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“Zeal must be met by zeal, humility by humility, false sanctity by real sanctity, preaching falsehood by preaching truth.”
~ Saint Dominic

A Western Dominican in the Holy Land

By Fr. Gregory Tatum, O. P.

Since 2006, I have been living and teaching at the Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française de Jérusalem. This Dominican community is a unique and wonderful place to integrate rigorous study of the Scriptures with prayer, preaching, and practice of the faith. We worship in the Basilica of St. Stephen Priory, on the site where the empress Eudocia built a monastery for the veneration of the relics of the first Christian martyr. The fifth-century mosaics are still visible in places.

As a Dominican community, study is an integral part of our religious life. We have one of the finest libraries specializing in the Bible and the archeology of the Middle East attracting students and researchers from around the world. We also possess one of the best photographic collections of the region. Our greatest treasure, however, is the tradition of such giants among Catholic exegetes as Lagrange, de Vaux, Benoit, who are buried in the Basilica and in the tombs in our garden. The brethren of our house excavated the site at Qumran and did much of the early work on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Praying the psalms and studying the scriptures in Jerusalem and the Holy Land take on a remarkable experiential depth of meaning.

The Ecole Biblique produced the Jerusalem Bible when historical critical methods were first being introduced into Catholic biblical scholarship. With the present turn toward literary and theological readings among exegetes, our community is inaugurating a new project, the *Bible in its Traditions*. In addition to up-to-date historical and philological notes, the main body of text will concern the



reception history of the text and deal with questions such as: *How did the Jews read a given text in antiquity, the middle ages, or the present? How did the Latin, Greek, and Syriac fathers of the Church read the same passage? How did the Scholastic and monastic authors read it? How did the Protestant Reformation and Enlightenment influence new readings? What are the salient theological questions raised by a particular text? How has it been rendered in art, liturgy, and literature?* This project will take years to complete and will ultimately be encompassed in a comprehensive website.

Currently, I am writing a book entitled *Grace in the Letters of St. Paul and the Gospel, Letters, and Apocalypse of St. John*. Book reviews for the *Revue Biblique* are an on-going task. I also teach classes to the graduate students from around the world who come to the Ecole Biblique to study the Scriptures in the

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From the Provincial...

THOSE IN OUR MINISTRY SITES FROM ALASKA TO MEXICO WILL see many assignment changes among the Dominican friars, more this year than is usual because of four Prioral elections that occurred within our Province.

Such changes are often difficult for many of the people we serve. They have become very attached to certain friars and find it hard to see them go. Likewise, it is very difficult for the friars when their assignments change as they too, have made friends in their communities. When a diocesan priest receives a new assignment, he remains in the same diocese making it less difficult for both the congregation and for the priests. A Dominican, on the other hand, may move from Arizona to Alaska or even relocate to a foreign mission.

Our Dominican form of government is quite different from that of the Jesuits, for example, who were founded by a military man, Ignatius of Loyola, and thus have a rather hierarchal structure to their Order. Jesuit assignments are made by their Superior General in consultation with his advisors whereas we Dominicans have a very democratic form of government and elect our priors. A Dominican Provincial, for example, is not appointed from Rome but is elected by delegates to the Provincial Chapter. The delegates who elect the Provincial are themselves elected Priors or regionally elected delegates.

In February, the Priory of St. Albert's in Oakland elected a new Prior. The Dominicans of that community chose Fr. Reginald Martin, who was serving as Prior at Holy Rosary in Portland, Oregon. As a result, Holy Rosary needed a new Prior. That community elected Fr. Albert Buckley. Our Priory in Los Angeles, that same month, elected Fr. Peter Rogers from St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center in Salt Lake. And St. Dominic's in San Francisco elected Fr. Patrick LaBelle as its Prior. This calls for many changes because each person had to be replaced at their ministry sites.

I mention these changes because one of the purposes of this newsletter is to keep you informed of the locations and activities of Dominican friars who have touched your life. Our friars keep the memories of the faithful they serve in much the same way you keep memories of near and distant friends and relatives. Any gathering of Dominicans is replete with stories of people and occasions that have affected their lives in ministry. As paths cross over the years, these stories become retold and spread like a richly woven tapestry across our Province. This is what makes the Dominicans and the faithful a large family serving God in faith.

