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Saint Francis, 1228-1229, Subiaco, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Stfrancis.jpg>.
NB: "The oldest surviving depiction of St. Francis is a fresco near the entrance of the Benedictine abbey of Subiaco, painted between March 1228 and March 1229." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_of_Assisi

Our Holy Father Francis, pray for us

We celebrate St. Francis on October 4. The Dominicans and the Franciscans have close ties. In one story a meeting between St. Dominic and St. Francis ends with them exchanging belts, and so Dominicans wear black belts and Franciscans wear white belts. One tradition of the two Orders is that a Franciscan is invited by the Dominicans to give the homily at a Mass on the Feast of St. Dominic, and a Dominican is invited by the Franciscans to give the homily at a Mass on the Feast of St. Francis.

St. Catherine of Siena reminds us "Truly Dominic and Francis were two Pillars of holy Church. Francis with the poverty that was his hallmark and Dominic with learning" (*Dialogue*, trans. S. Noffkee, no. 158).

From the Provincial Promotor

Handed Over to the One Contemplated

Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, OP

“To contemplate and to hand on what is contemplated” (cf. ST II-II, q. 188, a. 6). This Dominican motto, taken from Saint Thomas Aquinas, has captured my heart since joining the Order in 2004. Then living the purely contemplative life as a Carthusian monk for six years in 2012–18, this phrase began to echo louder and louder in my heart and beckon me back to the Dominicans. The complete motto captures what I want to help the lay Dominicans do as your newly appointed promotor.

“*Contemplare et contemplata aliis tradere.*”

Notice in the original Latin phrase there is no word corresponding to the fruits of contemplation as in a common English translation: “to hand on the fruits of contemplation.” No. More literally, we “hand on what is contemplated.” In other words, we hand on God! We hand on a personal encounter with the living and true God! Not just ideas about God or nice theological insights, but we pass on God Himself. This is a high call! To do it, we must be full of God before we can hand Him on to others. We must be true contemplatives.

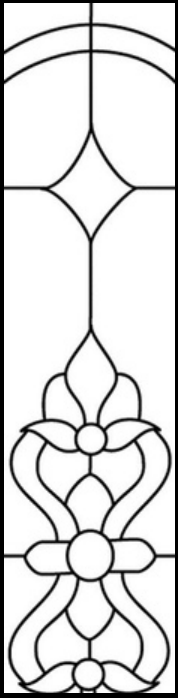
There is something implied in this motto, which I like to make explicit by adding a phrase (and I do not think Saint Thomas would disagree!): To contemplate and to hand on what is contemplated *while being handed over to the One contemplated.* We hand ourselves over to the Lord in surrender, obedience, and love. Being handed over to the Lord in loving union with Him supports and anoints our contemplating and handing Him on to others.

Someone once had to explain to Aquinas’s sister the silence and state of absorption of Thomas: “The Master is frequently lost in spirit when he is absorbed in contemplation. But never have I seen him out of his senses for as

long as today” (Torrell, 289). Indeed, reading the early Dominican *Lives of the Brethren [Vitae fratrum]*, we often read of the brothers being “rapt in God” and “taken up in the spirit.” In other words, they are handed over to the Lord, as they contemplate and hand on the God who is contemplated. This is how our Dominican mission is accomplished.

Blessed Giles of Spain is a good example of what we find among the early *Lives of the Brethren*. Gerard de Frachet, OP, the compiler of these first-generation lives of Dominicans, notes this about Blessed Giles: “His whole life was given to prayer, spiritual reading, catechizing, and devout contemplation.... Many a time he was so rapt in devout thought as to appear unaware of a visitor’s presence.... He described how the heart of saints are even in this life illuminated by an inner light” (Frachet, part V, chap. 3).

Blessed Giles was a man given to deep contemplation; and from this union with the Lord, he catechized and preached. Being rapt out of self to God, i.e., being handed over to God, he was a credible witness to God’s own self-giving love, which he passed on to others. It was his joy “to pass over self for others”: “Although profoundly learned, he loved above all things to listen to the lives of the Saints, and used often to quote from them, while *his chief delight was to pass over self for others*, notably in the ministry of preaching” (Frachet, part V, chap. 3, emphasis added). Handed over to God, he contemplated and handed on God to others in word and deed. His works of charity extended especially to the sick. Handed over to the divine Other, he spontaneously handed himself over to the human other, showing forth the love of God. He bore God in his heart and so radiated Him out to others in all he did and said.



Prayer marks us with the scent of the divine. We bear the fragrance of heaven. We spread the aroma of Christ (2 Cor 2:14–17). Our words and deeds then bear the Lord’s anointing. Already as a young priest it was said of Dominic, “At once, among the canons, he began to shine as a special star. His humble heart and extraordinary holiness made him an odor of life unto life among them and as sweet-smelling frankincense in summertime” (*Libellus*, no. 12). As we too are handed over to God, may we contemplate Him and hand Him on to others as Dominic did, just as a lily opens to the sun and opens to exude its fragrance.

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Message from the President

Dear brothers and sisters in our father St. Dominic,

I pray you are all doing well and enjoying some cooler weather. We have had a very warm summer with what that brings, and it has been a challenge.

We have been blessed by our new provincial promoter in Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, OP. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the two meetings he had with the laity on Zoom. You may locate the recordings of each meeting on our website under Fr. Ignatius’s tab. He is planning a monthly Zoom conference talk and discussion beginning October 13th, titled “Immersed in Blood and Fire: Dialoguing with St. Catherine and God.” The link to join is located on our website. The version of *The Dialogue* he will use is available in our bookstore. Fr. Ignatius will also begin to address our need for religious assistants (RAs). This will take time but is moving forward, more to follow on this.

