

St. Cecilia Chapter Dominican Laity

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

Laudare

Alleluia—Alleluia—Alleluia!



St. Stephen Catholic Church—Chattanooga, Tennessee

"Unto us a Child is Born, unto us a Son is given. Eternal is his sway. The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light; For men abiding in the land of death, a new splendor has appeared; To them you have brought abundant joy; before you they rejoice His shoulders will bear the scepter of his reign, and his name shall be called: Counselor of Marvelous Deeds, Mighty Warrior of God, Everlasting Father of Nations, Prince of Peace.



Dominican Laity Saint Cecilia Chapter



Orthodoxy – Community – Spiritual Formation – Praying with the Church

-Mrs. Marilyn Cox, O.P.— Formation Director, Inquirers

Dominican Laity have **characteristics** which reflect the maturing laity in the church at large:

- They are looking for a real community of strong faith and sharing in the Order.
- They hunger for study, especially Scripture, seeking gospel answers to urgent problems of contemporary society.
- They express deep interest in prayer: contemplative, communal, liturgical, and “prayer in the streets.”
- They seek simplicity of life-style. “Poverty and preaching are inseparable.”
- They desire a rediscovery of the true meaning of Catholic tradition in the church and in the Order: the rich heritage of faith and practice of spiritual wisdom.
- They desire to find new places and new ways of preaching. The master of the order was insistent that only candidates who go beyond the traditional parish and classroom be accepted as lay Dominicans. Evangelize secular culture from within it.

This calling to the Dominican Laity by God means setting aside time for prayer, study, monthly meetings, and apostolate according to your state in life.

Here are some actions that you can take in the Dominican way of life:

- ◇ Keep this list handy to check on your progress.
- ◇ Attend daily Mass when possible.
- ◇ Frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ◇ Keep monthly meeting day a priority for spiritual formation.
- ◇ Pray for the dead.
- ◇ Read Sacred Scripture daily.
- ◇ Celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours at least once a day; once a month at end of our monthly meetings.
- ◇ Pray the Rosary daily.
- ◇ Strive for conversion of heart through the spirit and practice of penance.
- ◇ Assiduous study of revealed truth and reflection on contemporary problems, in the light of Faith.
- ◇ Devotion to the Virgin Mary, father St. Dominic, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Martin de Porres, Patron Saint of our Province.



RADIO WITH REAL PRESENCE

BY SONJA CORBITT, INQUIRER

In an era when talk radio is the fastest growing and most popular format in the country, Tennessee Catholics have been silent. Until now. The first and only Catholic radio station in Tennessee - 88.1 FM Lebanon - is on the air, and the Risen Radio project is out to cover all of Middle Tennessee with the fullness of the Faith.

We all have friends, family, and clients who do not know and love the Church, they know few if any Catholics, and many have even been taught to fear the Church. These are our neighbors whom we have been called to evangelize. Short of door-to-door, how will they ever hear the truth? "Radio offers perhaps the closest equivalent today to what Jesus was able to do with large groups through his preaching" (Pope John Paul II, *Address to the Catholic Media Association*).

At the helm of the project is Sonja Corbitt, a Catholic speaker, Scripture study author, RCIA and Bible study teacher, and former DRE. She is also a contributing writer for Catholic Online, and a new Inquirer. Because all of the aspects of her career speak of the evangelistic desire of her heart and that of St. Dominic, she says pursuing involvement in the Laity was always in the back of her mind as "something she'd get to sooner or later." But it was an opportunity to present to us about Risen Radio that made it clear that God was calling her out of the world and into the Dominican Order, right now.

Sonja says she asked God to let her be involved in something only He could do, and almost immediately she was asked to lead "this audacious Catholic radio project." The harvest is ripe in our own back yard. This apostolate needs the help of faithful Catholics who love their Protestant neighbors and long for their full communion.

Information on Risen Radio is available on their website, heisrisenradio.com.

It's radio with Real Presence.

"..... No matter who plants or waters, God gives no harvest unless what he plants is the faith of Peter, and unless he himself assents to Peter's teaching The whole company of saints bears witness to the unfailing truth that without real effort no one wins the crown."

