



# MISSION WEST

A newsletter for friends of the Dominican Friars, Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

## DEFENDING TRUTH IN THE MODERN WORLD

You help us radiate the light of Christ

- ✦ Your support has allowed for more Dominican preachers!
- ✦ St. Michael the Archangel: Why Pray to Him Daily
- ✦ Friars on the Move
- ✦ A New President Arrives





## DID YOU KNOW?

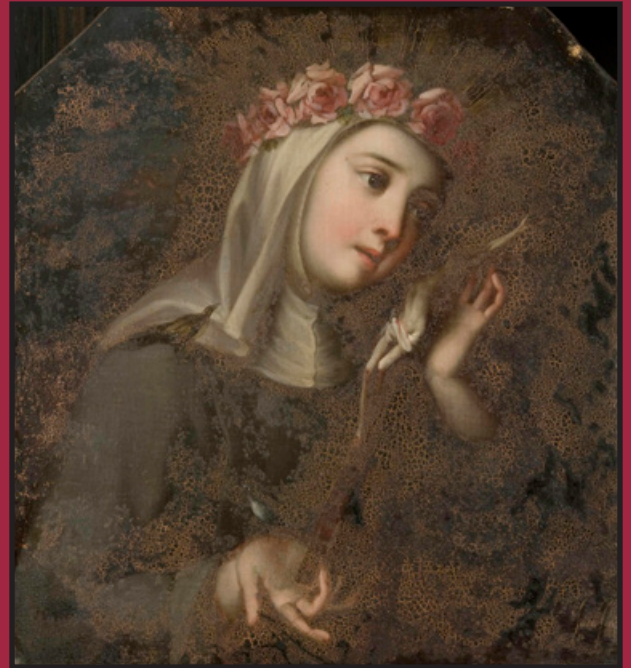
A lesser known legend of the Dominican Order, the orange tree has carried special meaning to the Dominicans for over 800 years, representing the life of the Order. According to tradition, St. Dominic brought an orange tree from his native Spain to Santa Sabina in Rome, which would later become the headquarters of the Order of Preachers. In 1379 AD, Catherine of Siena gifted candied oranges from Dominic's tree to Pope Urban VI, reminding him that one's bitter sufferings turn sweet when united with Christ.

Over the years, sprigs from the original orange tree were propagated all over the world in Dominican communities. **Continuing the legacy today, an orange tree propagated from St. Dominic's tree grows at St. Albert the Great Priory in Oakland, the house of studies for the Western Dominican Province.**



St. Dominic's Orange Tree at the Basilica of Santa Sabina in Rome, headquarters of the Order of Preachers (c. 1800s).

## THE QUOTABLE DOMINICAN



Saint Rose of Lima, c. 1710, Juan Rodríguez Juárez

## St. Rose of Lima

1586-1617

Patroness of the Americas

Feast Day: August 23

Despite a lifetime of opposition, suffering, and ridicule, St. Rose devoted herself to radically imitate the humility and charity of Christ. She lived an unconventional life of service, prayer, and penance, offering all her small acts of penance for the good of souls in the New World. St. Rose modeled the value of redemptive suffering and became the first canonized saint born in the Americas.

*“Without the burden of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases.”*

## From the Vicar Provincial for Advancement

Radical lives in Christ lead to radical  
peace and joy!



My Dear Friend,

About ten years ago, our Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from Nashville, Tennessee opened a convent in the Netherlands. The Netherlands has gone much further down the road of secularization than have these United States, so our sisters in their beautiful Dominican habits are a bit of a novelty as well as a striking, public sign of Christ.

Interestingly, the comment they receive most often from that very secular populace is, “How is it that you are so happy? You’ve given yourself over to a life of obedience, you are celibate, and have sacrificed everything ... yet you are genuinely happy!”

The mystery of the freedom of obedience, the openness of celibate love to all people, and the sacrifice of one’s life for the kingdom of God, will lead to wonderful happiness for those who are called. However, by virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be disciples of Christ and to be a witness to the joy of the Gospel amid our angry and divided world.

In this edition of *Mission West*, you’ll see joyful Dominicans preaching Truth. You’ll see the eagerness of our newly ordained Priests, the zeal in our recent solemnly professed friars, and the fruits of our faithful jubilarians who have been preaching for years and years.