Every year new changes are made, as various friars complete their terms as superiors or pastors, or new friars are ordained and go out on their first assignments. This year five newly ordained priests will be undertaking this exciting challenge. More will be written about them in a special edition of *Mission West* this summer after their ordinations. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this edition of *Mission West*.

In His love,
Fr. Emmerich Vogt, O. .P.
Prior Provincial



CATHERINE OF SIENA INSTITUTE

Lay Formation a Global Ministry

Fr. Michael Fones, O. P.

*“formation is
not the privilege of
a few, but a right and
duty of all”*

THE VIEW FROM 35,000 FEET IN SEAT 8C ON U.S. AIRWAYS FLIGHT 59 from Phoenix to Washington, DC is not that exciting; anonymous tops of heads before me, and women in multi-colored saris advertising Verizon’s global wireless coverage below on my laptop. I have been on so many flights these past five years that I no longer crave window seats. However, I relish the panorama of the Church I have received as co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. My passport has stamps from Melbourne, Australia, home of the Institute’s southern branch, to Frankfurt, Germany, but most of my time has been spent in parishes and dioceses across America.

The Institute arose in 1998 through the collaboration of Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P., then pastor of Blessed Sacrament Dominican parish in Seattle, and Sherry Weddell, a parishioner there. As an affiliated ministry of the Western Dominican Province, we have made helping parishes become centers of formation for the laity our mission. I received a wonderful formation preparing me for life as a Dominican priest, but the Church tells us, “formation is not the privilege of a few, but a right and duty of all¹.” That same wonderful document on the laity reminds us that it is our local parish that “has the essential task of a more personal and immediate formation of the lay faithful.²”

Fr. Michael and Sherry decided that lay formation begins with ordinary people discerning the charisms (spiritual gifts) given to them for the benefit of others through the Holy Spirit at baptism. These charisms, which St. Paul writes about in several letters, are significant clues regarding the unique work of love that God has given each of us as our personal vocation. In following that call, which for the vast majority of lay people will be

in secular society, we will discover our deepest earthly meaning and satisfaction. The Institute’s Called & Gifted workshop was the vehicle created to offer this important formation tool in parishes.

Now, after 400+ workshops and thousands of follow-up interviews given on five continents by hundreds of people trained by Institute personnel; after providing initial and ongoing formation for seminarians, clergy and lay ecclesial ministers, we have a broader perspective, and our mission is deepening. For the vocations we are trying to help lay people discover and emerge from a sustained, personal encounter with Jesus, and more than half of U.S. Catholics are not certain such a relationship is possible!³

So for the last two years, we have been developing a four-day long seminar for clergy and lay pastoral leaders to rediscover and call people to the basic personal relationship between Jesus and a Christian: discipleship. *Making Disciples* has been called “life changing,” and embraces Pope John Paul II’s vision of the New Evangelization, which he said was “not a matter of merely passing on doctrine but rather of a personal and profound meeting with the Savior.”⁴

God has blessed the work of the Institute so far, and, like the vocation of an individual, our work is gradually unfolding and our perspective developing under His guidance. Now, with dioceses and lay organizations in Singapore, Hong Kong and Slovakia working on translations for the *Called & Gifted* workshop and *Making Disciples* seminar, the Catherine of Siena Institute, like Verizon, may claim global coverage! 📶

1 *Christifideles Laici* (The Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful People), 63
2 op. cit., 61

3 *U.S. Religious Landscape Survey*, The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, 2008, p. 32

4 *Osservatore Romano*, Eng. ed., Jan. 14, 1991, p. 2



The newly renovated Holy Family Center (foreground) will serve the entire Anchorage community.

Holy Family Cathedral Dedicates New Center to the Community

Fr. Jerome Cudden, O. P.

The Holy Family Cathedral parish in Anchorage, Alaska has proudly opened their new educational center and invited the entire community to utilize this facility for both parish and civic gatherings. The Holy Family Center contains five classrooms, a library, a bookstore, a kitchen, and a large Dominican Hall for presentations and meetings. Located on the same block as Anchorage's Cathedral, the facility is a key component of the parish's evangelization program.

