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“May our lives always witness to others the gifts of our common life as Lay Dominicans”



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Congratulations to Leonard and Ron on having made the Final Profession of their Promises for Life!

Thank You, Sister Mary Aquinas, for your support, prayers, and direction





In his book, *“Christian Spirituality in the Catholic Tradition”*, Fr. Jordan Aumann, O.P., wrote that “The spirituality of the Early Church was, first of all, Christocentric...the presence of Christ was experienced especially in the liturgical context of the Eucharist, prayer, and the biblical readings....It was also eschatological, engaged in vigilant preparation for the second coming of Christ...the Church’s spirituality was ascetical: focused on the practice and growth of the theological and moral virtues....the Church’s spirituality was liturgical....Finally, early Christian spirituality was communal.”

Of interest to our guests and newcomers....

1:30 pm Arrival / New Inquirers Meet with Marilyn
 2:00 pm Socialization / Formation Group Meetings
 3:00 pm Business Meeting / Large Group
 Presentation
 4:15 pm Prepare to go to Chapel
 4:40 pm Vespers, Benediction, Rosary
 5:15 pm Departure

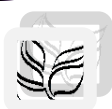
This month’s guest speaker is:
 Father Jacek Kopera, O.P.



Those interested in learning more about the Dominican Laity should contact either of the following individuals:

In Nashville: Mrs. Marilyn Cox, O.P. at (615) 851-8263 // In Knoxville: Mr. Ron Tasket, O.P. at (865) 966-2919

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From Candidate to Temporary to Final Promises



From left to right are: Frank Coughlin, Desi Johnson, Mike Johnson, Lydia Rialland, Walter Ambrogi, and Cynthia McMillen. Each of the newly received candidates are from the Nashville Diocese, except Frank Coughlin who is from the Knoxville Diocese.

After a year of study and prayerful discernment, six individuals said their “fiat” and have now embarked upon another year of study on the road to becoming Lay Dominicans. Having been “introduced” to the Dominican Charism, they will now study the Dominican Rule, its Statutes, and seek to live a life devoted to prayer, study, and service. As they learn more about what it means to be a Lay Dominican, they will have the opportunity to experience first hand Dominican spirituality through ongoing formation and continued discernment.

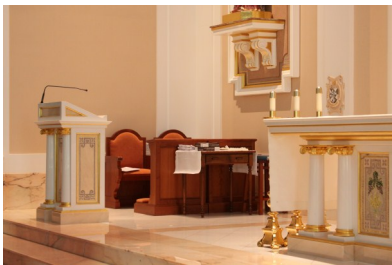
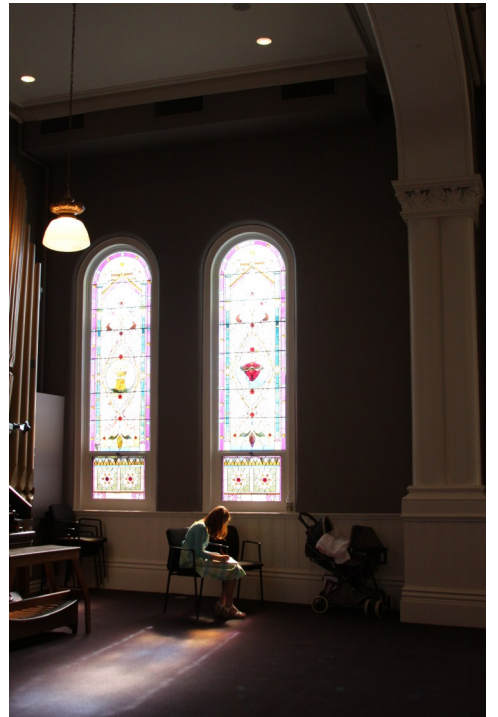
Eleven Candidates Made their Three-Year Temporary Promises in Receiving the Dominican Laity Scapula

Pictured Left to Right are:

Ms. Maureen O'Hara Mowry, O.P., Ms. Mary Ellen McNally, O.P., Mrs. Diane Miller, O.P., Mr. Mike Lucas, O.P., Ms. Natasha Smith-Washington, O.P., Mr. Jack Sanchez, O.P., Mrs. Maggi Bercaw, O.P., Mr. George Bercaw, O.P., Mrs. Margaret Lang, O.P., Mrs. Gail Wheaton, O.P. and Mr. Ray Powell, O.P. Ray is currently a student at Sacred Heart Seminary in Wisconsin.

Praise God for their witness!











THE INQUIRER'S PAGE

-BY MR. MIKE "ALBERT" LUCAS, O.P.

Jesus calls people every day to be His hands, eyes, and feet

Whether it is Dominican, Benedictine, or Franciscan service, we have to lift our hands and thoughts to Almighty God with our petitions. We dream of a better tomorrow and more Godly world, without centering on the things that we can do to help accomplish God's work on Earth. Jesus said to some of the Pharisees, "when did you feed me when I was hungry, or clothe me when I was naked, or tend to me when I was sick. Whatever you did for the least of these you did for Me." These and many more things are possible for all of us, today. Are there brothers and sisters hungry – naked – and in need of healing in Africa, Japan, and here at home? The answer is Yes! Some of our neighbors are so deep in their own disasters that HOPE is the only thing that keeps them from giving up and dying. We can't fix all the problems in the world today, but we do have to try.

