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

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Thanks to Your Help,
Nine Novices Have Received
the Habit of St. Dominic

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to be ordained Bishop
of Fairbanks
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24 years of service

Blessed Jordan of Saxony, O.P.

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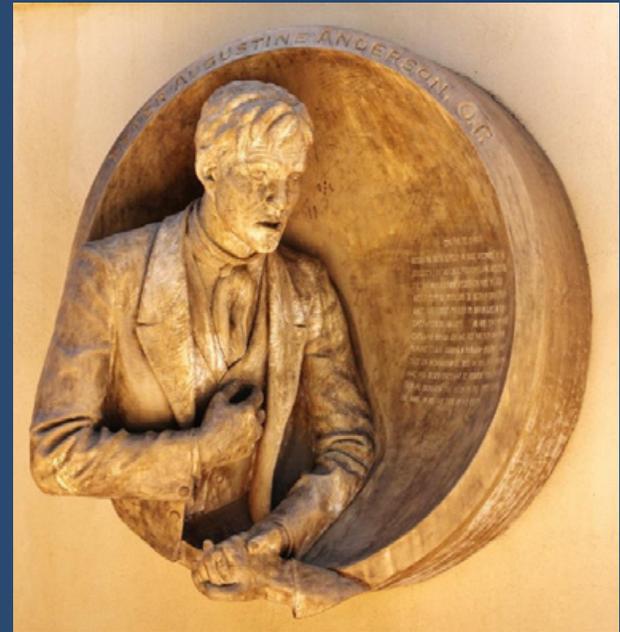
Bl. Jordan of Saxony wrote of the *Salve Regina*:

“How many people have been brought to tears of devotion by this holy praise!”

Bl. Jordan added that on multiple occasions, while the brothers were singing the line: “Turn then, most gracious advocate,” one of the brothers had a vision of Mary prostrating herself in the presence of her Son and praying for the safety of the whole Order.



Apparition of the Virgin to a Community of Dominicans, Pedro Berruguete (1491–99).



Statue of Fr. Peter Augustine Anderson, O.P., at St. Dominic Church in Benicia

DID YOU KNOW?

Fr. Peter Augustine Anderson, O.P., was sent ahead of Fr. Alemany and Fr. Vilarrosa to prepare the foundation of the Church in California and to help establish the Western Dominican Province. He famously died serving cholera patients and is buried at St. Dominic Cemetery near our parish in Benicia.

He is the first Western Dominican friar to die and is listed first in the necrology of the Province.

Read more about Fr. Peter Augustine Anderson, O.P., and the beginnings of the Western Dominican Province on page 11.

Cover Photo: In this photo, our nine new novices lay prostrate during the special ceremony known as Vestition, where they receive the habit of St. Dominic and begin their lives in the novitiate at St. Dominic's Priory in San Francisco.

From the Vicar Provincial for Advancement



Dear Friends in Christ and St. Dominic,

Around this time each year, excitement builds in all Dominican Provinces, and especially in our Houses of Formation (Studium or Seminary and Novitiate). It is the time when our newest members, our postulants, receive the Dominican habit and become novices! It is also the time when our older Novices make their First Vows and transfer to the Studium (Priory of St. Albert the Great in Oakland).

These new brothers come into our communities just as our older priests and brothers return from their summer assignments and vacations. The choir fills up when we come to sing the Divine Office, the refectory fills up when we come for meals, and above all, there is a renewed energy in our Priors that makes us all more zealous and eager to carry out all our ministries with even more fervor!

In this issue of Mission West, you'll read the biographies of our nine new brothers! Please pray for them and for their families. You'll also see a brief article on Bishop-elect Steven Maekawa, O.P., the Pastor of Holy Family Cathedral in Anchorage, Alaska, who has been named the next Bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska. We will have a forthcoming special edition just for this topic, but for now, please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his Consecration—his Ordination as a Bishop! This is an incredible honor, as he will be only the third Bishop in the history of the Western Dominicans. It will also be a challenge, as he will lead the country's largest geographical diocese; it has very few roads and his flock will be scattered in isolated villages in the Great North.

Across the country this year, we have 32 new novices for the four United States Provinces of the male branch of the Dominican Order. This is an incredible blessing! We are living in an age which is more of a "Dominican Age" than perhaps any other in recent times. It is a Dominican Age because it calls for the Dominican Order to preach Truth with charity and clarity amid our confused and sad world that has forgotten about God, the source of Light and Happiness!