The newly available space will allow the parish to not only accommodate its own space needs such as large gatherings and overflow masses but it also allows them to offer this building to area now-profit organizations for their meeting needs.

Once a furniture store and then a part of the Cathedral's facilities, the Center's interior was in great need of renovation before it could be a useful addition to a vibrant parish community. Pastor Fr. Francis Le, O. P., undertook a fundraising effort that raised \$1.2 million from an exceedingly generous community. He also oversaw the renovation in just eight months and invited the entire community to the dedication ceremony on January 30, 2010.

Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz, OMI, of the Archdiocese of Anchorage officiated at the dedication and made known his great pleasure in being able to offer this resource to the community as a result of the generous community and the Dominican leadership. Fr. Emmerich Vogt, O. P., was present for the dedication and offered one of the first presentations in the new facility, a talk and slide show of the life of Mother Teresa with whom he worked in India.



ABOVE: Br. Dominic David, O. P., welcomes the crowd to the dedication ceremony and introduces guests. BELOW: The Knights of Columbus provide an honor guard for the guests at the dedication ceremony.





Fr. Emmerich Vogt, O. P., Prior Provincial of the Western Dominican Province offers a prayer of blessing at the ceremony.



ABOVE: Archbishop Robert L. Schwietz, OMI blesses the gift shop at the Holy Family Center. The shop is a key component of the parish's evangelization program. BELOW: Fr. Francis Le, O. P. and parishioners smile at results of the renovated Holy Family Center. Fr. Le was instrumental in raising the funds and overseeing the renovation.



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Land where Jesus lived. I am teaching a course on Romans to the English-speaking sabbatical biblical program at Ecce Homo run by the Sisters of Sion and the lay community, Chemin Neuf. Four times a year I give lectures in English or in French to the Union of Women Religious in the Holy Land as well as leading them on an annual site visit. And of course I regularly preach at the conventional Mass here (in French) both on Sundays and weekdays.

When I came to Jerusalem, I brought the Western Dominican Province with me and bring my experience at the Ecole Biblique when I come home. I have returned several times to teach summer school at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley. Last summer, I started a program for priests of the Province who have been in ministry for a while and whose preaching might benefit from a contemporary course in the Gospels in the Holy Land.

When the Dominicans from home visit and bring pilgrim groups, I try to be of service and share in the joy of praying at Calvary, of celebrating Mass in the Tomb where Jesus rose from the dead, of visiting Peter's house in Capernaum. I inevitably share with such groups some of the complexity of the painful situation of Christians in the Holy Land.

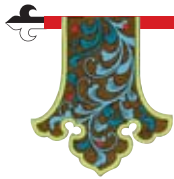
The Western Dominican Province has been especially supportive of the universal mission of the Order of Preachers in supplying scholars and teachers to its prestigious academic outposts in Fribourg, Rome, and Jerusalem. I try to do my part by preaching God's Word from my desk in a foreign land. 🙏

Articles You Would Like To Read

We would like to hear from you about the types of articles you would like to read from a Dominican perspective in *Mission West*. Contact us at:

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FROM THE PRIORY

Fr. Reginald Martin, O. P. Named New Prior of St. Albert Priory

DEAR FRIENDS,

I was about to eat the last bite of my cheese sandwich, when our secretary came into the kitchen, and said, “It’s Fr. Emmerich for you, on line one.” I reached for the telephone and said, “Hello?”

“Congratulations!” said our Provincial. “You’ve just been elected prior at Saint Albert’s. Will you accept the job?” “Do you think this is a good idea?” I asked. “Yes,” he said, “I do.” “In that case,” I replied, “yes.” I don’t think I will ever look at cheese sandwiches in quite the same way again.

Our friends know St. Albert Priory is the House of Studies for the men the Western Province training for ministry as Dominican brothers and priests. To be chosen superior of this community is a great honor, for it allows me to lend a hand in forming the future of the Western Province.