Many things can kill this joy and zeal for the faith. The devil, who is real and cunning, likes to try and sow division and expand this sadness and hatred. However, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother we have a mighty spiritual weapon in the Rosary! We also have a powerful ally in St. Michael the Archangel! You’ll read Fr. Michael Hurley’s description of the need for this mighty Prince of the Heavenly Hosts in our lives.

Finally, to help spread the Gospel, we must study and contemplate the eternal Truths of our faith to preach them in this quickly changing contemporary time. To prepare to preach Truth effectively, we Dominicans study at our Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, led by the newly-appointed President, Fr. Allen Moran, O.P.

May we all continue to radiate the Joy of the Gospel in the darkness of our world today.

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Very Rev. James Junipero Moore, O.P.  
*Vicar Provincial for Advancement*

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Cover Photo: Western Dominican friars, along with Dominican sisters, participate in the 2022 Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. Preaching the Truth through action, we joined tens of thousands of people to give witness to the sanctity of human life!



# The Master Has Need of It

## Three new Dominican priests ordained by Bishop Robert Barron!

**T**he Lord blessed us with the ordinations of three more Dominicans to the priesthood. On June 24th, Fr. Joshua Gatus, O.P., Fr. Joseph Selinger, O.P., and Fr. Matthew Heynen, O.P., gave their lives in service to Christ and you, the Church, at the hands of Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

By God's grace and your support, these men persisted through eight years of formation and study to fulfill their calling to priesthood. Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

All three of our newly ordained priests have begun their first assignments, which

can be found in "Friars on the Move" on p. 9.

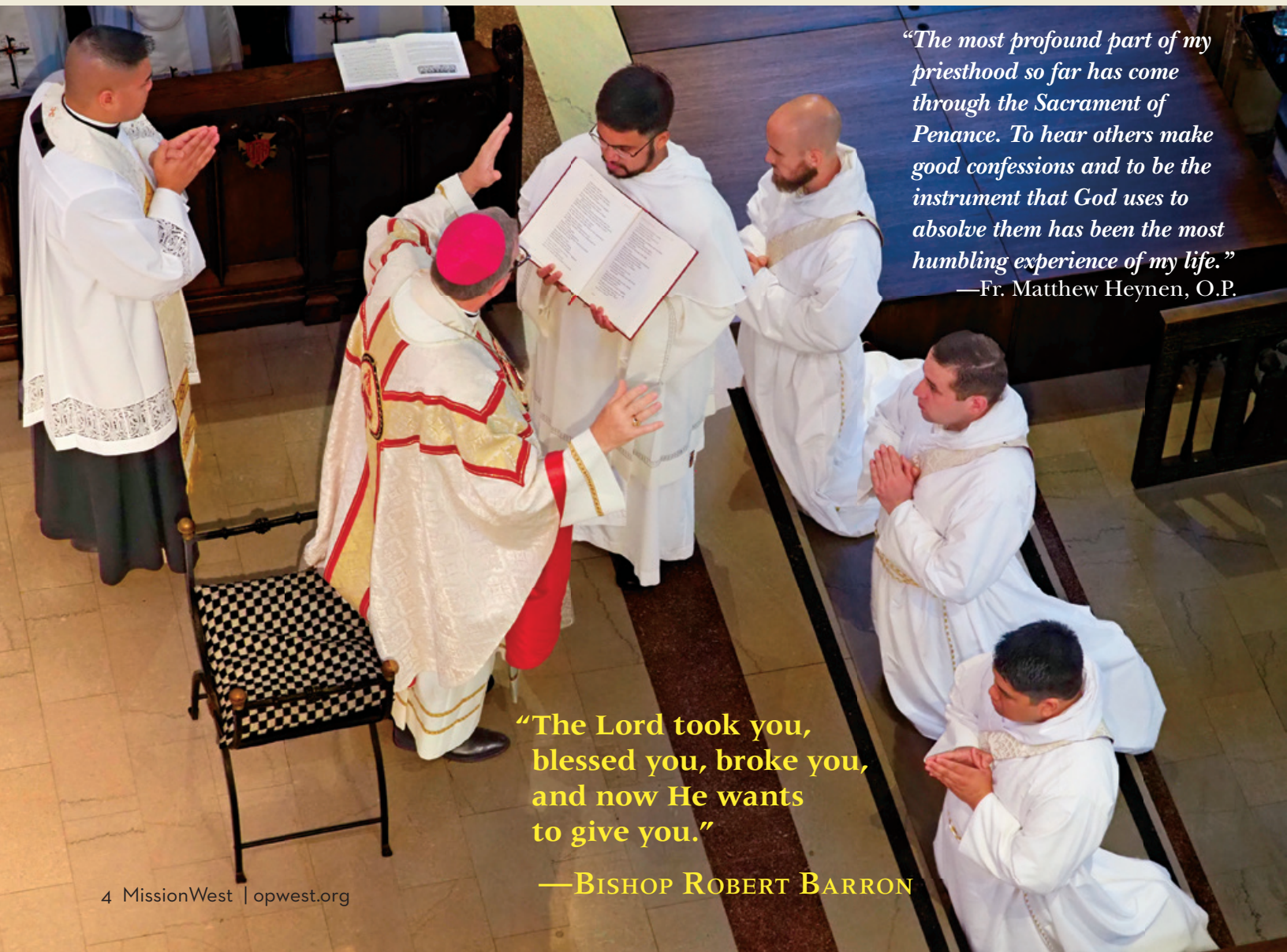
Our province is grateful for the support and leadership of Bishop Robert Barron, who holds great respect for the Order of Preachers and attributes much of his own call to priesthood to the Dominicans in his life.