Please pray for us and continue your support as we continue this mission with greater boldness and an infusion of new Preachers!

In Christ and St. Dominic,

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

P.S. This will be my last letter in Mission West as the Vicar Provincial for Advancement, as I have been assigned to serve as Pastor of Holy Family Old Cathedral in Anchorage, Alaska. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Nine More Men Enter the Western Province Novitiate

Throughout the course of their novitiate year, these men will spend their days in prayerful contemplation and service, learning more about the Dominican life and striving to be more deeply conformed to Christ. Thank you for your continued prayers and for supporting their formation through your generosity.

Br. Norbert Ray



Br. Norbert grew up in Fullerton, California. He studied Spanish at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he became very involved in the community and the liturgy of St. Mark's University Parish. He likes to run and play the guitar, and is very passionate about aquariums, which house fish, turtles, and even shrimp!

Br. Norbert has a strong devotion to St. Norbert of Xanten, whom he encountered through the witness and liturgy of the Norbertine Canons of St. Michael's Abbey and their active sisters. He hopes to emulate St. Norbert's love of the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother.

He finds inspiration from the healing of the Gerasene Demoniac who asked the Lord to remain with Him after Christ healed him. Instead, the Lord sent him away to "declare how much God has done for [him]," at which the man "went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him" (Luke 8:38-39).

Br. Humbert McCrorey



From Reno, Nevada, Br. Humbert studied Chinese and Portuguese at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He enjoys traveling, learning languages, trying new foods, and any outdoor activity.

Directed to the Order of Preachers by family and friends, Br. Humbert was attracted to the beautiful chant and theological tradition and inspired by the focus on Truth and preaching for Salvation. Ultimately he applied because of the fraternity and joy of the friars. St. Martin de Porres' simplicity, total charity, and trust in the Lord have made a profound impact on Br. Humbert. He finds encouragement in Christ's words:

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

—Matthew 14:31

He imagines himself in Peter's place, doing something impossible out of trust and stumbling out of fear, only to immediately have the Lord take hold of him.

Br. Ignatius Jerome Alsop



Br. Ignatius Jerome is from Boise, Idaho, where he studied Philosophy at Boise State University. He spends his free time reading and enjoying time with friends.

He has a great love for St. Dominic because of how well he integrated his drive to help others with the task of study. Many other saints show great charity and great studiousness, but St. Dominic exemplified the fact that the latter is prior to and exists for the former. Br. Ignatius Jerome joined the Dominicans hoping to live with this same attitude and under this patronage.

Br. Ignatius Jerome draws hope from Psalm 131, because it reveals our littleness before God and that our trust in Him should lead to peaceful rest.

God continues to bless our province with young men eager to give their lives to preach the Gospel!

Br. Hyacinth Marie Bui



Br. Hyacinth Marie is from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where he studied Nursing at the University of Calgary. He enjoys reading, making rosaries, playing the guitar, and going on walks.

He is inspired by St. Anthony of Padua and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, particularly by their total confidence in God and their affinity to the Child Jesus. He was drawn to the Dominicans by their zeal for the salvation of souls and their love for Our Lady and her Rosary. For Br. Hyacinth Marie, this love of Mary and the Rosary finds expression in these words from the Gospel of Luke:

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”
—Luke 2:19

These words have sparked a desire to contemplate Mary’s memories of the life of Christ kept hidden in her heart, and to share the fruits of this contemplation with others.

Br. Peter Lawrence Vu



Br. Peter Lawrence was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Theology minor from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. In his free time, he reads, plays sports, works out, and spends time with his loved ones.

Br. Peter Lawrence is a member of the Vicariate of St. Vincent Liem. He was drawn into discernment of the priesthood and the Dominican Order because of the its emphasis on preaching and common life. He is inspired by St. Dominic, particularly by the way he was known to talk only to God or to talk about God. Br. Peter Lawrence hopes to embody his qualities as he continues his journey with the Dominicans.

Like St. Dominic, the words of St. Matthew are central to Br. Peter Lawrence as they give him courage and assure him that following the Lord will lead to his vocation.