In many ways, living and praying at St. Albert’s again will be an altogether new experience; I left the house thirty-five years ago, for my first assignment, at the Newman Center in Eugene, Oregon. On the other hand, the move to St. Albert’s means I can continue a job I love, which is working to support our students. As director of the Western Province’s St. Jude Shrine, and — for the past five years — director of our Rosary Center, I have repeatedly turned to friends of the Western Province, asking you to help support the same students among whom I will now be living.

You, our friends, hold an important stake in the future of the Western Province. For a century and a half you

have “been there” for us, helping us train the men who serve you in Dominican parishes and Newman Centers throughout the West, and in foreign missions. We are able “to praise, to bless, and to preach” the Good News of Jesus’ gospel because you have embraced us and our mission. Without your prayers and support, we could do very little, indeed. With you at our side, we look forward with immense hope, confident that we can — together — transform the world.

One great privilege St. Albert Priory enjoys is its ability to host so many of the gatherings that draw our friends together, and offer you a glimpse of the life — and the students — you are willing to underwrite. For me, returning to St. Albert’s offers a chance to renew acquaintances formed long ago — when I was a student, myself.

I also look forward to greeting those of you I do not yet know, who have become an important part of the priory’s life in the years since I left. You cannot imagine the pleasure, and honor, of looking into the chapel and seeing faces that seem an immemorial part of our worship, old friends sitting next to new, unfamiliar faces, all taking a part in our prayers, sharing a moment of our lives, and offering thanks to the God who has called us all to preach his Son’s justice, joy, and love.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Reginald Martin, O. P.
Prior

ADAPTATIONS



DOMINICAN BROTHERS JOIN THE BLOGOSPHERE

Br. Peter Junipero, O.P., Dean of the Student Brothers

THE HOLY FATHER RECENTLY CHALLENGED CATHOLICS TO TAKE TO THE blogosphere as a way of witnessing to the faith in today’s world. The student brothers of St. Albert the Great Priory have recently done just that, starting the blog “*Deus Providebit*” (“*God will Provide*”). In this blog students offer reflections on everything from their experience of the Dominican charism, to daily life in the Priory, to how their studies and common life intersect with preaching and ministry efforts.

Examples of articles you might find on the blog include Br. Lupe Gonzalez highlighting the work of

Br. Raymond Bertheaux, O. P., the Province archivist; Br. Michael James review of the brothers’ presence at January’s “Walk for Life” in San Francisco featuring video interviews of various walkers; and Br. Christopher Fadok, whose family background is Ukrainian Catholic and is now bi-ritual, described some of his experiences serving as a deacon for a Ukrainian Rite Catholic Church in San Francisco.

The brothers encourage you check it out for yourself at opweststudents.blogspot.com, and spread the news!

Lay Dominicans Join in the Spiritual Ministry of the Order of Preachers

by Mary Cain, O.P.L. and Steve Cain, O.P.L.

"BE PERFECT AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT." These words, I think, lie at the center of every vocation. For the calling, in whatever form it may come, is always a call to deeper union with Him, Who is our perfection. And it was these words that led us to the Order of Preachers.

Shortly after our marriage, we began looking for ways to deepen our life in Christ, to say it is no longer we who live, but Christ Who lives in us. We had both been attracted to the religious life, and though not called to embrace the evangelical counsels by vows, both of us felt called to live according to their spirit and thereby attach our hearts more to Christ. This led us to look for ways of joining ourselves to a religious order. We immediately turned to the Dominicans.

Our awaking to the goodness, beauty, and truth of the Faith came primarily through the study of the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas to whom we feel a filial affection. In learning more about the Order to which St. Thomas belonged, we came to see that what we loved in him was formed in him by his order. The two Dominican mottos, *Veritas (Truth)* and *contemplata aliis tradere (to give to others the benefits of one's own contemplation)* struck us deeply. We saw how St. Thomas' life was a magnificent expression of those mottoes, and desired to be joined to the Order that formed itself around these ideals. Five years ago we joyfully made our final promises, joining ourselves to the Order of Preachers for the rest of our lives, and we are very grateful.

Our lives as lay Dominicans have been blessed in many ways. It is a privilege to be joined to the work of the friars, nuns, and sisters through our prayers and penances and to learn from them the joys of living for God alone. It is also strangely wonderful to be constantly

doing works for the souls of deceased Dominicans, and a comfort to know there will be others to do the same for us after we depart this life. And it has been a great gift to receive, through our incorporation into the Order, many graces to help us in our lives as 'preachers'.