As Bishop Barron said to our ordinandi in his homily, "Priests are men for other people. Your life is not about you. ... Rather, you are meant to become a gift. Everything the Lord gave you when He blessed you, everything He gave you when He broke you, is meant now to be shared."

Praise God for three new zealous priests to serve and shepherd the faithful!



Three new Dominican priests called by God to serve Christ and the Church! (L to R) Fr. Joseph Selinger, O.P., Fr. Joshua Gatus, O.P., and Fr. Matthew Heynen, O.P.



*"The most profound part of my priesthood so far has come through the Sacrament of Penance. To hear others make good confessions and to be the instrument that God uses to absolve them has been the most humbling experience of my life."*  
—Fr. Matthew Heynen, O.P.

*"The Lord took you, blessed you, broke you, and now He wants to give you."*

—BISHOP ROBERT BARRON





To watch Bishop Barron's full homily and see more photo and video content visit: [opwest.org/videos](http://opwest.org/videos) and [opwest.org/photos](http://opwest.org/photos).

### An Incredible Story of God's Mercy

"The ordination to the priesthood is definitely pure God's grace! The day after my ordination I celebrated my first Holy Mass at St. Albert's Priory. Afterwards, I was on my way to visit friends, and in the airport I met an elderly lady who asked me if I am a priest. I said yes. She said she used to be a Catholic and stopped practicing for many different reasons. However, she attends Catholic occasions such as baptisms, quinceañeras, weddings, and funerals whenever she's invited by her family and friends. After a long discussion, I asked her if she wanted to be invited back to the Church. She paused, cried, and said yes. I suddenly found myself hearing her confession in the boarding area of an airport. After 50 years away from the Church, she said 'It's great to be back home.' It is a humbling experience to be instrumental of God's grace for the salvation of souls."

—Fr. Joshua Gatus, O.P.

## Conformed to the Death of Christ

Four brothers profess Solemn Vows, becoming Dominicans for life!

Thanks to God's grace and your generosity, four more brothers made lifelong vows to the Dominican Order in May. Please join us in celebrating their commitment to Christ and the Church, and continue to pray for our brothers as they finish their formation.

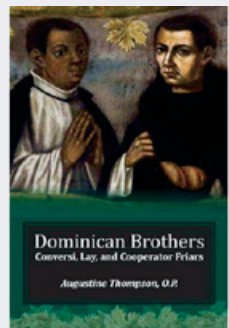


Thank you for praying for our brothers (L to R): Br. Athanasius Thompson, O.P., Br. Pascal Strader, O.P., Br. Scott Norgaard, O.P., and Br. Andrew Thomas Kang, O.P.

### Dominican Cooperator Brothers

Br. Pascal Strader is now a cooperator brother and will finish his studies this year before taking his first ministry assignment. Formerly known as lay brothers, cooperator brothers are Dominican friars called to religious life, but not to the priesthood. They take the same vows as Dominican priests and live in the same community, centered on common life. Included among the many Dominicans whom the Church has beatified or canonized are four cooperator brothers: Bl. Simon Ballachi, St. John Macias, St. Martin de Porres, and Bl. James of Ulm.