— The Liturgy of the Hours, Morning Prayer, pp. 1280-1281



Favorite Quotes from the Liturgy of the Hours

"Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom. Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest...." Vol I, p.405. Christmas, OOR

LAY ASSOCIATES OPEN CONFERENCE
SATURDAY—JANUARY 14—8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM
FLEMING CENTER—CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION

On Saturday, January 14th, a Diocese-wide meeting will be held at the Fleming Center at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, in Nashville, Tennessee, in which representatives from a cross section of Lay Members of various religious Third Orders, and other opportunities for lay ministry, will convene for a day of recollection and sharing. Included in this gathering will be members of: Affiliates of the Daughters of Charity, the Dominican Laity, Lay Cistercians of Gettsemani, Lay Salvatorians, Mercy Associates, Passionist Partners, Secular Franciscans, and the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate.

Others groups which have been invited are representatives of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Cursillo, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies of Charity, Legion of Mary, Nashville Business Women's League, Serra Club, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

World renowned scripture scholar Donald Senior, C.P., will give a keynote address entitled:

“Encountering Jesus the Living Word:

the Jesus of the Gospels as the Source and Inspiration for Our Mission Today.”

The program will feature representatives from the various lay associations to give a short, five to ten minute presentation on their Order/Association/Group, as well as one or more people to host one of three twenty-minute Questions and Answers Sessions for interested participants to visit.

DOMINICAN LAITY TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE

Mrs. Marilyn Cox, O.P. and Mr. George Bercau, O.P. are spearheading plans to participate in the Lay Associates Conference. A three-panel display has been created to visually present the Dominican Charism, and an audio CD of the Chapter's Annual Day of Recollection, which was presented by Father James Sullivan, O.P., in February, 2010, will be handed out to interested Conference attendees. A three-ring binder containing the Chapter's newsletters for the past past year will be on display; as well as the trifold brochure created by our Sisters.

Special “thanks” is due to Mr. Billy Cox, O.P. for the wooden frame he built which will be used with the three-panel display, making it readily portable and available for future use by Chapter members.

Volunteers are needed to monitor the Display Table, and be available for the Q&A portions of the Conference. This is an excellent opportunity for Chapter members to engage in an Apostolate of Evangelization to our brother and sister Catholics (as our Province Prayer says):

“to witness to others the gifts of our common life as Lay Dominicans.”

Lay Associates Open Conference

8:30 AM *Begin gathering*

9:00 AM *Morning Prayer –led By Father Steve Wolf*

9:15 AM *“Some Catholic Clues for Discernment”-Fr. Steve Wolf*

10:15 AM *Break*

10:30 AM *Associate Group Introductions—Part A*

(Individual Presentations by the Third Order Attendees)

11:30 AM *Break for Lunch (Local Restaurants in close proximity)*

1:00 PM *Keynote Address:*

“Encountering Jesus the Living Word: the Jesus of the Gospels as the Source and Inspiration of our Mission Today”

2:00 PM *Break*

2:15 PM *Associate Group Introductions—Part B*

3:10 PM *1st Visit with an Associate Group of your choice*

3:30 PM *Break*

3:40 PM *2nd Visit with an Associate Group of your choice*

4:00 PM *Break*

4:10 PM *3rd Visit with an Associate Group of your choice*

4:30 PM *Closing Prayer, led by Fr. Steve Wolf*

5:00 PM *Mass at the Cathedral, Father Donald Senior, C.P.
Homilist*

***THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WISH EVERYONE A VERY
HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR***



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(Left to right)

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**Another Audio CD To Be
Available at January Meeting
Featuring.....**

**Fr. James Sullivan, O.P.
Annual Day of Recollection
February, 2010**

**Also.... Fr. Wilder, O.P.
February, 2011**

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**Another CD is Anticipated
featuring the Guest Speakers
For 2010-2011**

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**There are a few of the Two-CD
Set of Dominican Chant still
available at the nominal cost
of \$2 per set**



Prayer Before Study

By Saint Thomas Aquinas

Ineffable Creator...

***You are proclaimed the true font of light and
wisdom and primal origin raised high
beyond all things.***

***Pour forth a ray of Your brightness
into the darkened places of my mind;
disperse from my soul the twofold darkness of
sin and ignorance.***

***You make eloquent the tongues of infants.
Refine my speech and pour forth upon my
lips the goodness of Your blessing.***

***Grant to me keenness of mind, capacity to
remember, skill in learning, subtlety to
interpret, and eloquence of speech.***

***May You guide the beginning of my work,
direct its progress,
and bring it to completion.***

***You who are true God and true Man,
Who live and reign,
world without end.***

-Amen



***A Favorite Psalm Prayer from the Liturgy of the
Hours***

***“You are always true to your word, Father. Look
down from heaven and put an end to our foolish-
ness. Save us from groundless fears, and help us to
please you with an undivided heart.”***

-Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. I, , Week IV, Daytime Prayer, Monday, p.1076