“And he said to them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
—Matthew 4:19

Br. Raphael Akita Knox



From Anchorage, Alaska, Br. Raphael Akita’s home parish is Holy Family Old Cathedral, which is staffed by our very own Dominicans. He studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and enjoys hiking and soccer.

Br. Raphael Akita has a great devotion to Mother Mary, as well as to St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, whom he credits with having an enormous impact on his interior life. He was drawn to the Dominicans by the spirit of St. Dominic—in particular, his integration of the Love of God and zeal for His Glory in the contemplative life with the love of souls and zeal for their salvation in the active life. He draws inspiration from the words of Saint Paul:

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”
—2 Corinthians 12:9

Br. Antonio Maria Aguilar



From San Jose, Costa Rica, Br. Antonio Maria studied Symbolic Systems with a concentration in Artificial Intelligence at Stanford University. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, playing board games, disc golfing, and writing poetry.

The work of St. Thomas Aquinas, particularly the Five Ways, helped convince him of the reasonableness of the faith when he was becoming a Catholic at age 14. He later came to love Aquinas as a devoted poet (particularly the Pange Lingua) and as a great protector of purity.

One of Br. Antonio Maria's favorite moments in scripture is from Luke:

"They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to use the Scripture?'"

—Luke 24:32

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, he has also experienced the Lord lovingly turn him around when he's been heading in the wrong direction.

Br. Emmanuel Maria Melendez



Br. Emmanuel Maria is most recently from Augusta, Georgia. He studied Philosophy at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, Louisiana, where he was studying to be a priest for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. His hobbies include singing, playing guitar, watching movies and anime, and visiting coffee shops.

He has been particularly influenced by the writings and simple spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. He joined the Dominicans because he feels that people need preachers to bring them the Gospel of Mercy and hopes that he can share John's words with them:

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

—John 4:10-11

Br. Albert Mary Uplaznik



Br. Albert Mary is from Quebec, Canada. He studied Music (Classical Guitar and Jazz Trombone) at Cégep de Drummondville and Philosophy at Laval University in Quebec. He enjoys playing the guitar and reading in his free time.

He draws inspiration from St. Thomas Aquinas' humility, purity, and great wisdom, which harmoniously unite faith and reason. He joined the Dominicans out of a desire to consecrate himself to God in a life of prayer, study, and friendship that overflows in preaching.

Br. Albert Mary's favorite scripture passage is the canticle at the beginning of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians (Eph 1:3-14), because, in a few words, St. Paul explains how Jesus reveals and realizes fully the eternal will of God that is ordered to our eternal happiness and the praise of his glory.

Rosary Sunday
DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL

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In Thanksgiving for 24 years: Fr. Anthony Rosevear, O.P.

Fr. Anthony reflects upon serving as Master of Novices for 24 years!

“Just twenty-four years!”
That’s my response when people ask how long I’ve

ministered as Novice Master in our province. They are surprised at that length of time, but, for me, the years have sped by in a ministry that has been so rewarding and hopefully upbuilding for our Order and the Church. One of the novices recently said, “You were called to be novice master at the turn of the century, and I was born that year!”

I started formation work in the Order by walking across Spain on the ancient Camino de Santiago. It was a pilgrimage to prepare to accompany young friars in their graced novitiate; a pilgrimage of its own sort, with its mystery and encounters, unexpected treasures and tragedies, revelations of personal weaknesses and awakening of untapped strengths.

I hold immense gratitude to the Holy Spirit and my Dominican brothers for their confidence in allowing me to form young men for Dominican life as preachers of the one who is our Way (Camino), Truth, and Life. I’ve been privileged to share the great ideal of St. Dominic with idealistic and zealous young men responding to the mysterious and joy-filled call of their God.

Each year, in February, I have brought the novices to visit our ministries in the Southwest and to our mission in the border town of Mexicali in Mexico. This would be followed by a similar visit in the



Fr. Anthony assists in the vestition of a novice.

Northwest in July. This has provided a unique opportunity for me and the novice brothers to touch into the province ministries and come to know the vibrant and exciting work of the friars and the great people they serve and with whom they cooperate in ministry. Such travel always gives the novices and me a broader experience of Dominican life and the Church and the particular joys and struggles in various areas of the West. To be part of this 800-year-old river of preachers in our Order is a unique gift. During my years in formation ministry, one hundred forty men have entered our Novitiate. Seventy-five remain in the Order, and three are now in dioceses or other Orders. Journeying through this extraordinary year, I have been able to come to know these men well and share many common and formative experiences with them. It makes me so proud to see them grow in Dominican life and eventually bear such good and lasting fruit in their preaching and diverse ministries.