Fr. Augustine Thompson, O.P., wrote the authoritative book on cooperator brothers, *Dominican Brothers: Conversi, Lay, and Cooperator Friars*. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com.







Fr. Michael Hurley, O.P., is the Pastor of St. Dominic Catholic Church in San Francisco, California

## St. Michael the Archangel, a Powerful Defender in All Battles

Learn how this saint helps us flex our spiritual muscles!

**O**n Easter Monday 1949 at 10:45pm, the priests who had undertaken the exorcism of a youth named “Robbie” had a breakthrough. Possessed by as many as ten demons, Robbie had been haunted for years in the wake of his use of a Ouija board to contact his deceased grandmother. After months of exorcisms, the priests invoked St. Michael to cast out the demons. Suddenly, a voice who identified himself as St. Michael commanded the demons to depart. According to eyewitnesses, Robbie went into violent convulsions and the demons left with a “sonic boom.” (The priests praying the Divine Office in a nearby church also heard this “sonic boom” and saw an incredible light illumine the whole church.) When Robbie came out of his trance, he related how he had a vision of St. Michael vanquishing Satan in a battle for his soul. Though many know this story through the popular 1970’s book and movie based on these real-life events, the role of St. Michael was somewhat muted in the fictional accounts.

Although dramatic moments of exorcism are captivating, St. Michael’s intercession is not limited to these moments. His influence is present to us in our daily life. For this reason, the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel is an essential part of our spiritual health. Originally abridged from Pope Leo XIII’s more robust composition which he was compelled to pen after his troubling mystical experience with the “smoke of Satan,” this simple prayer creates dynamic spiritual protection and power, both in our own life and in the life of the Church. As struggles abound in the lives of our families and culture, St. Michael’s patronage activates the full resource of the heavenly host. St. Paul makes clear that every struggle, no matter how mundane, has a spiritual dimension (Ephesians 6:12). The spiritual world is not, as some may think, a world of unambiguous light and goodness. There is a nefarious aspect of the spiritual world which sow the seeds of chaos, violence, and darkness. Evil exits first, and



primarily, in the spiritual realm. Whatever our struggles, St. Michael empowers us to flex our spiritual muscles and we experience his assistance in many ways.

One particular way is how St. Michael helps us in the daily overcoming of temptation and growing in virtue. Consider St. Michael's origin story from Scripture and Tradition (Isaiah 14:12, Revelation 12). In the first cosmic upheaval between God and His creation, when Satan defies God and blasphemes the Holy Name, the leader of the heavenly host responds: "Who is like God?", in Hebrew, *Mikha'el*. The first rhetorical question in history is the name Michael. This name reveals the potency of humility when it is blended with courage. Against pride, which is rooted in self (the heart of sin is always "I"), Michael expresses the humility which is the foundation of virtue. Humility recognizes that God alone is the source of all life and happiness. Without God, we are nothing. If we want to be happy, humility is the first step towards our victory in the battle of selfishness. Alternatively, against a sort of false humility, Michael expresses a word of courage. False humility thinks that we are powerless in spiritual struggles. After all, who are we to overcome the devil, who has strength beyond our powers. Yet, courage recognizes that with God we can do anything. Nothing is impossible for God, and St. Michael decisively casts down the demonic hosts with this divine power flowing through him.

If we want to stand firm in overcoming daily temptations, if we want to find victory over our selfishness, if we want God's power to flourish in us even in the face of most hopeless situations, St. Michael's humble courage gives us the name and patronage upon whom we should call. When someone asks me for a simple way that they might grow in holiness and happiness, I always suggest praying to St. Michael daily. St. Michael is eager to accompany us in our daily struggles, so let us be bold to ask!

—Fr. Michael Hurley, O.P.

## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Reni, Guido. *Archangel Michael defeats Satan*. 1635. Santa Maria della Concezione de Cappuccini, Rome, Italy.



## Jubilarians Celebrate Decades of Ministry

Thank you for graciously supporting our friars through decades of priesthood!

60 YEARS



Fr. Thomas De Man, O.P.



Fr. David O'Rourke, O.P.

50 YEARS



Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P.

25 YEARS



Fr. Christopher Renz, O.P.



