the truth, the Albigenses cast two books into the flames. Theirs, containing their heresy, was destroyed; Dominic's contained the Catholic faith, and remained unburnt. Once his books fell into a river and were restored to him uninjured. Crossing a ferry, he had no money, and the man insisting on payment, Dominic prayed, and money lay at his feet. On a journey he accompanied a foreign religious, whose language he did not understand; Dominic's prayer enabled them to converse on spiritual subjects. Forty English, upset in a deep river, were drowning; Dominic prayed, and they were saved. Three dead persons he raised to life in Rome. One, a cardinal's nephew, was killed by a fall from his horse; Dominic said Mass with abundant tears, then, standing by the dead man's head, he was raised in the air a cubit high, and crying, "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, arise!" the dead man rose alive and well. By prayer he drove out devils and cured many sick. Food was brought by angels at his prayer, and wine to refresh his brethren. Many heretics and sinners were converted by his powerful prayers.

"Be ye therefore followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (I Cor. xi, I.)

Responsory

O wondrous hope, which our true father gave,
 When round his dying bed the weeping
 brethren knelt—

That he would stronger be, to succor and to
 save,

From heaven above, than when on earth he
 dwelt:

*Fulfill, O father, thy most gracious word,
 And plead for us with Christ, thy Friend
 and Lord!

℣. Thou, who from suffering men diseases fell
 didst chase,

Bring to our sin-sick souls the balm of
 Christ's sweet grace.

℣. *Fulfill, O father, thy most gracious word,
 And plead for us with Christ, thy Friend
 and Lord!

℣. Glory be to the Father, etc.

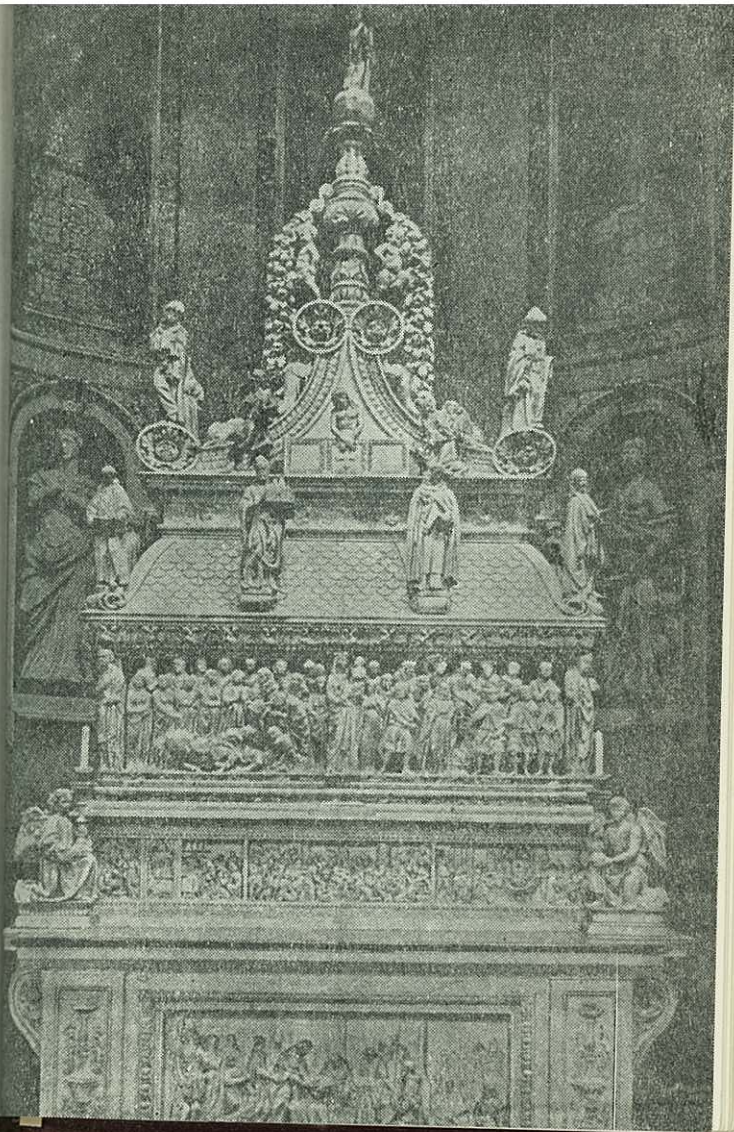
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℣. That we may be made worthy of the pro-
 mises of Christ.