Speaking of our bookstore, very soon you will notice its fresh look. I don’t have a date yet for rollout, but I’ve seen previews. We have added items including statues and medals. Fr. Ignatius has given us official permission to wear the scapular medal in place of our small scapular, there are three choices in our bookstore.

As we move into September, many of our fraternities and regions will be having elections. Kindly review the PD and the “Election Tips” document in the Presidents Handbook for details and useful information. We will use the new process outlined in our current PD. Your regional meetings are also coming up. Everyone is most welcome to attend as these meetings are open to all members of the region. I recall going to my regional meetings while I was still in formation. I was able to meet and get to know people in my region, hear what was going on, learn what other fraternities were doing, and feel a nice sense of community.

Let us still be on our guard with COVID-19 lingering. Please take care of yourselves and each other. Be assured of my prayers and warm thoughts. God provides for our needs for the good of the Order. May God bless and keep you all.

I remain your sister in St. Dominic,
Kathy
(Mary Catherine Thomas)

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A Short History of the New Paganism

While working on *Das Kapital*, Marx wrote that “philosophy showed that God must exist, but socialist man must deny it and insist he created himself” (Carroll, 65). All modern political and cultural revolutionaries believed that they had to eradicate Christianity. The attack on God was necessary because, according to their ideology, they must destroy the superstructure of all existing political, social, and cultural values to create their utopian vision (Carroll, 65).

Marx and his followers believed in complete moral relativism and that natural law and universal truth do not exist. Every aspect of an individual’s life is constantly in flux, changing according to his economic and social conditions. The societal structures that protect those in power must be destroyed in order to establish equity (Carroll, 65). Marx and his fellow revolutionaries targeted the same social institutions under attack in Western Civilization today; the most prominent are Christianity and its moral code and the nuclear family.

We are witnessing the impact of a neo-Marxist ideology focused on creating a polity based upon a new definition of human liberation. Like Marx’s attack on Christianity, the neo-Marxists aim to free individuals from all their long-established religious and social beliefs to create a neo-pagan utopia (Huizinga, xiv–xv).

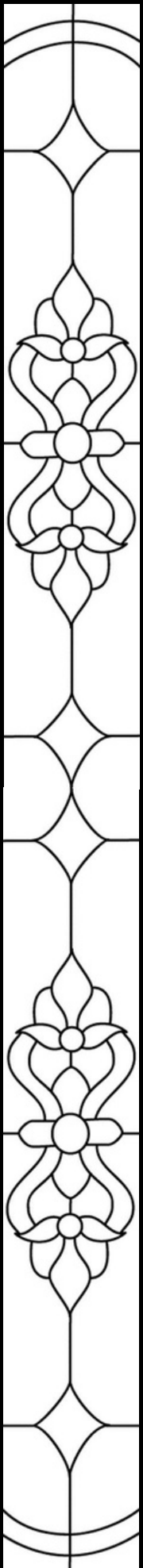
To eliminate the traditional definition of family, children, and sexuality in the twenty-first century, the institution that is the foundation of the reality of universal truth, the Catholic Church, must be eliminated. The neo-pagans are using a three-pronged approach to accomplish this task.

The codification of hate speech rests upon a broad and very flexible definition of intolerance regarding lifestyle choices. The Catholic description of a nuclear

family consists of a biological male and a biological female in a Christian union and the children that are God’s gift to that heterosexual couple. The new social revolutionaries regard this traditional definition as hateful, intolerant, phobic, and violent. They, in turn, believe it is justifiable to take violent action against the organization and its members that promote the belief that sexual relations outside of marriage and relations between members of the same sex are against the will of God. These ideas are considered a grave danger to the neo-pagan liberationist project. The significant increase in violent acts against Catholic churches in the United States and the European Union manifests an ideology that sanctions violence in pursuing the new utopian ideal (Huizinga, 98–101).

Our educational system is ground zero in this attack. Our children are indoctrinated into an Orwellian unreality through an all-out assault on biological science and the English language. It is now considered an act of violence to state the obvious fact that biology defines human gender. Neo-paganism removes God and His divine plan for humanity and replaces it with an ideological paradigm in which each individual creates his or her definition of self. This attack on our social structure is further reflected in the mandate that people list the pronouns by which they wish to be addressed. Pronouns have become the twenty-first-century Orwellian newspeak (Huizinga, 98–102).

Every totalitarian society focuses on the control of its educational system. The reeducation of Western culture begins as early as elementary school. This indoctrination is a movement to “protect” children from the sources of traditional morality that limit their sexual freedom, including the religious beliefs of their biological parents. Everyone has



witnessed in the nation's media examples of parents expressing their outrage against school systems and their boards of education. Many of these institutions have implemented curricula that prepare/groom children to accept the lifestyle of sexual fluidity. Like Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, and Communist Cuba, Western education is developing an ideology among its students that transfers their primary relationship with their parents to acceptance of the direct connection of citizens to the State (Huizinga, 108–111).

The final piece of the liberationist triad is to co-opt critical international organizations. Bruce C. Haffen, a professor at Brigham Young University, describes the United Nations Convention on Children's Rights (CRC) as "a broad but untested new legal concept—the autonomous child." He continues, "The CRC would advance the concept of children's rights in which government takes on the responsibility of protecting the child from the power of parents." (Huizinga, 111–113).

Sigrid Undset won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1928 for her trilogy set in medieval Denmark. She was also an excellent and prolific author of essays focusing on the Catholic/Dominican interpretation of the "signs of the times" (Winsnes, 157–158). She wrote on numerous occasions that the primary issue of the 1920s and 1930s was the battle

between the ideologies that demanded the creation of a secular/atheist utopia and the Christian foundation of Western society. Undset defined this cultural phenomenon as New Paganism. She wrote, "The New Paganism is a declaration of war against a God who has revealed Himself. The new mythology is most concerned with fabling God out of the world by new directions of man's power and achievement." She continued, "If the New Paganism succeeds, it will create a world so different from anything humanity has hitherto known that it is fruitless to speculate on the consequences" (Winsnes, 162–163).