Fr. Bart Hutcherson, O.P.

10 YEARS



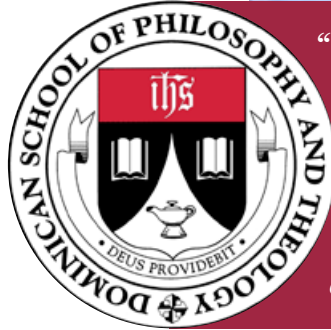
Fr. Emmanuel Taylor, O.P.

Read inspirational reflections from our Jubilarians at: [opwest.org/jubilarians2022](http://opwest.org/jubilarians2022)

# New President at the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology

## Getting to Know Fr. Allen Moran, O.P.

In July 2022, we welcomed the new leadership of Fr. Allen Moran, O.P., to serve as President of the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology in Berkeley, California. Fr. Allen follows in the footsteps of Fr. Peter Rogers, O.P., who served as President since 2015.



The new President of the DSPT, Fr. Allen Moran, O.P. (center), with his predecessors, Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P. (left), and Fr. Peter Rogers, O.P. (right).

*“Without light, we walk in darkness, ignorance, and fear. Without confidence in the power of the light of reason to find the truth, we are left at the mercy of ideology and raw power. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, ‘I am the light of the world.’ At the DSPT we endeavor to continue to form students to be clear and effective torch bearers of the Light and the power of His truth.” —Fr. Allen Moran, O.P.*

Fr. Allen is a member of the Province of St. Joseph (Eastern Dominican Province). He’s served in teaching roles at Providence College, the Angelicum, and the Dominican House of Studies, as well as several administrative and ministerial roles. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Political Science and Economics, PhD in Economics, Master of Divinity, Bachelor of Sacred Theology, and Licentiate of

Sacred Theology. He’s been the President of the International Dominican Foundation since 2015, and President of the American Friends of the École Biblique since 2018, as well as Syndic (Treasurer) of the Province of St. Joseph.

Thanks to faithful support of friends like you, the DSPT has grown into a center of studies for the world-wide Dominican Order. Please keep Fr. Allen, and the students, faculty, and staff of the DSPT in your prayers as they begin a new school year.

**Read Fr. Allen’s complete bio on our website at [opwest.org/frallen](http://opwest.org/frallen).**

## Your Support Helped Another Class Graduate the DSPT to Serve Church and World

The Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, an international center of study for the Dominican Order, graduated another class of lay and religious students this year. Some will serve as ordained priests, some as teachers, and others continue in academia.

Your support gave students like Jarett Bilash (‘22) a solid Catholic education from which to share the Truth with high school students. Please keep our recent graduates in your prayers!



*“Studying alongside Dominican brothers and lay students at DSPT, I learned to integrate a life of study with a life of prayer. Now as a high school religion teacher in Southern California, I hope to instill Dominican values in my students, fostering within them the same love for prayer, study, and community life that I experienced at DSPT.”*

—Jarett Bilash,  
Class of 2022, DSPT



Friar	Assignment
Fr. Matthew Heynen	Holy Family Old Cathedral (Anchorage, AK) – Parochial Vicar
Fr. Peter Do	Holy Rosary Church (Portland, OR) – Pastor
Fr. Paul Raftery	Holy Rosary Parish (Portland, OR) – Parochial Vicar
Fr. Joseph Selinger	Holy Rosary Parish (Portland, OR) – Parochial Vicar
Fr. Dismas Sayre	The Rosary Center (Portland, OR) – Director
Fr. Pius Youn	St. Thomas More Newman Center (Eugene, OR) – Pastor St. Thomas More House (Eugene, OR) – Superior
Fr. Joshua Gatus	St. Thomas More Newman Center (Eugene, OR) – Parochial Vicar
Fr. Garry Cappleman	St. Thomas More House (Eugene, OR) – Priest in Residence
Fr. Gabriel Mosher	St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center (Salt Lake City, UT) – Pastor
Fr. Emmanuel Taylor	St. Thomas More Newman Center (Tucson, AR) – Parochial Vicar for Campus Ministry
Fr. Michael Augustine Amabisco	Provincial Office (Oakland, CA) – Vicar of Provincial Administration
Fr. Martin Walsh	St. Dominic Church & St. Jude Shrine (San Francisco, CA) – In Residence
Fr. Jerome Cudden	St. Raymond House (Menlo Park, CA) – Superior
Fr. Corwin Low	St. Raymond House (Menlo Park, CA) – Itinerant Preacher
Fr. Peter Rogers	St. Dominic Church (Los Angeles, CA) – Pastor
Fr. Jordan Bradshaw	Dominican Mission Foundation – Director
Fr. Roberto Corral	Parroquia de Santa Maria de Guadalupe (Mexicali, Mexico) – Parochial Vicar
Fr. Mark Francis Manzano	Convento Nuestra Señora del Rosario (Bayamon, Puerto Rico) – Chaplain to Catholic University Community & Vocations Director in Puerto Rico