Can one man or women actually do anything on their own? Well ask Albert Einstein, Madame Curry, St. Dominic, St. Francis, St. Benedict, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Blessed Mother Teresa or Pope John Paul II. They can tell you they did not do everything on their own, but with other people guided by the Holy Spirit – mountains can be moved and the blind – see.

Prayer, fasting and alms-giving are the three disciplines we observe during Lent. Our prayers joined with millions of people throughout the world can help the devastation in Japan; along with some money that can help the homeless and hungry survivors. Jesus calls people every day to be His hands, eyes, and feet...when He asks you, today, will you be His Hands, eyes and feet... what will you say? Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord if You need me... He thanks you for them.

Dominican Saints and Blesseds

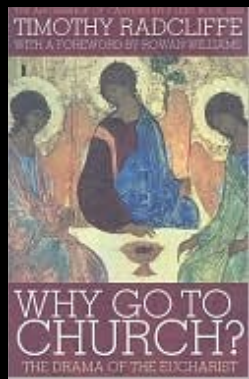
By Feast Day in April

	20 Saint Agnes of Montepulciano
1 Feast of the Stigmata of Saint Catherine of Siena	22 Blessed Bartholomew Cerveri
5 Saint Vincent Ferrer	24 Feast of the Most Holy Crown of Thorns
9 Blessed Anthony Pavonius	26 Blessed Gregory & Blessed Dominic
10 Blessed Anthony Neyrot	27 Blessed Hosanna of Catharo
13 Blessed Margaret of Castello	28 Saint Lewis Mary Grignon De Montfort
14 Blessed Peter Gonzalez	29 Saint Peter of Verona
17 Blessed Clare Gaacorta	30 Saint Catherine of Siena

This Month's Book Review



"Why Go to Church: the Drama of the Eucharist"



by Timothy Radcliffe, O.P.

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, the 84th successor to St. Dominic, envisions the Mass as a drama in three acts under the headings, "Faith," "Hope," and "Love."

In contrast to the unfortunate feelings of many who see the Mass as boredom, Fr. Radcliffe sees the Mass as a "*great event*" whereby the liturgy "takes us by the hair and hurls us into the mystery of God." The book provides a strikingly fresh view of each movement and rubric contained in

the liturgy. He notes, for example, that "*we do not go to remember an event that is simply past; we are touched by its present happening in our lives.*"

In the celebration of the Eucharist, it is as if "*a veil is lifted and we are offered a glimpse of that 'impossible world' as we participate in each of the rubrics and elements that give form to the Mass; beginning with the Sign of the Cross, listening to the scriptural readings, our recitation of the Nicene Creed, etc. Each movement brings us 'closer and closer to a deeper reality than can be experienced anywhere else.*"

Here in the Mass, we come "*face to face with a meaning than cannot be imposed from without, but can only be discovered.*" Here we discover that "*God comes to us as we are.*" The Mass revolves around us at all the stages of our human development, and that just as each of the Sacraments parallel our life span, the liturgy of the Mass has something to say to us at each of these stages in our growth —which is part of the drama that is the Mass!

In essence, the Mass "*takes us through the crises and challenges of faith as it transforms us into the image of Christ and joins us to the Holy Family which is the Trinity.*"

-Mr. George "Dominic Mannes" Bercau, O.P.

Selected Quotes from Fr. Radcliffe's Book:

"The Eucharist is the drama of one's life...it reshapes the heart and mind....a new way of being human."

"When God forgives our sins, he is not changing his mind about us. He is changing our minds about him."

"The shared silence of love is not an absence of noise, but an intensity of mutual presence."

"Friendship with God changes how I see everything."

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“Prayer offered in holiness from a faithful heart rises like incense from a holy altar. Nothing is more fragrant than the fragrance of the Lord. May all who believe share in this fragrance.”

-from Divine Office, Lent, Vol. II, p. 170

The Lay Dominican Prayer for Vocations

“Loving Lord, through the intercession of our holy father, Dominic, our sister, Catherine of Siena, and our brother, Martin de Porres, raise up vocations for our Province. Send your Holy Spirit to guide and inspire the hearts of men and women to follow in the footsteps of our holy father, Dominic, our sister, Catherine of Siena, and our brother, Martin de Porres.

Strengthen us in our vocation for preaching and service to God's people. May our lives always witness to others the gifts of our common life as Lay Dominicans.

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.”*



“And was crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth”

“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.”

Mater Dei

April Study Sessions

Inquirers:

The Practice of Lectio Divina

Candidates:

The Charism of Preaching

Temporary Profession:

Sts. Macias & Martin de Porres

Final Profession:

A Quick Journey Thru the Bible-Lesson V

A CD with the following talks will be available in May.

Oct 10, 2009 Sr. Thomas Aquinas, Approaches to St. Thomas

Jan 10, 2010 Fr. Pius Pietrzyk, The Moral Law

Feb 13, 2010 Fr. James Sullivan (2010 Retreat, 3 talks)

March 14, 2010 Fr. Kevin R. Augustyn, St. Thomas on the Priesthood

April 11, 2010 Sr. Catherine Joseph Droste, OP

Feb 12, 2011 Fr. Alfred Wilder (2011 Retreat, 3 talks; Mass/homily did not record well)