

Laudare

Lent, March 2011

**Current Number of Do-
minican Laity**

- Final Professions = 18
- Temporary = 20
- Candidates = 11
- Inquirers = 15

Our churches are populated with faithful Catholics seeking a serious prayer life, a deeper sacramental life, and an invitation to the Dominican charism. Extend an invitation to "Come and See!"

Guest Speaker Newly Ordained Former Episcopal Priest

On February 22nd of this year, a former Episcopal Priest, Father Prentice Dean, was ordained as a Catholic Priest in the Nashville Diocese by Bishop David Choby. The ordination took place at the Cathedral of the Incarnation and was attended by Father Dean's wife, family and lifelong friends. Newly ordained Fr. Dean call his ordination to the Catholic priesthood "all graces."

Father Dean, a lifelong Episcopalian, was ordained in the Anglican Church in 2004, and served as the rector of St. Bede's Episcopal Church in Manchester, Tennessee. He resigned from that position in September, 2005 and, about a month later, he joined the Catholic Church. In May, 2006, Bishop Choby hired Father Dean as vice chancellor for the Diocese and facility manager for the Catholic Center in Nashville. In the fall of that year, his formal request to be ordained was approved by the Vatican, and then spent two years in study at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University.

Father Dean will continue his roles with the Nashville Diocese and will be celebrating some of the masses here at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters. Father Dean will be our guest



speaker at the March meeting of the Dominican Laity. Father Dean hopes to be able to help Catholics who have left the Church to find their way back.



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Two Members Make their Final Profession



Ron Tasket and Leonard Nugent made their Final Profession for Life as Dominican Laity. They will now be seeking permission from the Mother Superior and the Bishop of the Nashville Diocese to form a local chapter in the Knoxville diocese. Ron had served as the Secretary and Newsletter Editor for our Chapter for the past three years. We will pray for success in their new apostolate. This was indeed a blessed day for each of the them. Also pictured: Sr. Mary Aquinas.

Dominican Saints and Blesseds

Because of Lent, the saints and blesseds of March have been transferred to other months of the year

April 5: St. Vincent Ferrer (1350–1419) [M]
Spanish, priest, celebrated itinerant preacher, ascetic, miracle worker, Church appointed patron of builders, canonized 1455.

April 10: Bl. Anthony Neyrot (1425–1460)
Italian, priest, apostate and reconvert, martyr under the Muslims.

April 13: Bl. Margaret of Castello (1287–1320)
Italian, abandoned as a child because of blindness and severe, unsightly handicaps, and so patron of pro-life causes, virgin, mystic, instructor of children

April 14: Bl. Peter Gonzales (+1246)
Spanish, priest, evangelist, chaplain of sailors, who know him as "St. Elmo".

April 17: Bl. Clare of Pisa (1362-1419)
Italian, widow, nun, reformer, friend of St. Catherine of Siena (April 29).

April 19: Bl. Isnard of Chiampo (+1244)
Italian, priest, preacher, one of early Dominicans.
Bl. Sibylline Biscossi (1283-1367)
Virgin, blind, contemplative, Lay Dominican.

April 20: St. Agnes of Montepulciano (1268-1317) [M]
Italian, virgin, nun, ascetic, mystic, administrator, admired by St. Catherine of Siena (April 29), canonized 1726

April 27: Bl. Hosanna of Kotor (+1565)
Montenegrin, virgin, convert from Greek Orthodoxy, born Catherine but in admiration of Bl. Hosanna of Mantua (June 18; d. 1505) took the name of Hosanna, ascetic, en-

closed anchoress, followed the rule of the Dominican Laity.

April 28: St. Louis de Montfort (1673–1700)
French, priest member of the Dominican Third Order, brother of a Dominican priest, preacher of parish missions, author, founder of religious congregation of men and another of women, all to spread devotion to Mary and the Rosary as inspired by St. Dominic (May 24 and Aug.8).

April 29: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347–1380) [F]
Italian, virgin, renowned mystic, stigmatist, diplomat, peacemaker, author of *The Dialogue*, second woman Doctor of the Church, Church appointed patroness of the Dominican Laity, copatroness with St. Francis of Italy, patroness of Rome, nurses, fire prevention, canonized 1461.

Suggested Dominican Reading for Lent & Selected Quotes

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

"Two central realities in Dominic's life are clearly manifest: the wine of Christ's blood which he drank, and the wine of Christ's Word which he preached." -page 135

"The Dominican Tradition" by Thomas McGonigle & Phyllis. Zagano, O.P.

"One of the functions of the Church, and of a religious Order, is to try to be present in those places of deafness and incomprehension to offer a space where conversations can begin." - pages 121-122

"Praying With the Dominicans" by John Vidmar, O.P.