Student Brothers	Residency Assignment
Br. Michael Thomas Cain	Prince of Peace Newman Center (Seattle, WA)
Br. Xavier Marie Wu	St. Dominic Church (Los Angeles, CA)
Br. Kevin Peter Cantu	St. Dominic Church (Benicia, CA)
Br. Anthony Maria Akerman	St. Raymond of Penafort Parish (Menlo Park, CA)
Br. Cassian Smyth	Holy Family Old Cathedral (Anchorage, AK)

Brothers Studying Abroad	Study Abroad Assignment
Br. Scott Norgaard	Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, “Angelicum” (Rome, Italy)
Br. Pascal Strader	Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, “Angelicum” (Rome, Italy)
Br. Athanasius Thompson	University of Vienna (Vienna, Austria)
Br. Andrew Thomas Kang	University of Fribourg (Fribourg, Switzerland)
Br. Matthew Wanner	Pontifical Oriental Institute “Orientale” (Rome, Italy)

**Want to know where your favorite friar is? Go to [opwest.org/friardirectory](http://opwest.org/friardirectory) to see their current assignment.**



# Preaching the Gospel to Young People



Photo above: Friars from the Western Province, along with other religious brothers and sisters, met at St. Albert's in support of Catholic college students at the annual University Catholic Conference of California (UCCC).



Photo to left: This summer, Dominican Campus Ministers from across the Western Province hosted an annual workshop, the Dominican Institute of Student Ministry (DISM), to support and teach students who minister at our various Newman Centers.

## Shrine of Saint Jude Thaddeus

**DOMINICAN FRIARS**  
Solemn Novena in Honor of St. Jude Thaddeus  
October 20-28, 2022

Daily Mass with Novena  
Preaching, Confession,  
Rosary, blessing with  
St. Jude relic

**PILGRIMAGE WALK**  
Saturday, October 22, 2022

Join our annual pilgrimage walk with thousands of pilgrims led by Dominican friars through the streets of San Francisco!



Visit our website for details: [www.stjude-shrine.org](http://www.stjude-shrine.org)

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## St. Dominic's Eagle Rock—Centennial Celebration



Congratulations to St. Dominic Catholic Church in Los Angeles, California, as they celebrated 100 years of ministry and faithfulness last year!



## Friars Join Sisters for 25th Anniversary

On July 30th, several friars from our province had the privilege of joining the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, Michigan. It's always a joy when our larger Dominican family gathers together to celebrate God's blessings.



Fr. Stephen Maria Lopez, O.P., Fr. John Marie Bingham, O.P., Mother Amata Veritas, O.P., Fr. James Junipero Moore, O.P., Fr. Brad Elliott, O.P.

## Diaconate Ordination

On September 24th, Br. Phong Nguyen, O.P., Br. Columban Mary Hall, O.P., Br. Patrick Rooney, O.P., will be ordained to the diaconate.

To learn more and make a gift in honor of one of these men, visit [opwest.org/diaconate2022](http://opwest.org/diaconate2022).

## New Novices

On September 1st, we welcomed our new novices—brothers in their first year of formation. A special thanks to those who participated in our Novice Prayer Pledge! To learn more about our novices, visit [opwest.org/noviceclass23](http://opwest.org/noviceclass23).

Want to participate in the Novice Prayer Pledge next year? Make sure you're signed up for our emails here: [opwest.org/signup](http://opwest.org/signup).

**Rosary Sunday**  
DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL

## The Brothers Need Your Help!

It's your chance to directly support the religious formation of our 35 fantastic Dominican Student Brothers and Novices.

The world needs them and they need you!