Let us pray

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that
 we, who are weighed down by the burden of



St. Dominic's friend, Cardinal Ugolino, later Pope Gregory IX came to preside at the funeral. We are told that when the people spoke of a fine tomb and offered silk adornments for the body, the friars refused them. His devoted children placed their saint in a simple wooden coffin, which seemed in keeping with the spirit of this humble follower of Jesus Christ and buried him under the feet of his brethren, as he had requested.

But in 1267 there was completed a beautiful tomb known as the "Ark of St. Dominic" which became further adorned through the centuries by famous artists, among them Michaelangelo. Along each side of the Ark are bas-reliefs, divided by the statues of Our Lord and Our Lady, representing the principal scenes of the Saint's life. The upper portion of the tomb is crowned with the majestic figure of the Eternal Father and surrounded by St. Dominic and other figures of angels and saints. The base of the tomb is carved with reliefs depicting the birth of St. Dominic, the adoration of the Magi and the triumph of St. Dominic.

our sins, may be raised up by the intercession of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor and our father. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance, etc.

HYMNS TO ST. DOMINIC

I

GAUDE MATER ECCLESIA

Sing, O Church, our glorious mother;
Raise thy voice in thankful love;
For this day a son thou givest
To the courts of heaven above.

Dominic, our guide and leader,
Father of a white-robed throng,
Famed on earth for deeds of valor,
Sings for aye the angels' song.

Loosed from bonds of fleshly prison,
Now he enters heaven's gate;
Changing poverty's sharp girdle
For a robe of royal state.

From his tomb a fragrance rises,
And the fame of mighty deeds,
Telling how Christ's faithful servant
Shares his Master's richest meeds.

To our God, the One yet threefold,
Honor, praise, eternal reign;
And for us, unending gladness
May our father's prayers obtain. Amen.

II

NOVUS ATHLETA DOMINI

Sound the mighty champion's praises;
 Raise the song for him who came
 Charged to tell the gospel-tidings,
 Charged to spread the gospel flame.

Lordly errand!
 Suiting well his lordly name.

Stainless as a virgin-lily,
 Fervent as a flaming brand,
 Lo! He flies, still onward speeding,
 Flies to do his Lord's command,
 Flies to rescue
 Captive souls from Satan's hand.

Treading down this world of evil,
 To his mighty task he goes;
 Stripped of all, he seeks the conflict,
 Turns him to Christ's banded foes,
 Grace sustaining
 With the fire that inward glows.

Lo! His arms of heavenly temper,
 Words and signs of wondrous power,
 Prayers of love and tears of pity,
 Whilst his warrior children bore
 His commission
 Onward still from shore to shore.

Sing we to the Triune Godhead,
 Honor, glory, power, and praise.
 May He at our father's pleading
 Deign His children's souls to raise,
 Cleansed and perfect,
 To His reign of endless days. Amen.

III

HYMNUM NOVÆ LÆTITÆ

Children of Dominic, all the world over,
 Sing to your father a new song of praise,
 Sound the glad chorus in hymns of thanksgiving;
 Lift up your hearts, as your voices you raise.
 'Mid the deep darkness of sin and of sorrow,
 See in the heavens a soft-shining star,
 Guiding the sinner to light and deliverance,
 Piercing the gloom of the strong prison-bar.
 Preaching the Word o'er the land and the ocean,
 Doctrine of Christ he proclaims far and wide;
 Founding the Order, with "Truth" for its watch-
 word,
 Stemming the current of falsehood's dark tide.
 Small as a streamlet the bright fountain rises,
 Swelling and surging, till, grown to a flood,
 It pours on the world its clear life-giving waters,
 Quenching the thirst of the soul for its God.
 Glory to God, in the height of the heavens,
 Threefold, yet One, who forever shall reign!
 May Dominic's prayers, at the throne of the God-
 head,
 Pardon and life for his children obtain!