"My work is of little value in itself, so I try to enhance its worth by giving it the merit of obedience." -page 64

"The Meaning of Tradition" by Yves Congar, O.P.

"Tradition' connotes something more than mere conservatism; something deeper is involved: the continual presence of a spirit and a moral attitude, the continuity of an ethos." page 1

Eleven Make Temporary Promises and Take a Religious Name

Pictured from left to right are: Maureen O'Hara Mowry, Mary Ellen McNally, Diana Miller, Mike Lucas, Natasha Washington-Smith, Jack Sanchez, Maggi Bercaw, George Bercaw, Margaret Lang, Gale Wheaton, and Ray Powell, who is currently a seminarian at Sacred Heart School of Theology at Hales Corner, Wisconsin.

[Sorry, there wasn't room to include their religious names.]



Lent: the Path Between Two Great Events

Situated between Christmas and Easter –times when we celebrate the coming of Christ and His Resurrection and Ascension, Lent stands as a reminder that the path between these two great events is the Way of the Cross.

I remember hearing a friend of mine who was single at the time, say that what she wanted to do was to wake up one morning and it be her wedding day: she wanted to bypass the search, the dating, the whole “single scene” and just get on to the “best part.”

A lot of Christians are like that: they want to go from the joy and celebrations of Christmas –with all the parties, gifts, food and the many celebrations, directly to the splendor of Easter. What they want to avoid is everything in between: the call to service, ministry to the sick, the mountain top experiences of the Galilean hillside, and the eventual agony of the garden, the accounting before Pilot, the climb to Golgotha, and the willingness to die to self. Lent calls us to penance and sacrifice. It asks us to give up something that we value; the food or drink we enjoy, maybe attending a few more masses than normal, praying the Stations of the Cross, spending more time with Christ in Gethsemane, or giving up television so we can spend more time in reading, studying the scriptures, or praying. Christmas is about Joy! Easter is about Hope! Lent is one of the most beautiful seasons in the Life of the Church, but it makes demands of us!



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Following the example of the Ninivites, who did penance in sack-

cloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and remind us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told:

"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense.

Dominican Saints and Blesseds

By Feast Day in March



1st Blessed Christopher
2nd Blessed Henry Suso
6th Blessed Jordan of Pisa
7th St. Thomas Aquinas
10th Blessed Pete Jeremia

19th St. Joseph,
20th Blessed Ambrose Sansedonius
22nd Blessed Isnard
23rd Blessed Sybil Biscossis
25th Feast of the Auunciation

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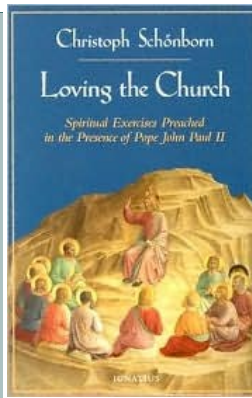
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"In the life of grace, the first initiative belongs to God. And that is why, both in our work and in our prayer, we soon come to realize that Christ is much more than the object of our regard. He is the Word alive within us, the friend in whom we live and move and have our being."

-from

The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality



Book Review

In February, 1996, Cardinal Schonborn presented a series of talks to the Vatican Household in the presence of Pope John Paul II. From the depths of his own heart, the Cardinal shared his love of the Church and revealed what he saw as the secret of her holiness; namely, "Christ teaches his disciples to see things, situations, people with His eyes: that is how Jesus forms His Church. Seeing with His eyes, willing with His will, understanding with His mind, feeling with His heart—from this, springs the Church"

I personally consider this to be one of the most beautifully written books which I have read, and would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone interested in a really good Lenten read. Truly an inspiring book.



**"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

Pray the Rosary

***Newly Elected Officers to Serve on
the Executive Board***

Religious Promoter:

Sr. Mary Aquinas Halbmaier, O.P.

Chapter President:

Mr. Mike Watson, O.P.

Chapter Vice-President:

Ms. MaryAnn Goodwin, O.P.

Chapter Secretary:

Mr. George H. Bercaw, O.P.

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Mr. Rick Prickett, O.P.

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Mrs. Marilyn Cox, O.P.

Mr. Mike Lucas, O.P. (Assistant)

Officers are elected to serve for three years, but may serve up to six years. If, for any reason, an officer is needed to serve beyond six, permission must be obtained from the appropriate Provincial

March Study Sessions

Inquirers:

***Vol. I—Dominicans:
People of the Word***

Candidates:

Vol. II—Dominican Study

Temporary Profession:

***Vol. V—Blessed John of
Vercelli***

Final Profession:

***A Quick Journey
Through the Bible,
Lesson VII***