As a courageous Lay Dominican, Sigrid Undset took advantage of her notoriety to confront the rising power of the totalitarian states of Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union. Her fearlessness sometimes put her life in danger, as when Germany invaded her nation of Norway in 1940. Despite multiple threats to her safety, she never wavered from her duty to preach for the salvation of souls, and neither should we.

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St. Alphonsus on Uniformity With God's Will

Mr. Joseph Paganelli, OP

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

The following is an excerpt from one of the writings of St. Alphonsus Liguori titled "Uniformity With God's Will." This topic, though immensely challenging, is of supreme importance in the spiritual life. In the excerpt that follows, St. Alphonsus illustrates the happiness, joy, and peace that come with unreserved submission to the will of God.—JP

He who unites his will to God's experiences a full and lasting joy: full, because he has what he wants; lasting, because no one can take his joy from him since no one can prevent what God wills from happening. The devout [Dominican] Father John Tauler, relates this personal experience: For years he had prayed to God to send him someone who would teach him the real spiritual life. One day at prayer, he heard a voice saying: "Go to such and such a church and you will have the answer to your prayers." He went and at the door of the church he found a beggar barefooted and in rags. He greeted the mendicant saying: "Good day, my friend." "Thank you sir, for your kind wishes, but I do not recall ever having a 'bad' day." "Then God has certainly given you a very happy life." "That is very true, sir. I have never been unhappy. In saying this, I am not making any rash statement either. This is the reason: when I have nothing to eat, I give thanks to God; when it rains or snows, I bless God's

Providence; when someone insults me, drives me away, or otherwise mistreats me, I give glory to God. I said I've never had an unhappy day, and it's the truth, because I am accustomed to will unreservedly what God wills. Whatever happens to me, sweet or bitter, I gladly receive from his hands as what is best for me. Hence my unvarying happiness." "Where did you find God?" "I found him where I left creatures." "Who are you anyway?" "I am a king." "And where is your kingdom?" "In my soul, where everything is in good order; where the passions obey reason, and reason obeys God." "How have you come to such a state of perfection?" "By silence. I practice silence towards men, while I cultivate the habit of speaking with God.

Conversing with God is the way I found and maintain my peace of soul." Union with God brought this poor beggar to the very heights of perfection. In his poverty, he was richer than the mightiest monarch; in his sufferings, he was vastly happier than worldlings amid their worldly delights. (Alphonsus, no. 3)

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Honoring Dominican Saints and Praying for Deceased

On November 7 we honor all saints of the Order of Preachers. The Litany of Dominican Saints may be found at <https://www.laydominicans.org/resources/dominican-prayer-life/>. And on November 8, we pray for all deceased Brothers and Sisters of our Order.

Mary Celeste Maher, OP, Memorial

Mrs. Kathy Kendrek, OP

President, Province of St. Joseph, USA

Many of us recall sending our archive documents to Mary Maher at the House of Studies. She was our provincial archivist for close to two decades. I had the privilege of meeting Mary at our last congress in Maryland several years ago. Ms. Mary Maher was a beloved member of Region 5 and the Immaculate Conception Fraternity #505 in Washington, D.C. Mary served in many offices in her fraternity, in her region, and on the provincial council. She was an extraordinary faith-filled woman, assiduous in her work and joyful. She was exacting and always a model of patience, discretion, and love—just an exemplary Dominican. Mary was loyal. She loved her early home of Brooklyn, N.Y., and was an exceptional elementary school teacher and tutor. Mary loved her car with all its 450,000 miles; and besides the Order, her love was for her nephews Mark and Matt Maher and their children. Mark and Matt called her Aunt Celeste; we just called her Mary; she loved both.

Mary left us on June 24, 2021, after a long illness. Her nephews were by her side always and were close to her heart. They saw to it that she was laid to rest in the Dominican burial habit. To honor Mary, we dedicated the newly renovated archive room at the House of Studies to her memory. On June 18th, the dedication took place at the regional meeting. The plaque now sits on top of one of the archive cabinets and was skillfully crafted by our own Mr. Paul Piscarik, OP, from Our Lady Queen of Peace #514 in Newark, Del., and owner of JP Sign Design.

Let us keep Mary in our thoughts, prayers, and hearts. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her and all deceased Dominicans—may they rest in peace.

The plaque reads: “The Ms. Mary Celeste Maher, OP Memorial Archive Room / Our beloved archivist / Well done my good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master. Mt 25:23 / September 24, 1938–June 24, 2021.”

The Pope's Prayer Intentions

September

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

October

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity, and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

November

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Our Being as Music

Mr. Steven Blevins, OP

St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603, Columbus, Ohio

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth ... and God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light....” As we read in Genesis, during Creation whenever God speaks, it is made so. I imagine most people reading about Creation in Genesis think of God speaking as we would simply speak to one another. However, we can also picture Creation and God’s words as a song, even a melody. Thinking of Creation as a song reminds me of the opening chapter in *The Silmarillion* by J.R.R. Tolkien. In the opening chapter, Eru (whom we would liken to God) first creates the Ainur (whom we would liken to the angels). Of the Ainur, Eru “spoke to them, propounding to them themes of music; and they sang before him, and he was glad” (Tolkien, 15). Initially the Ainur sing their own individual songs to Eru, but then he reveals to them, “Of the theme that I have declared to you, I will now that ye make in harmony together a Great Music.... I will sit and hearken, and be glad that through you great beauty has been wakened into song” (Tolkien, 15). With that analogy, we can imagine that all Creation is part of God’s “Great Music” and our own song is part of the “Great Music.”