As a teacher and as a home school educator we have both been acutely aware of the graces given to us to help us as we try to preach the Gospel in our work. But there is one grace in particular that has impressed us greatly. Before becoming Dominicans, we tried repeatedly to develop the habit of saying the Rosary daily in our family, but with little success. After entering the Order, however, one day we realized that we had been saying the rosary every day for over two months, and without a conscious determination on our part to do so. We saw this as a gift from Our Lady, and a sign we were in the right place. It has become a habit that has fulfilled us.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LAY DOMINICANS

please visit the following website at:

<http://www.laydominicanswest.org/>



Friar's Feast

FRIAR'S FEAST is a thirteen-episode cooking series that has as its motto, "Faith, Family and Food." The show's Executive Producer, Father Jude Eli, O.P., is also the Director of Western Dominican Preaching. During each episode, Father Eli catechizes as he prepares food before a studio audience. The premise of the show is that God, theology and food go hand-in-hand.

Friar's Feast DVDs are available for a suggested contribution of \$25 per

DVD to cover the cost of the DVD and shipping and handling. Each DVD contains one episode. For more information concerning each of 13 DVDs please contact:

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Lighting the Way

BOB AND LETHA FLINT, PARISHIONERS at Holy Family Cathedral in Anchorage, Alaska, are supporters of the Lighting the Way Campaign and have pledged to underwrite a stained glass window at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. Their gift will support both the School and the Dominican brothers and lay men and women studying to assume leadership roles in the Church and in society.

For information about other underwriting opportunities associated with the Lighting the Way Campaign, please contact Tom Hyland at the Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship, (510) 658-8722, Ext. 305. Or, visit our website at http://opwest.org/development/DSPT_CapitalCampaign/index.html and select Naming Opportunities.



DOMINICANA LEGEND OF THE DOMINICAN DOG

According to the Golden Legend, St. Dominic's mother had a dream in which she gave birth to a dog with a torch in its mouth who traveled abroad, lighting up the world. From this legend comes a play on the Latin word for a Dominican (domini canis, or "the Lord's dog"). Thus the Dominican vocation is portrayed as a dog bringing light to the darkness by preaching the Truth, thereby helping the Shepherd protect the sheep from the wolf.



DOMINICAN DOGS REFERENCE IN THE MIDDLE AGES
The following English nursery rhyme is interpreted by some in the Middle Ages to identify traveling Dominicans (dogs) and their mendicant (beggars) practice.

*Hark! Hark! The dogs do bark
The beggars are coming to town
Some in rags and some in jags*
And one in a velvet gown.*

* Jags: A slash or slit in a garment exposing material of a different color.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN DOMINICAN PROVINCE.

As Dominicans world-wide observe the 500 year anniversary of Dominican ministry and evangelization in the western hemisphere, the Dominicans of the Western Dominican Province are observing the nearly 160 years of service and ministry in the western United States. The history of both events is replete with successes, set-backs, celebrations, sorrow, and triumph for individuals, for the Dominicans, for the communities of faith, and for the Church.

The experience of the Dominicans in the Western Dominican Province is truly one of partnership with the people they have dedicated their lives to serve. Whether in a parish, Newman Center, mission, or special ministry, the cooperation between the friars and the laity has produced vibrant communities of faith. In today's world this partnership may seem less obvious than in days gone by when Dominicans and laity were creating the foundations of a 10 state province that would serve tens of thousands of families. For both its creation and for its longevity the Western Dominican Province has not only the able hands of its founders but also the hard earned treasure of its benefactors.

In this *Year of the Priest* as proclaimed by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, the faithful in the pews of the parishes and Newman Centers have provided their support to one of the most critical functions of the Western Dominican Province — the education and support of the Dominican brothers who have accepted God's invitation to become priests. The **Dominican Student Formation Appeal** (formerly known as Rosary Sunday or the Student Appeal) has experienced a surge of support in both dollars and in new donors. Fr. Jerome Cudden, O. P., Director of Development, has visited or will visit as many of the Dominican parishes and Newman Centers as possible to explain the great need for support and provide parishioners with a fuller understanding of this great challenge. The need for supporting the 23 men currently in formation is crucial to the future of Dominican ministry throughout the western United States. The Dominican Student Formation Appeal is a year-round effort so contributions are still gratefully received.