I will be forever grateful to our benefactors who make our Dominican life and the formation of these young men that God has given us possible and effective. A great many of God’s good people have shown us such warm hospitality each year as the novices visit our ministerial sites from Mexicali in Baja to Anchorage. They are consistently lifted to the Lord in our prayers.

As I move on to other ministries now, I carry with me an abundance of delightful memories, treasured brothers, and the grateful realization of the personal growth in my own vocation that these years have brought.



Fr. Anthony stands with the final class of novices whom he served as Novice Master after they made their First Vows this September.

New Altarpiece at St. Dominic’s Church in Benicia

Mural created by DSPT student, Justyn Michael Zolli

In July, St. Dominic’s Church in Benicia, California, installed a newly commissioned liturgical altarpiece by visual artist and Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology graduate student Justyn Michael Zolli. The altarpiece was commissioned by outgoing pastor Fr. Carl Schlichte, who is now serving as the Vicar Provincial for Healthcare.

The altarpiece is the outcome of what Fr. Carl calls a “God moment,” with three events coinciding to allow the opportunity for the mural to be created. First, the area around the tabernacle, where the mural was installed, was previously covered with blue contact paper, which was beginning to peel. Second, Zolli, who had previously painted and repaired a statue of Our Lady for St. Dominic’s Church, offered his services if any further art needs arose. Third, the parish received a bequest from the estate of Jeri Lange, who loved art. Fr. Carl used part of this bequest from Jeri Lange to commission Zolli, who, with the help of Fr. Carl, designed the mural which was installed over the tabernacle at St. Dominic’s Church.

The arch-shaped altarpiece is in the style of Fra Angelico. At the peak of the mural is the dove of the Holy Spirit, with rays of light descending over the tabernacle. The rest of the mural portrays the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, symbolized by seven angels. In keeping with the style of Fra Angelico, the angels are clothed in different colors and are in different positions; one plays a trumpet, two hold candles, two are holding thuribles and incensing the tabernacle, and two simply have their hands folded in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Latin text of the Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus*) is written in a scroll around the arch. Zolli described: “I used 24-carat gold leaf on all the halos, censers, etc., and pure pigments to achieve as much light, clarity, and shine as possible, in keeping with the Florentine tradition of

Fra Angelico but while also painting with my own artistic sensibility.”

Parochial Vicar of St. Dominic’s, Fr. Gregory Liu wrote of the mural: “May this newest adornment of our beautiful church serve to remind us, we are never alone. Rather, we are accompanied by thousands of angels praising God in unison.”



Muralist Justyn Michael Zolli



From September–December, artist Justyn Michael Zolli will have an exhibit of his contemporary paintings in the Blackfriars Gallery at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology.



Fr. John Marie Bingham, O.P., to Serve as Novice Master

After four years as Director of Vocations, Fr. John Marie steps into a new role

“I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow disciple.”

—St. Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Ephesians, chapter 3

As I begin my time as Novice Master, St. Ignatius of Antioch’s surprising statement resonates in my heart. From one perspective, Ignatius was hardly “beginning to be a disciple.” He wrote his letters while under arrest and on his way to Rome where he would be martyred for his Christian faith! Nevertheless, Ignatius’ claim strikes me as profoundly true.

As a novice 21 years ago, I enjoyed a graced year of growing in friendship with Christ and of learning to live the apostolic virtues of the Friars Preachers. My understanding of and love for the Order has deepened over the following years.

My profound appreciation for the awesome gift of Dominican life and preaching has been renewed throughout my years in formation, as parochial vicar of St. Dominic’s Catholic Church in Benicia, CA, and as pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Seattle. During the past four years as Vocation Director, I have had the opportunity to ponder once again the richness of the Dominican vocation as I sought a new generation of preachers.

But Christ, in His great love, always calls us to press on to what lies ahead. He invites every one of us to greater intensity of faith, hope, and charity. And the Savior knows that I need His hasty help

to achieve the goal of heaven. So, though I have taken some few steps toward my goal, it is a great gift that Jesus has asked me to “begin again,” to walk with a new generation as they learn to seek God’s mercy and yours as Friars Preachers.