Understanding our bodies as a wind instrument, when we physically sing, we use air from our lungs; our larynx acts as a reed; our chest, head cavities, and skeleton all act as amplifiers; and our mouth acts to shape or articulate musical notes (*Wikipedia*). Truly our own song is played by an incredible instrument! Even Holy Father Dominic knew the value of singing. He was known to encourage the brothers with enthusiasm during recitation of the Divine Office; he would “go round both sides of the choir, urging

and encouraging the brethren to sing loudly” (Tugwell, 80). He knew his encouragement helped the brothers to “play their song” in accordance with Our Lord’s composition. A person’s song will create waves of pressurized air that transmit across the air to receiving ears. Then the ear drum vibrates, and that vibration eventually turns into electrical impulses, which move as a wave. The electrical impulses travel through neurons in our brain to comprehend the sound. Likewise, mental thoughts are transmitted via electrical impulses along neurons. Lastly, our physical bodies are made of matter, and matter is made from atoms of different elements electrically bonded together. From our viewpoint, matter looks still, unmoving; but at an atomic level, the bonded atoms are vibrating in place. So our physical bodies, with all of our thoughts and movements, are playing a kind of song!

Music, in the physical sense, is a combination of different sound waves that produce a melody that should be pleasing to our ears. But most important, the melody produced by sound waves should be in accordance with what the composer desired to be created. Therefore, all of our actions, from genuflecting, bowing at the start of the “Glory Be,” making the sign of the cross, to singing, speaking, and even thinking are all a combination of waves, a kind of song our minds and bodies play every day. Because God composed the “Great Music,” is still conducting the “Great Music,” and gave to us his “Great Music” of Creation, we should always ensure that our bodily and mental actions create a music that gives back to God and fulfills our part of His “Great Music”

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Community

Celebrating Saint Dominic

Mrs. Angely Gilman, OP

Most Holy Rosary Fraternity #201, Middletown, N.Y.

On Saturday, August 6th, the members of Most Holy Rosary Fraternity (#201) met to celebrate the Solemnity of our founding father, St. Dominic. Our celebration began with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We met in the parish of St. Joseph's Church, in Middletown, New York. After our invocation to the Holy Spirit and the "O Sacred Banquet," we joined in praying the Holy Rosary, as well as other beautiful Dominican prayers, such as "O Lumen," "O Spem Miram," the Litany of St. Dominic, and the Novena to St. Dominic. At the request of one of our members, Mrs. Irene Gifford, OP, we also prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We then joined in singing the Salve Regina and other hymns.

After this wonderful period in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we went to a restaurant. We shared a very happy time at table together as we conducted our meeting. The highlight of our meal together came as each of us shared our favorite detail of St. Dominic's life or personal highlights of our journey as Lay Dominicans.

One of our postulants, Mr. Devon Zillmer, shared his amazement concerning the details of the Translation of St. Dominic. At this time, the formation director (this writer) gave each member a third class relic of St. Dominic: a card with an image of the Translation of St. Dominic with the "Spem Miram" printed on back. The cards were touched

to a first class relic of St. Dominic.

Mrs. Linda Guinan, OP, our fraternity's secretary, gave some of our members scapular medals of St. Dominic. Mrs. Maria Vida, OP, our treasurer, shared with us her personal journey of becoming a Lay Dominican. Mrs. Kathy Hasbrouck, OP, who recently made her perpetual profession, told us about the origin of our Dominican name and about events related to St. Dominic's birth and infancy. We learned about some of the many miracles performed by Father Dominic, such as bringing people back to life. We also enjoyed the story of angels appearing to feed St. Dominic's community when they had nothing to eat. The angels fed the youngest members first. This miracle inspired the Dominican tradition of taking care of our newest members first.

Our admiration for St. Dominic's humility was renewed as we heard all the different stories. To assist us in our aspiration to emulate this great virtue of our Holy Father Dominic, we will pray a Litany of Humility to help guide us in our spiritual work of contemplation during this month.

Our celebration of the Solemnity of St. Dominic made us realize St. Dominic's wisdom in making Community one of the pillars of our Order. As on this special occasion, every time we meet, we feel refreshed and encouraged by each other to go out into the world to praise, to bless, to preach.

De Profundis

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

Mrs. Pat Aiello, OP

Sister Agnes Cecilia

Our Lady of Hope Fraternity #206
Mastic Beach, NY

Perpetual Profession: August 9, 2015

Date of Death: August 8, 2022

Mrs. Marqueen Brown, OP

Sister Theresa of the Little Flower

St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #301
Syracuse, NY

Perpetual Profession: June 18, 1978

Date of Death: June 18, 2022

Mr. Mark Baltes, OP

Our Lady of Peace Fraternity #605
Cincinnati, Ohio

Perpetual Profession: August 8, 2014

Date of Death: December 5, 2021

Mr. George Sullivan, OP

Brother Louis de Montfort

Our Lady of Peace Fraternity #605
Cincinnati, Ohio

Perpetual Profession: June 8, 2003

Date of Death: December 3, 2021

Links of Interest

- Who Are the Lay Dominicans? Ave Maria Affiliate, Fla., <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy8xoLPI3wQ>
- Pope Francis, 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, September 25, 2022, <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20220509-world-migrants-day-2022.html>
- Pope Francis, World Food Day, October, <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/food.index.html>
- Pope Francis, Sixth World Day of the Poor, November 13, 2022, <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20220613-messaggio-vi-giornatamondiale-poveri-2022.html>

Lay Dominican Province Newsletters

- St. Albert the Great Province, USA (central province), newsletter *Veritas*, <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/8PHajAP>; province website, <https://laity.opcentral.org/>
- Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, USA (western province), newsletter *IHN*, <http://oplaitwest.org/ihn-news-archive/>; province website, <http://oplaitwest.org/>