The **Associates of St. Dominic**, an honorary society of benefactors, is another way in which the faithful have expressed their commitment to supporting the Dominican mission. A related article in this newsletter extends an invitation to one and all to join the Associates of St. Dominic at a level that reflects their support of the Dominican mission as well as their own personal circumstances.

Finally, the **Lighting the Way** Campaign offers benefactors an opportunity to support and sustain the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, a major apostolate of the Western Dominican Province. Virtually every Dominican friar you have met in the western United States is a graduate of this institution (or its predecessor, St. Albert's College). The School is educating not only Dominican brothers but also lay men and women who will assume leadership roles in the Church and in society. Since the majority of the alumni take a vow of poverty and the School is not eligible for government grants nor compatible with corporate sponsorship, it relies upon and is solely accountable to its benefactors.

There are many ways to support the Dominicans through your own personal philanthropy. From the heartfelt and sacrificial \$1.00 donation to a once in a lifetime legacy gift all contributions are gratefully received and valued. Collectively the Dominicans and the faithful will ensure a vibrant church today and tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Tom Hyland, *Director*
Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship



Fr. Jerome Cudden, O. P., Director of Development, celebrates mass in the Chapel of St. Albert the Great Priory and prays for the intentions of benefactors who have submitted prayer requests with their contributions to various Dominican ministries and priorities.

JOIN THE ASSOCIATES OF ST. DOMINIC

THE ASSOCIATES OF ST. DOMINIC IS AN HONORARY SOCIETY OF benefactors who provide both spiritual and financial support of the ministries of the Western Dominican Province. Please join this association by enrolling in an annual membership.

Your participation in the Associates of St. Dominic provides support for the formation of new priests and retirement security for older priests, as well as sustaining the spiritual guidance offered by the Province to nearly 20,000 families in the Western United States and tens of thousands of individuals world-wide in our missions. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

For the first time in its quarter century history the Associates of St. Dominic is expanding the offerings it provides to its members. You may now choose a level of membership that reflects both your support of our mission as well as your own personal circumstances. Membership at all levels is welcomed and vital for our shared vision of spreading the Word of our Lord.



ANNUAL RETREAT WEEKEND MAY 14-16, 2010

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PRIORY OAKLAND, CA

A limited number of vacancies are still available for this year's weekend retreat. Call the Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship for information at (510) 658-8722.

Please use the envelope in this newsletter and write **Associates of St. Dominic** in the memo line.



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ASSOCIATES OF ST. DOMINIC \$1.00 TO \$150

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- Listing in WDP newsletter, *Mission West*
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- Lecture by Dominican scholar**
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- Listing in WDP newsletter, *Mission West*
- Dominican Rosary
- Invitation to Dinner with the Provincial at St. Albert the Great Priory**
- Lecture by Dominican scholar*
- Mass and brunch at St. Albert the Great Priory*

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- Remembered in Dominican prayers 1st Sunday of each month
- Listing in WDP newsletter, *Mission West*
- Dominican Rosary
- Guest Lodging at St. Albert the Great Priory for Retreat Weekend
- Reception with the Provincial***
- Lecture by Dominican scholar and breakfast at St. Albert the Great Priory**
- Invitation to Dinner with the Provincial at St. Albert the Great Priory**
- Mass and brunch at St. Albert the Great Priory*
- Memento of retreat weekend

*Sunday of Retreat Weekend **Saturday at Retreat Weekend

***Friday of Retreat Weekend



TRANSITIONS

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2010

In case you would like to keep in touch with a particular Dominican, take a look at the new positions and ministries that our Dominican friars are taking up starting in 2010.

Fr. Paul Scanlon, O.P.

St. Dominic Priory, Los Angeles, CA

Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

Saint Albert's Priory, Oakland, CA
(as Prior)

Fr. Peter Rogers, O.P.