I am sure I will be asked to die to myself in many ways as Novice Master. But the joy of such death is that it gives way to true life. St. Ignatius was on his way to Rome when he penned those words. But more truly, he was on his way to heaven. More real than all else was his hunger and thirst for perfect union with Christ in the beatific vision.

What a gift to be able to walk with our novices as they strive for that same goal! What joy to encourage them as their desire for the salvation of souls increases!

Please pray for me and the men who are being formed as your future preachers. Thank you for your abundant support that allows these men to spend this year growing in friendship with Christ and learning to preach the gospel with apostolic zeal.

And please know of my prayers and those of our novices for all of you. May God’s gentle mercy help you “begin again” every day as disciples on the way to glory!

Below left: Fr. John Marie stands with the new class of novices at their Vestition on August 31.

Below right: Fr. John Marie and Fr. Vincent Kelber assist in the Vestition of one of our new novices.





Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P., to be Bishop of Fairbanks

Your generosity enables the Dominicans to serve at every level of the Church

This July, Pope Francis named Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P., son of the Western Dominican Province, Bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska. As *The Pillar* reported, Bishop-elect Maekawa becomes one of only “... 2 cardinals, 18 archbishops, and 21 bishops with ‘O.P.’ after their initials.”

The Diocese of Fairbanks, which is comprised of 409,849 square miles in the State of Alaska, is the largest diocese in the United States by land mass. It has a total population of 164,025, of which 11,876 are Catholic. Of the 48 churches in the diocese, only 8 are on the road network. The other 40 can only be accessed by plane or boat.

Bishop-elect Maekawa will be ordained on October 12th, 2023, and has been serving as the pastor of Holy Family Old Cathedral in Anchorage, Alaska since 2016.

Born in 1967 in Washington State, Bishop-elect Maekawa received a bachelor’s degree in architecture from the University of Washington, where he first encountered the Dominicans at the Prince of Peace Catholic Newman Center, a ministry of the Western Dominican Province. He made his first profession of

vows for the Order of Preachers in 1991 and was ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1998.

After his ordination to the priesthood, Bishop-elect Maekawa served as parochial vicar at St. Dominic Church in San Francisco from 1998–2002; Director of the Newman Center at the University of Washington from 2002–2005; Prior at St. Dominic Priory in San Francisco from 2005–2007 and 2012–2016; and Director of Vocations for the Western Dominican Province from 2007–2015.

Bishop-elect Maekawa also served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 2000–2007. He served as a battalion chaplain in the Marine reserve and did a deployment to Afghanistan assigned to the army’s 25th Infantry Division.

At the press conference announcing his appointment, Bishop-elect Maekawa said: “My appointment to be Bishop of Fairbanks is as much an honor as it is a surprise. My complete dependency on God’s grace to answer and fulfill this call cannot be overstated. I find inspiration and hope in St. Paul’s letter to the Romans, when he says: ‘All things work for good for those who love God.’”

Bishop-elect Maekawa celebrates Mass with the priests of the Diocese of Anchorage-Juneau.





Bishop-elect Maekawa shakes hands with Bishop Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M., Bishop of Anchorage-Juneau.

He continued, expressing gratitude for his parishioners: “I am deeply thankful for my parishioners at Holy Family Old Cathedral, for their lives of faith and charity, and for their sharing with me and [my Dominican] brothers the wonders of Alaska.”

In addition to thanking Jesus, Mary, and his own family, Bishop-elect Maekawa also thanked his fellow Dominicans: “I want to say a special thank you to my Dominican brothers, to our Provincial of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, the Very Rev. Fr. Christopher Fadok; to the brothers of the Order, to the brothers of the Province, to my brothers in our community at Holy Family in Anchorage. Words cannot adequately express what you mean to me and my vocation as a Dominican Friar and as a priest. Please pray for me, brothers.”

He concluded the press conference by saying: “To the people of the diocese, again, I ask you for your continued prayers. Be reassured that you are remembered in mine.”

Give a gift today and help Bishop-elect Maekawa acquire the supplies, liturgical items, and other things he needs to begin his ministry and support the people of his new diocese. Visit opwest.org/fairbanks

History of the Western Dominican Province

Learn about how the Western Dominican Province was established!