Te Deum

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

**Saint Margaret of Castello Fraternity #114
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Mr. Claude Mailhot, OP

**Most Holy Rosary Fraternity #201
Middletown, NY**

Perpetual Profession:

Mrs. Kathy Hasbrouck, OP

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity #304
Buffalo, NY**

Temporary Profession

Mr. Glenn Reid, OP

Mr. Thomas Schuler, OP

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

Perpetual Profession:

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Ms. Tyler Brown-Cross, OP

**Holy Rosary Fraternity #403
Cherry Hill, N.J.**

Perpetual Profession:

Mrs. Patricia DaVuono Sarkees, OP

**St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #506
Great Falls, Va.**

Reception

Mr. Thomas Hoover, OP

Temporary Profession

Miss Lauren Celine, OP

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Fraternity #514
Newark, Del.**

Temporary Profession

Mr. Isaiah Brickus, OP

**Mater Dei Fraternity #518
Libertytown, Md.**

Reception

Mrs. Gloria Eldridge, OP

Mrs. Maria Feuz, OP

Mr. Kyle Grimes, OP

Temporary Profession

Mrs. Erin King-Younkins, OP

Ms. Michaela Loomis, OP

Announcements

Bible Study

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!— St. Jerome

Every Lay Dominican now has the opportunity to learn—and love—the Scriptures. Cosy Heimann and Donna Boivin will be offering the Ascension Press series *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* via Zoom, on Thursdays, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, and again from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, starting on September 15 through March 2, 2022.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Cosy at cosheimann@gmail.com to get information on ordering the workbook, which costs \$37.95. It is also recommended to have a copy of the Catholic Bible (RSV/2C preferred), as well as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Registration for the class should be done prior to the start of the class on September 15. The zoom link for attending the classes will be provided by Cosy.

Around the Province

Region 1

Saint Margaret of Castello Fraternity #114 Middletown, New York

It was a very special moment in my life when I made my final promises as a Lay Dominican at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Lewiston on June 18, 2022. It was very well attended, and a light luncheon was held after the Mass.

We are working on our annual apostolate of producing our Advent reflection booklets, and we go over the reflections at our monthly meetings for any corrections before they are published in the book. We are looking to expand this year's booklet to half-size at the request of several of our readers for easier reading.

As part of our monthly meetings, we study from the *Formation for the Temporarily Professed Members Year A* program.

We are grateful that we have an inquirer, Carmen Khoo, who has attended several of our meetings to date. She also was one of the lectors at my perpetual profession.

One of our longtime members, Michael Akerley, is now in an extended care facility due to his inability to walk. Prayers go to him for recovery from his ailment.



Mr. Claude Mailhot, OP, making final profession after receiving the scapular from his wife, Mrs. Denise Mailhot, OP, fraternity president



l to r: Denise Mailhot, OP, fraternity president; Deacon Irene Richard; Father Patrick Finn; Father Dismus Sayre

Region 2



l to r: Mr. Devon Zillmer; Mrs. Irene Gifford, OP; Fr. Leo Camurati, OP; Mrs. Kathy Hasbrouck, OP; Mrs. Angely Gilman, OP; Mrs. Maria Vida, OP; Mr. Ray Proulx, OP; Mrs. Yolanda Leavy, OP; Mrs. Linda Guinan, OP

Most Holy Rosary Fraternity #201 Middletown, New York

On Saturday, April 30, 2022, Mrs. Kathy Hasbrouck, OP (Sr. Elizabeth Marie) made her perpetual profession during the 11:00 am Mass at St. Augustine Church in Ossining, New York while on a one-day Region 2 retreat. Father Leo Camurati, OP, and fraternity president Mrs. Yolanda Leavy, OP, conducted the ceremony. Most of the fraternity members were in attendance.

Region 3



l to r: *Mr. Justin Michael Pelletier, OP; Mr. Thomas Schuler, OP, religious assistant; Father Bernard Confer, OP; Mr. Glenn Reid, OP; Mr. Paul Kohlmeier, OP*

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity
#304
Buffalo, N.Y. and
Our Lady of Victory Affiliate
Fraternity #307
Rochester, N.Y.**

On August 6, 2022, at Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, N.Y., with our religious assistant, Father Bernard Confer, OP, presiding, the Immaculate Heart Fraternity of Buffalo, N.Y., celebrated the temporary profession of **Mr. Glenn Reid, OP** (Br. Dionysius) and **Mr. Thomas Schuler, OP** (Br. Jerome); and Our Lady of Victory Fraternity of Rochester, N.Y., celebrated the perpetual profession of **Mr. Paul Kohlmeier, OP** (Br. Maximillian) and **Mr. Justin Michael Pelletier, OP** (Br. Michael).

Region 4

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

Mr. Joseph Paganelli, OP, and Mr. Charles DeFeo, OP, of St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401 in Philadelphia volunteered to help St. Margaret of Castello Maternity Home on January 20 with painting and moving some furniture. St. Margaret Home supports women who are experiencing crisis pregnancies. It is the fraternity apostolate of St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity. The fraternity supports St. Margaret Home on an on-going basis with prayer, financial support, and the collection of diapers and other supplies for babies.

Thank you, Joe and Chas, for your work to make St. Margaret Home a cheerful and welcoming place for women experiencing crisis pregnancies.



Holy Rosary Fraternity #403 Haddon Heights, N.J.