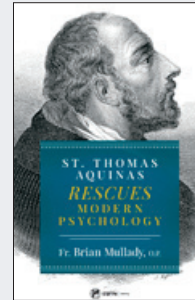
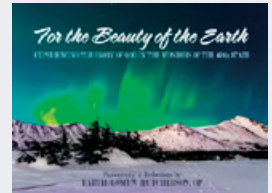
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## Our Friars' Newest Publications

**Fr. Bart Hutcherson, O.P.**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Fr. Bart was moved by the beauty of Alaska to arrange a "visual sermon" of his own images of the 49th state with Scripture, poetry, and hymn lyrics.



**Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P.**

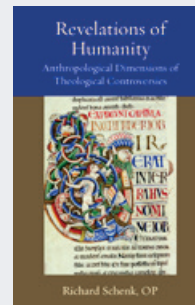
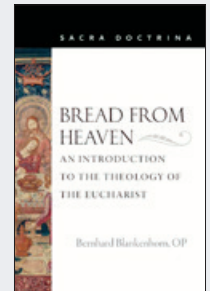
*St. Thomas Aquinas Rescues Modern Psychology*

Fr. Brian applies Thomistic psychology to correct inferior theories of Sigmund Freud.

**Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, O.P.**

*Bread From Heaven: An Introduction to the Theology of the Eucharist*

Fr. Bernhard is a professor at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). This newest publication on Eucharistic theology won the Catholic Media Award.



**Fr. Richard Schenk, O.P.**

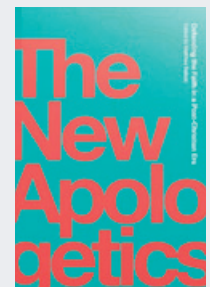
*Revelations of Humanity*

Fr. Richard, professor at University of Freiburg, shows how our searches for God and for our own humanity are interwoven.

**Fr. Anselm Ramelow, O.P.**

*The New Apologetics*

Fr. Anselm, a professor at the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, contributed a chapter on artificial intelligence in this collection of essays from well-regarded apologetics.





## A Profile in Generosity: Mary Coykendall

Giving to promote the priesthood and academic excellence.

### How were you first connected to the Dominicans?

My family lived in Benicia, California for many years, and my sister was involved at St. Dominic’s Church. Later, I learned more through my good friend, the late Angelo Stagnaro. Angelo and I moved into our assisted living community around the same time, and over the years I learned of



Mary, shown here with new DSPT president Fr. Allen Moran, credits her friend +Angelo and the Holy Spirit with showing her how her desire to advance the future of the Church aligned with the work of the Dominicans.

his generosity and involvement with the Dominicans. Angelo spoke highly of the Dominicans, and I came to know Fr. Peter Rogers when he occasionally visited and celebrated Mass at our community. When Angelo was unable to do so himself, I took on scheduling Masses and visits with the Dominicans, which has allowed more residents in my community to be spiritually fed and strike up their own friendships. Looking back, I recognize the Holy Spirit worked through Angelo to introduce me to holy work that aligns with my values and allows me to help advance the future of the Church.

### Why do you choose to give to the Dominicans?

I grew up in a household that valued education. I fell in love with the Dominican education of young people after hearing Fr. Peter speak about the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology (DSPT). After that, I couldn’t help but want to be a part of it!

### What’s a favorite memory you have of the Dominicans?

In 2020, I helped put together care packages for DSPT students to help brighten their days during a time of isolation and virtual classes. The gifts weren’t extravagant, just something useful to help them feel support from outside of their community. In response, every student wrote me a letter sharing their story – their studies, their hopes for the future, and what they hope to contribute! These letters meant a lot more than I first realized. They reinforced my love for the Dominicans and brought a personal connection to my support. I keep them in a box to read over and over!

### What does supporting the Dominicans do for you?

I love the Dominicans because they live by one of my favorite sayings: “To love God is to love people.” By supporting the Dominicans, I can show my love for God and for young people, and it enriches my faith to use the Lord’s generosity in my life to help others.

### What advice do you have for students and young people?

My advice is to never stop learning—no matter your age! If you have the opportunity to go to a school like DSPT, take it. It’s such a gift. What a time to get to be a part of a great institution!



Mary with former DSPT President, Fr. Peter Rogers, O.P. Mary’s love for education and young people drew her to the Dominicans.

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