Los Angeles, CA (as Prior)

Fr. Gerald Buckley, O.P.

Portland, OR (as Prior)

Fr. Patrick LaBelle, O.P.

San Francisco, CA (as Prior)

All effective end of February 2010

ANNIVERSARIES

We offer our prayerful congratulations to the Dominican friars listed below, who in 2010 are reaching milestones in their lives of service as brothers and priests.

70 Fr. Paul Duffner, O.P.

60 Fr. Antoninus Wall, O.P.

50 Fr. David Farrugia, O.P.
Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, O.P.
Fr. John Flannery, O.P.
Fr. Bruno Gibson, O.P.

40 Fr. George Matanic, O.P.
Fr. Denis Reilly, O.P.

25 Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P.
Fr. Kenneth Gumbert, O.P.
Fr. Mark O'Leary, O.P.
Fr. Augustine Thompson, O.P.

20 Fr. Jose Pimentel, O.P.

10 Fr. Bryan Kromholtz, O.P.
Fr. Omar Martinez Medina, O.P.

SPECIAL HOMILY

FR. JOHN THOMAS MELLEIN, O. P., HOMILIST AT MEMORIAL MASS

In the spring of 2009 an auto accident took the life of Dr. Thomas E. Dillon, then President of Thomas Aquinas College, a leading Catholic educational institution located in Santa Paula, CA. Dr. Dillon was friend, teacher, and mentor to many Dominicans.

Among Dr. Dillon's students was Fr. John Thomas Mellein, O. P. ('99) who was invited to be the homilist for a Memorial Mass celebrated at the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. The principal celebrant of the Mass was Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Upon ordination to the Diaconate our brothers enter into the clerical life and serve the people of God through the ministry of word, sacrament, and works of charity.



Ordained to the Diaconate at St. Dominic Church in Benicia, CA February 27, 2010
From left to right Br. Boniface Willard, O.P., The Most Reverend Bishop Soto, Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento, and Br. Mark Francis Manzano, O.P.

FR. ANTONINUS WALL TO CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

FRIENDS SEEK TO CREATE PERMANENT HONOR TO CELEBRATE A LIFE OF SERVICE

Fr. Antoninus Wall, O. P., is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination as a Dominican priest. In those six decades, he has touched the lives of countless people as a preacher, teacher, counselor, and friend.

Fr. Antoninus is one of the last remaining founders of the Graduate Theological Union and was a driving force in establishing the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology as the first Catholic school to join that internationally recognized consortium. He subsequently served as president of DSPT.

Today Dominicans, priests and seminarians from other orders, and lay men and women studying to be leaders in both the Church and society earn advanced degrees at DSPT.

Friends of Fr. Antoninus are being asked to contribute to a fund within the Lighting the Way Campaign to name a classroom in his honor to recognize the important role he has played in promoting DSPT as a leading Catholic educational institution in the western United States. A named classroom within this facility would be a lasting tribute to Fr. Antoninus and his legacy.

Contributions can be made to this effort by utilizing the envelope in this publication and writing Fr. Antoninus Wall on your check's memo line; donating online at www.opwest.org and writing Fr. Antoninus Wall in the comments box or; contacting the Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship at (510) 658-8722 to discuss a lead gift opportunity or stock donation.



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FR. ANTONINUS WALL, D. P., an esteemed academic, scholar, and writer has produced spiritual tracts for people seeking comfort and answers when dealing with terminal illness or death. Titled *Reflections on Terminal Illness* and *Reflections on the Death of a Loved One*, these tracts are plainly written insights gleaned over Fr. Wall's six decades of active ministry as a Dominican friar. Utilizing a question and answer format, Fr. Wall is able to clarify the nature of suffering experienced when a loved one is ill or passes on to his or her eternal reward.

Another short tract by Fr. Wall is titled *Reflections on the guilt of Abortion*. It helps readers recognize God's love in this and every situation and how to address this highly emotional and spiritual issue in your own life.



A donation of at least \$5.00 per tract is suggested to cover the cost of shipping and handling. Make checks payable to the Western Dominican Province and indicate which tracts are being requested. The envelope in this publication can be utilized or send your check to:

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