The fraternity gathered on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at the Catholic Church of St. Mary in Cherry Hill, N.J., for the perpetual profession of **Mrs. Patricia DeVuono Sarkees, OP** (Sr. Catherine of the Holy Trinity), made to president **Mr. Brian Haughwout, OP**, and religious assistant **Rev. Msgr. Dominic Bottino, OP**. The members of the fraternity celebrated afterwards along with members of Mrs. Sarkees's family and guests in the parish hall.



l to r: *Mr. Brian Haughwout, OP, fraternity president; Mrs. Patricia Sarkees, OP; Rev. Msgr. Dominic Bottino, OP, religious assistant*

Regions 4 and 5



l to r: *Father Dominic Bump, OP, religious assistant; Ms. Milagros Diaz, OP; Ms. Tyler Brown-Cross, OP; Ms. Marge Tierney, OP, president*



l to r: *Father Dominic Bump, OP, religious assistant; Mr. Isaiah Brickus, OP; Mrs. Anthea Piscarick, OP, president*

Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401 Philadelphia, Penn., and Our Lady Queen of Peace Affiliate #514 Newark, Del.

Ms. Tyler Brown-Cross, OP, and **Ms. Milagros Diaz, OP**, of St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401 in Philadelphia, and **Mr. Isaiah Brickus, OP**, of Our Lady Queen of Peace Affiliate #514 in Newark, Del., made their 3-year temporary professions on December 19, 2021, at St. Patrick Church in Philadelphia.

Father Dominic Bump, OP, religious assistant for St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity, presided over the advancements. Ms. Marge Tierney, OP, president of St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity, received the promises of Tyler and Milagros. Mrs. Anthea Piscarick, OP, president of Our Lady Queen of Peace, received Isaiah's promise. Anthea, Isaiah, and three members of the FOCUS group from Temple University joined St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity in a light lunch after the advancements.

Region 5



St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #506 Great Falls, Va.

On Saturday, April 2, 2022, St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #506, met at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Great Falls, Va., to celebrate an advancement and reception. **Miss Lauren Celine, OP**, made her temporary profession; and **Mr. Thomas Hoover, OP**, was received into the Order. Fr. John Martin Ruiz, OP, religious assistant for the fraternity, presided; and Mr. Patrick Smith, OP, president of the fraternity, received their advancement and reception.

Mater Dei Affiliate #518 Libertytown, Md.

On Monday evening, the Feast of St. Dominic, August 8, 2022, Mater Dei Affiliate #518, whose parent fraternity is Joy of the Just #516 in Baltimore, Md., celebrated two of its members who made their temporary profession, and received three members into their novitiate year. **Mrs. Erin King-Younkins, OP**, and **Ms. Michaela Loomis, OP**, made their temporary professions, and **Mrs. Gloria Eldridge, OP**; **Mrs. Maria Feuz, OP**; and **Mr. Kyle Grimes, OP**, were received by Dr. Patricia Ellis, OP, Region 5 president, at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Libertytown, Md. The celebrant was Fr. Charles Wible, pastor and religious assistant of Mater Dei.



l to r: *Ms. Michaela Loomis, OP*; *Mrs. Erin King-Younkins, OP*; *Mrs. Gloria Eldridge, OP*; *Mrs. Maria Feuz, OP*; and *Mr. Kyle Grimes, OP*

Region 6



Our Lady of Peace Fraternity #605

Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Fred Thomas, OP, president of Our Lady of Peace, gave a talk on the Shroud of Turin at the April 2022 meeting.

International News

The History of Lay Dominicans in Brazil

While the first presence of Dominicans in Brazil was a convent built in 1881, St. Dominic arrived way before that. The Franciscans brought St. Dominic to Brazil by putting a statue of St. Dominic alongside St. Francis in the churches they built. African slaves founded Confraternities of the Rosary and the first lay fraternity was formed in 1723. Today there are twenty-five lay fraternities in Brazil. Read more here: <https://www.op.org/dominican-presence-in-brazil/>.



A "New" Saint Dominic for a New Province

In May the Dutch and Belgian provinces merged into one new province. To honor the occasion, the Dutch and Belgian Lay Dominicans commissioned a painting of St. Dominic from Dutch painter Egbert Modderman. Read more here: <https://www.op.org/a-new-st-dominic/> and here: <https://www.op.org/dutch-and-belgian-dominicans-merge-into-one-province/>



Contributors Needed!

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

Committee Notes

WordPress, Instagram, Facebook!

Do you know WordPress? Do you enjoy contributing to Instagram? Do you like communicating through Facebook? The Communications Committee needs you to help promote and encourage Lay Dominican vocations and our province! To volunteer, send an email to eprovcomcom@gmail.com.