IV

THOU WHO HERO-LIKE

Thou who hero-like hast striven
 For the cause of God and heaven,
 Dominic, whose life was given
 Sinners to recall;

Saint of high and dauntless spirit,
 By thy vast unmeasured merit,
 By the name which we inherit,

Hear us when we call.

Flower of chastity, the fairest
 Of her lily-buds thou bearest,
 Snow-white as the robe thou wearest,

Gift from hands divine.

With thy brow of starry splendor,
 With thine eye so mild and tender,
 Mary's client, truth's defender,

To our prayers incline.

Great apostle, ever claiming
 Souls for Jesus—by the naming
 Mary and her Son, proclaiming
 Mysteries of faith.

Still, O Dominic, the preaching
 Of those child-like beads is reaching
 Child-like hearts, all sweetly teaching
 Christ's own life and death.

With those Aves, first and plainest
 Of the Church's prayers, thou rainest
 Blessings on the earth, and gainest
 Souls whom Jesus made.

Loving father, at thy station
 Of seraphic contemplation,
 In each hour of dark temptation

Give thy saving aid!

Blessing for the Sick

The following blessing for the sick, in which St. Dominic's name is invoked, is found in the form given for the "Visitation of the Sick" in the Dominican Breviary, in which it is called "A Prayer of Blessed Vincent [Ferrer]," which Saint Louis Bertrand was in the custom of using.

The Priest lays both hands on the head of the sick person, saying:

"They shall lay their hands on the sick and they shall recover." May Jesus, the Son of Mary, the Salvation and Lord of the world, Who drew thee to the Catholic faith, preserve thee in it and make thee blessed, and by the merits of the blessed Virgin Mary, and of the blessed Dominic, our father, and of blessed Vincent, blessed . . . , and of all the Saints, may He deign to deliver thee from this infirmity.

Then he may say:

The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men; and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through

him. He was not the light but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him He gave power to be made the sons of God; to them that believe in His Name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, the glory, as it were, of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Thanks be to God.

Then he adds this blessing:

May the Lord Jesus Christ be with thee,
that He may defend thee;

May He be within thee, that He may pre-
serve thee;

May He go before thee, that He may lead
thee;

May He go after thee, that He may keep
thee;

May He be over thee, that He may bless ✠
thee;

Who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
liveth and reigneth in perfect unity forever and
ever. Amen.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the
Fath^rer and Son ✠ and Holy ✠ Ghost, come
down upon thee and remain with thee for ever.
Amen.

*Sometimes the Priest can read, instead of the Gospel
from St. John, the last words of St. Mark XVI,
14-20, or the blessing can be used without a
Gospel.*

*Where there is no Priest at hand, a sick person can
say the above as a prayer, changing the word
"thee" into "me."*

Blessed be God in His Saints

ON THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Excerpts from the Encyclical Letter
of Pope Leo XIII

Our Predecessors and the Rosary

Since it is clearly evident that this form of prayer (the Rosary) is particularly pleasing to the Blessed Virgin and that it is especially suitable as a means of defense for the Church and all Christians, it is in no way wonderful that several others of Our Predecessors have made it their aim to favor and increase its spread by their high recommendations.

Thus, Urban IV testified that "every day the Rosary obtained fresh blessings for Christianity." Sixtus IV declared that this method of prayer "redounded to the honor of God and the Blessed Virgin, and was well suited to obviate impending dangers," and Leo X, that "it was instituted to oppose pernicious heresiarchs and heresies"; while Julius III called it "the glory of the Church." St. Pius V said that "with the spread of this devotion the meditations of the faithful have begun to be more inflamed and their prayers more fervent, and they have suddenly become different men; the darkness of heresy has been dissipated, and the light of Catholic faith has broken forth in renewed glory." Lastly, Gregory XIII in his turn pronounced that "the Rosary had been instituted by St. Dominic to appease the anger of God and to implore the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

St. Dominic and the Rosary

That illustrious saint indeed, divinely enlightened, perceived that no remedy would be more adapted to the evils of his time than that men should return to Christ, Who "is the Way, the Truth and the Life" by frequent meditation on the salvation obtained for us by Him, by seeking the intercession with God of that Virgin to whom it is given to destroy all heresies. He therefore so composed the Rosary as to recall the mysteries of our salvation in succession; and the subject of meditation is mingled and, as it were, interlaced with the Angelic Salutation and with the prayers addressed to God, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We, who seek a remedy for similar evils, do not doubt, therefore, that the prayer introduced by that most blessed man with so much advantage to the Catholic world will also have the greatest effect in removing the calamities of our times.

