

Wanted!

Newsletter Submissions

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Pre-Publication Request



"Community" a unified body of individuals with a common interest—an interacting population of various kinds of individuals—a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society—a group linked by a common policy—joint participation—likeness—fellowship"

What the above dictionary definition doesn't indicate is that community is a mind set... It is something we make happen...It's an attitude that says, "I belong" ... It is a participation that is not dependent upon physical presence, any more than St. Catherine's cell was limited to geography —she "carried" her cell with her wherever she went.

We "become" a community every time we remember each other in our prayers, whenever we wear our Dominican pin, or put on the scapula to pray the Rosary or the Liturgy of the Hours, or any of the many other Dominican sacramentals.

Julie and I would like to invite you to become a part of each month's newsletter. Lets share with each other the fruits of our contemplation... the light that God brings into our dark-ness... the joy and sorrow of our pilgrimage.

I hope over the next three years as I serve the Order, to expand the role of the Newsletter to not only include the regular columns so faithfully provided by Ron each month, but to include contributions from you. What the



Newsletter can demonstrate is what St. Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) wrote:

"The experiences of Divine Grace does not constitute an exceptional gift for a few mystics, but rather the fruit of Baptism in the life of every seriously committed believer."

Consider this an invitation to share what God is doing in, with, and thru your life.

-George

"Two central realities of Dominic's life are clearly evident: the wine of Christ's blood which he drank, and wine of Christ's Word which he preached."

- The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality: a Drink Called Happiness" by Paul Murray, O.P.



To Praise, To Bless, To Preach
The Dominican Spirit

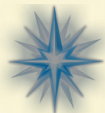
Suggested Newsletter Submissions:

- ◆ Write a book review – or simply tell us about a book you have read recently and
- ◆ want to recommend to others
- ◆ Share a favorite quote from the Liturgy of the Hours
- ◆ Share something from your spiritual journey
- ◆ Share “What attracted you to the Dominican Laity?”
- ◆ Share your random thoughts....



- ◆ We welcome your suggestions

“Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases....The cross is the true and only road that leads souls to heaven”- St. Rose of Lima



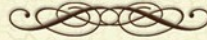
“Since like all the faithful, lay Christians are entrusted by God with the apostolate by virtue of their Baptism and Confirmation, they have the right and duty, individually or grouped in associations, to work so that the divine message of salvation may be known....their activity in ecclesial communities is so necessary that, for the most part, the apostolate of the pastors cannot be fully effective without it.”

-CCC 900

“Christ’s Church is united by the bond of charity to the point that just as she has many members, so is she, mystically, entirely contained in a single member...the Church should be present in her totality in each one of us.” -from “Church Fathers and Teachers”, Pope Benedict XVI (On Peter Damian)

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