Friars Calendar

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

September

September 1

Father Stuart McPhail
Matthew Vincent Reilly

September 2

Father Ignatius Schweitzer
Roland Jerome McCann

September 3

Father Paul Seaver
Thomas Matthew McGlynn

September 4

Father Darren Pierre
John Raymond Vandegrift

September 5

Deacon Jordan Lopes
Edward Pius De Cantillon

September 6

Father Antoninus Niemiec
James Reginald Coffey

September 7

Father Juan Ubaldo Lopez
Salamanca
John Thaddeus Carrigan

September 8

Father Raymund Snyder
George Boniface Stratemeier

September 9

Father David Adiletta
John Anthony McMahan

September 10

Father Joseph-Mary Hertzog
Thomas Hugh McBrien

September 11

Father Stephen Alcott
John Francis McCadden

September 12

Father Iriarte Andujar
John Matthew Donahue

September 13

Father Stanley Azaro
Thomas Ceslaus McGowan

September 14

Father Ciaran Fergus
Joseph Hugh Mulhern

September 15

Father Jordan Turano
Bernard Constantius Werner

September 16

Father Albino Barrera
William Raymond Bonniwell

September 17

Father Aquinas Beale
John Santoro

September 18

Father Isaac Morales
Robert Raymond Blais

September 19

Father Kevin Kraft
John Jordan Duffy

September 20

Father William Marquis
Frederick Aquinas Gordon

September 21

Father Timothy Bellamah
Thomas Kevin Connolly

September 22

Father Philip Neri Reese
Stuart Bede Campbell

September 23

Bishop Bertrand Boland
William David Folsey

September 24

Father Tony Breen
*Francis Louis Bertrand
O'Connell*

September 25

Father John Burchill
Joseph Clement Burns

September 26

Father Charles Shonk
Edward Dominic Fenwick

September 27

Father John Reid
Edward Justin Brodie

September 28

Father Peter Gautsch
Richard Donald Danilowicz

September 29

Father Anthony Giambrone
John Morrin

September 30

Father George Schommer
Arthur Pius McEvoy

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

Friars Calendar

October

October 1

Father Luke Tancrell
James Justin Cunningham

October 2

Father James Sullivan
Henry Thomas Donoghue

October 3

Father Maurice Schepers
Edward Sylvester Dorsey

October 4

Father Thomas McCreesh
Hugh John Leonard

October 5

Father Nicholas Lombardo
Bernard Christopher McCabe

October 6

Father Justin Brophy
Norman Alfred Haddad

October 7

Father James Cuddy
Paul Leo Slanina

October 8

Father Vincent Dyer
Raymond Thomas Aquinas Collins

October 9

Brother Martin Davis
Michael Peter Coyne

October 10

Father Justin Bolger
John Joseph McInnis

October 11

Father Albert Duggan
Adrian Ludger Dionne

October 12

Brother Bonaventure
Kambazi
William Joseph Hill

October 13

Father Paul Marich
William Dominic O'Carroll

October 14

Father Ken Sicard
Ernest Francis Kelly

October 15

Father Ignatius Schweitzer
Hugh Justin McManus

October 16

Father Albert Dempsey
James Vincent Watson

October 17

Father Reginald Lynch
James Paul Aldridge

October 18

Father Matthew Rzeckowski
Arthur Cornelius Tierney

October 19

Father Pius Pietrzyk
John Reginald Smith

October 20

Father Stephen Fitzhenry
Charles John O'Connell

October 21

Father Dominic Bump
William Andrew Goetz

October 22

Father Albert Paretsky
Thomas Reginald Peterson

October 23

Father Alan Piper
Albert Mark Schratz

October 24

Father Darren Pierre
John Joseph Mahoney

October 25

Father Henry Camacho
Edward Vincent Ferrer Clancy

October 26

Father Michael Dosch
John Benedict McLaughlin

October 27

Father Peter John Cameron
Vincent Edward Connell

October 28

Father Vincent DeLucia
Patrick Dominic Mullahy

October 29

Father Leo Checkai
John Jude Locchetto

October 30

Father Raphael Christianson
Edward Martin McDonald

October 31

Father Peter Fegan
Joseph Bertrand Soeldner

Friars Calendar

November

November 1

Father Nicanor Austriaco
Paul Christopher Perrotta

November 2

Father Jacob Restrick
Patrick Benedict Boyle

November 3

Father James Brent
William Antoninus Horgan

November 4

Father John Martin Ruiz
Francis Kevin O'Connell

November 5

Father Ignatius Schweitzer
James John McLarney

November 6

Father Louis Mason
Rudolph Francis Vollmer

November 7

Father Juan Ubaldo Lopez
Salamanca
Charles Terrence Quinn

November 8

Father Michael Ciccone
James Aloysius Driscoll

November 9

Father Aquinas Guilbeau
Bruno Casimir Zvirblis

November 10

Father Thomas Blau
Stephen Bernard Jurasko

November 11

Father Carleton Jones
Francis Dominic Nealy

November 12

Father William Garrott
Paul Chrysostom Curran

November 13

Father Bernard Confer
James Andrew Mackin

November 14

Brother Bertrand Hebert
Joseph James Baverso

November 15

Father Darren Pierre
Mark Paul Francis Small

November 16

Father Basil Cole
John Barnabas Davis

November 17

Father Hyacinth Cordell
Anthony Ignatius Cataudo

November 18

Father Andre-Joseph
LaCasse
Charles Henry O'Brien

November 19

Father Leo Camurati
Malcom Sylvester Willoughby

November 20

Fr. Vincent Ferrer Bagan
Edward Henry Gallagher

November 21

Father David Orique
William Regis Ryan

November 22

Father Stephen Ryan
Edmund John Way

November 23

Father Timothy Danaher
Thomas Jordan Ertle

November 24

Father Thomas Davenport
Louis Luke Turon

November 25

Father Damian Day
John Peter Farrell

November 26

Father Cassian Derbes
John Clement Kent

November 27

Father Gregory Doherty
Nadra John Benedict Joseph

November 28

Deacon Michael Donahue
Richard Mannes McDermott

November 29

Father Bernard Dupont
John Martin Egan

November 30

Father Matthew Erickson
John Stanislaus Dillon

Dominican Saints and Blessed

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

September

- 2 Bl. Guala of Bergamo, friar and bishop (1180–1244)
Bl. Ingrid of Skänninge, widow and nun (d. 1282)
- 4 Bl. Catherine Maffei of Racconigi, Lay Dominican and virgin (1486–1574)
Anniversary of deceased friends and benefactors
- 6 Bl. Bertrand of Garrigue, friar and priest (1195–1230)
Bl. Michael (John Francis) Czartorysky, friar and priest (1897–1944); and Julia (Stanislawa) Rodzinska, virgin, sister, (1899–1945), martyrs in Poland
- 7 Bl. John-Joseph Lataste, friar and priest (1832–1869)
- 18 St. John Macias, brother (1585–1645)
- 19 Bl. Pius Albert del Corona, friar and bishop (1837–1912)
- 20 Bl. Jane of Orvieto, Lay Dominican and virgin (1264–1306)
Bl. Augustine de Fango of Biella, friar and priest (1493)
- 21 Ember Day
- 23 Ember Day
- 24 Bl. Dalmatius Moner, friar and priest (1291–1341)
Ember Day
- 28 St. Dominic Ibañez de Erquicia, friar and priest (1589–1633); St. James Kyushei Tomonaga, friar and priest (1582–1633); and St. Lawrence Ruiz, Lay Dominican and husband (1600–1637); and companions, martyrs in Japan