Appeal to Christendom

And do you, Venerable Brethren, the more you have at heart the honor of Mary and the welfare of human society, the more diligently apply yourselves to nourish the piety of the people toward the great Virgin and to increase their confidence in her. We believe it to be part of the designs of Providence that in these times of trial for the

Church the ancient devotion to the august Virgin should live and flourish amid the greatest part of the Christian world. May now the Christian nations, roused by Our exhortations and inflamed by your appeals, seek the protection of Mary with an ardor growing greater day by day; may they cling more and more to the practice of the Rosary, to that devotion which our ancestors were in the habit of practicing, not only as an ever ready remedy for their misfortunes but as the very badge of Christian piety.

The heavenly Patroness of the human race will receive with joy these prayers and supplications, and will easily obtain that the good shall grow in virtue, and that the erring shall return to salvation and repent, and that God, who is the avenger of crime, moved to mercy and pity, will deliver Christendom and civil society from all dangers, and restore to them the peace so much desired.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Annunciation

The herald of the heavenly place,
Proclaiming God's sweet love outpoured,
Salutes the Virgin "full of grace,"
That shall be Mother of the Lord.

Visitation

Lo! ere the story of that room
Hath awed her cousin's listening ear,
The Baptist leaping in the womb
Proclaims that Christ the King is near.

Nativity

The Word of God, ere time began
Begotten of the Father's breast,
In Mary's womb for us made Man,
In Mary's lap a Child doth rest.

Presentation

The Child is to the temple brought,
Who made the Law, the Law obeys!
Who ransomed us, Himself is bought,
And Poverty His ransom pays.

Finding in the Temple

What rapture when the Mother saw
Her sweet One, sought with sorrowings,
Amidst the Doctors of the Law,
Asking and teaching hidden things.

—*Hymn for Vespers, Feast of the Most Holy Rosary.*

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Agony in the Garden

On Olivet, above the plain,
The praying Savior prostrate lies;
Fearful and faint, His sweat of pain
The ground with sacred Crimson dyes.

Scourging at the Pillar

Betrayed and sold by traitor hands,
Our God unto His death is borne,
His flesh with rough and torturing bands,
And bleeding stripes of scourge is torn.

Crowning of Thorns

Upon His brow a thorny crown
The King of Glory meekly bears;
He Who from heaven's Throne came down,
The soiled and mocking purple wears.

Carrying of the Cross

Thrice 'neath the Cross's heavy load,
His fainting form to earth He bows;
And thrice upon the mountain road
They urge Him on with many blows.

Crucifixion

Nailed 'tween two sinners to the Wood,
He, sinless, meets His cruel death;
Prays and forgives, till spent with blood,
To God He yields His final breath.

—*Hymn for Matins, Feast of the Most Holy Rosary.*

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Resurrection

Christ, risen from hell's darksome cave,
Hath broken sin's enslaving chain,
Hath quelled the terrors of the grave,
And opened heaven to men again.

Ascension

Beheld no more by mortal eye,
He rises from all earthly sight,
At God's right hand beyond the sky
To sit enthroned in dazzling light.

Coming of the Holy Ghost

Thence sending forth unto His own
The sweet, abiding Spirit-Dove,
He rains the Father's promise down
In fiery tongues of burning love.

Assumption

With soul and body glorified
Is Mary raised to realm on high,
While angels make the heavens resound
With anthems of her victory.

Coronation

Upon our Mother's gentle brow
There shineth bright a starry crown;
Next to her Son in glory now,
Her rule all faithful creatures own.