In 1850, Bishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany, newly ordained bishop, arrived in San Francisco to serve as bishop and establish the Western Dominican Province. With him were Fr. Francis Sadoc Vilarrasa, O.P., and a Dominican sister, Sr. Mary Goemaere, O.P. Two days after Alemany arrived, he presided at the Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the only Catholic church in San Francisco besides the mission—St. Francis Catholic Church.



Bishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany

After Mass, Bishop Alemany was presented with \$1,400 to cover the projected expenses of the diocese. Thus began a new era of the Catholic Church in California.

Fr. Peter Augustine Anderson, one of the first Dominicans to labor in California, was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1812, to Protestant parents. The Anderson family emigrated to Ohio when Peter was 15 years old, where they met the Dominicans. The whole family entered the Catholic Church, and soon after, Peter joined the Dominicans of the Eastern Province, taking the name “Peter Augustine.” He was ordained a priest in 1840. In early 1849, he discussed his dream of evangelizing out West with then-Prior Provincial of the Eastern Province, Fr. Joseph Sadoc Alemany. With Alemany’s support, he set sail for California, arriving on July 6, 1850. How delighted he must have been when, soon after, Divine Providence ordained that Fr. Alemany be named Archbishop of San Francisco to build up the Church in California!

When he arrived in California, Fr. Anderson wrote that it was his “full conviction that the order could be advantageously established here.” He spent the following months celebrating the sacraments, meeting communities, visiting the sick, and collecting donations to build up Churches. In his ministry to the sick, Fr. Anderson contracted typhoid fever, and he passed away on November 27, 1850, at the age of 38. Archbishop Alemany, who had been ordained to the episcopacy in June of 1850, but who had not yet made it to California, ordered that Anderson’s remains be moved to St. Dominic’s Church in Benicia.

A Profile in Generosity: The Powers Family

Giving to invest in family and community

How were you first connected to the Dominicans?

We were first introduced to the Dominicans at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco. St. Dominic's is actually where we first met and were engaged three years later. Throughout our time at St. Dominic's, we both became involved with various ministries and started to build a relationship with the pastor, Fr. Michael Hurley, and with the Dominican Order. One Dominican in particular, Fr. James Moore, was instrumental in our individual spiritual development and then guided us through marriage preparation.

Why do you choose to give to the Dominicans?

After 6-plus years of knowing the Dominicans—developing personal relationships with many of them and learning about their extensive education and formation—we truly believe that they are the hope for the Church and our family. The sense of belonging and community that we felt at St. Dominic's, and now feel at St. Raymond's, is unmatched. We feel that this has very much to do with the presence of the Dominicans and their ability to preach with such passion and acumen, leaving us pondering new questions and diving deeper into our faith after every Mass.

What's a favorite memory you have of the Dominicans?

We have so many great memories with the Dominicans—visits to St. Albert's Priory, hikes with Fr. James Moore as we prepared for the Sacrament of Marriage, dinners with Fr. Jerome Cudden, our son's first blessing by Fr. John Winkowitsch at Christmas Eve Mass, our first Dominican Gala this past spring, and most importantly, celebrating the sacraments of marriage and our son's baptism with the Dominicans.

What does supporting the Dominicans do for you?

We feel that supporting the Dominicans is truly investing in our future (not just on this earth, but eternally, too!). We hope to send our kids to St. Raymond's School one day because we really trust the Dominicans and the Truth that they teach. By supporting the Dominicans, we are making it possible for more young men to pursue their vocation and receive the education and formation they need to be the best preachers and priests/brothers they can be.

Is there anything else you feel inspired to share?

One last story... A little over 5 years ago, when walking out of Mass at St. Dominic's (SF) on Rosary Sunday, Kelly recognized the face of one of the novices. She was shocked and excited to see that it was Br. Antony Cherian, who she had gone to grade school with in San Diego and hadn't seen in over 15 years! We have been able to stay in touch with Br. Antony over the years, attending his first vows and most recently his solemn vows—another one of our favorite memories.



Kelly and her son with Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P., pastor of St. Raymond's in Menlo Park.



Kelly and Mark at the baptism of their son with Fr. James Moore, O.P.

Our sincere gratitude is extended to all those who helped make this edition of the newsletter possible.