October

- 3 Bl. Dominic Spadafora, friar and priest (1450–1521)
- 4 **HOLY FATHER FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DEACON (1181–1226)**
- 5 Bl. Raymond of Capua, friar, priest, and Master of the Order (1330–1399)
- 6 Bl. Bartolo Longo, Lay Dominican (1841–1926)
- 7 **Our Lady of the Rosary, Feast**
- 8 Bl. Ambrose Sansedoni, friar and priest (1220–1286)
Bl. Matthew Carreri, friar and priest (1420–1470)
- 9 St. Louis Bertrand, friar and priest (1526–1581)
- 11 Bl. Jakob Griesinger of Ulm, friar and religious (1407–1491)
- 13 Bl. Magdalen Pannatieri, Lay Dominican and virgin (1433–1503)
- 14 Bl. Mary Poussepin, Lay Dominican and virgin (1653–1744)
- 19 Bl. Agnes of Jesus Galand, nun and virgin (1602–1634)
- 21 Bl. Peter Capucci of Città di Castello, friar and priest (1390–1445)
- 22 **Anniversary of the Dedication of Conventual Churches, Solemnity**



October (cont.)

- 25 Bl. Peter Geremia, friar and priest (1399–1452)
- 26 Bl. Damian Furcheri of Finale, friar and priest (d. 1484)
- 27 Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza, friar and priest (1200–1271)
- 30 Bl. Benvenuta Bojani, Lay Dominican and virgin (1254–1292)
Bl. Terence Albert O’Brian, bishop (1601–1651); and Bl. Peter Higgins, priest (1601–1642), martyrs in Ireland

November

- 1 **ALL SAINTS, Solemnity**
- 2 All Souls Day
- 3 **St. Martin de Porres, brother (1579–1639), Feast**
- 5 Bl. Simon Ballachi, religious (1240–1319)
- 6 Bl. Bonaventure Garcia Paredes (1866–1936), friar and priest, Hyacinth Serrano Lopez, and companions, martyrs in Spain
- 7 **All Saints of the Order of Preachers, Feast**
- 8 Anniversary of Deceased Brothers and Sisters
- 14 Bl. John Liccio, friar and priest (1400–1511)
- 14 Bl. Lucy Broccadelli of Narni, sister and virgin (1476–1544)
- 15 **St. Albert the Great, friar, bishop, and Doctor of the Church (1205–1280), Feast**
- 19 Bl. James Benefatti, friar and bishop (1200s–1332)
- 19 St. Maria Alphonsina Danil Ghattas, virgin (1843–1927)
- 24 St. Ignatius Delgado, friar & bishop, (1761–1838), St. Vincent Liem, (1731–1773), friar & priest, St. Dominic An-Kham, (1799–1859) Lay Dominican and father, and companions, martyrs in Vietnam
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 Bl. Margaret of Savoy, nun and religious (1390–1464)
- 28 St. Zdislava Berkiani, matron (1220–1252) [In the U.S.]



Immersed in Blood and Fire Dialoguing with St. Catherine and God Monthly Zoom Conference Talk and Discussion

“A soul rises up, restless with tremendous desire for God’s honor and the salvation of souls.” This opening line of *The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena* captures what we too are about as a Dominican family. So let’s learn from St. Catherine together as we read, study, and pray with the Dialogue, counting on her intercession to plunge us deeper into the Blood and Fire! These coming months, we’ll ask this Doctor of the Church to guide us by the hand into the mystery of God and His plan of love for the world.

Join us, by Zoom, the **2nd Thursday of every month at 7 pm (EST)**, working through the Dialogue of St. Catherine, **25 pages per month**. You can read along or simply show up. Each month, Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, OP, will give a conference talk (45–60 minutes) on the next 25 pages, followed by a period of questions and comments from you all. Your involvement in this is entirely voluntary. We will begin Thursday, **October 13 at 7 pm (EST)** using this Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85064767154?pwd=eTdPNnMySHA5WnVNQTNXRlpDaXB3QT09>. Feel free to leave as you need to if the discussion goes long. The recording will be available afterward on our website: <https://www.laydominicans.org/>.

Here are some ideas to consider. Consider whom you might invite to join us by sending them the Zoom link. It could be a way to introduce others to Dominican spirituality and attract them to consider joining our Dominican family. Individual fraternities could also decide to have their own group conversation on the pages treated each month before or after the Zoom presentation. Copies of the Dialogue can be purchased from our bookstore: <https://dominicanbookstore.org/>. Be sure to get Suzanne Noffke’s translation and the Paulist Press edition (ISBN 0809122332) since other versions are not complete. Note: we will begin our reading with page 25, where Catherine’s words begin, though you are encouraged to read the translator’s preface. The text can also be found online (but do you really want to deprive yourself of the pleasure of holding the book in your hand and the enrichment of marking it up with underlining and notes?): https://isidore.co/misc/Res%20pro%20Deo/ITOPL_OCR-layer-only/15.%20Supplementum%20-%20Dogma%20&%20Moral/Moral/St.%20Catherine%20of%20Siena_OCR.pdf

Where will this journey with St. Catherine take us? As individuals and as a Dominican family, where will this Dominican deep-dive into the mystery of our share in the Trinity take us? Frankly, I’m not sure! But it will surely help us “be who we’re called to be and so set the world ablaze!”

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