

St. Cecilia Chapter Dominican Laity

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

Laudare

Easter

April-May, 2012

Welcome to the Family!



Four individuals make their Final Profession of Promises before the altar at the St. Cecilia Motherhouse in Nashville: Colleen Hawkins, Julie Prickett, Rick Prickett, and Dan Robbins.

As is the custom among the Religious, the Dominican Laity in making their first Profession, also take a religious name.

Colleen had previously taken the name "Brigit Rose," Julie had taken the name "Margaret," Rick the name "Adrian," and Dan the name "Stephen Matthew."

On behalf of the Chapter Members, we congratulate them on their five-year journey and period of discernment.



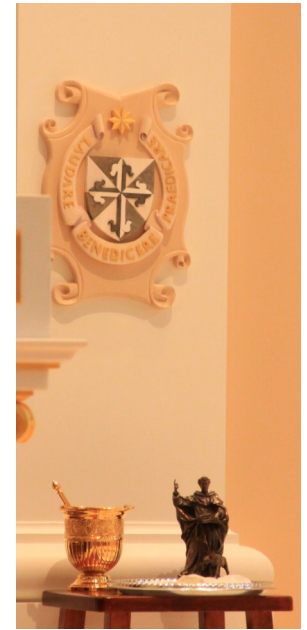


Cara Pryor (second from the right) was among those who made their first Temporary Profession . Also seen: Mr. George Bercau, OP, secretary-editor—Mrs. Mary Ann Goodrum, OP, Vice-President—Sr. Mary Vincent, OP, Religious Assistant, and Mr. Michael Watson, OP, Chapter President.





Those making their Final Professions were given a candle to remind them they are to be a light to the world, as well as a bible with the *injunction* "to go and preach the Word of God."



This is the last month we will be meeting until next fall. If you haven't done so, please pay your dues.

Our own Chapter Baker....
Georgette "Cissy" Pampino

Cissy has blessed the monthly Chapter Meetings with delicious, mouth-watering baked goods that defy description.



Making their Profession (from the top of the staircase down) are: Frank Coughlin, O.P., (Jordan of Saxony), Mark Johnson, O.P. (Thomas Paul), Marilyn Barnes (Candidate), Cynthia McMillin, O.P. (Margaret Aquinas), Cissy Pampino, (Candidate), Walter Ambrogi, O.P. (Paul Thomas), Desera Johnson, O.P. (Bernadette Martha), Cecilia Smith (Candidate), Christina Pineda (Candidate), and Susan McBride (Candidate).



As is customary, those making their Temporary Profession choose a religious name both as a way of honoring that saint and as a model of saintly life to which they will aspire.



Chapter President (forefront) and Vice-President (in background) witness a profession



The Dominican Scapular

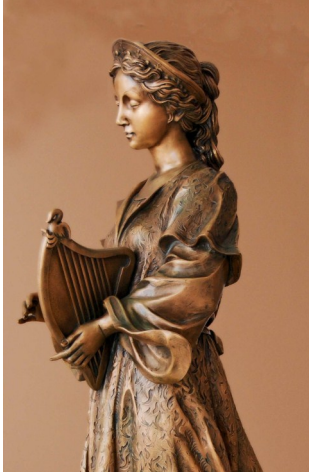


In most, if not all, religious communities, it is traditional to have a “clothing ceremony.” This essentially consists of being invested in the “habit” of the Order. The friars, nuns, and sisters of the Dominican Order wear a rectangular piece of white material which has a neck opening and is placed over the shoulders and which extends the length of the habit in both front and back. It is the most important part of the Dominican habit and is blessed as a sign of one’s entrance into the Order. Upon retiring for the night, the nuns and sisters sleep in the smaller version which is given to the laity upon making a Temporary Profession.

After having being received into the Order as a Candidate, and later making a Temporary Profession, the Lay Dominican is also “clothed” with a scapular; in this case, since the habit is not worn by the laity, the scapular consists of two, small rectangles of white material joined by ribbons and placed over the shoulders. It is to be worn at all times. At chapter meetings, it may be worn over one’s street clothes; at other times, under one’s clothing. Upon death, the laity may choose to be buried in the Dominican Habit and full length scapular.

The scapular is also a reminder that we have been “*clothed in Christ.*”





*Top Right Picture
In the foreground,
the smiling face
belongs to Laurale
Curtsinger,
a newly received
member of the
family.*







*Our speaker this month is **Sr. Mary Angelica** who will talk about her doctoral dissertation on St. Thomas Aquinas' views on "Freedom."*

After having completed her doctoral studies, Sister forwarded her dissertation to the Angelicum in Rome, whereupon she was invited to present the dissertation at the Angelicum, which will publish her work in.

We all look forward to her presentation. It goes without saying that many of the very best presentations have been given by our own Sisters.

Truly contemplative.... Graciously shared!

COMING NEXT FALL

There are a number of changes coming to the *Inquirers' Program*.... To begin with, there is a text which will be required by everyone attending the program.... The title of the book is ***Dominicana: A Guide for Inquirers, 2nd Edition***.... The book is available in both paperback and as an e-book which can be downloaded.... It is available from the publisher at **Lulu.com**.... Published in 2004, the book was written by Robert Curtis, OPL, and Karen Woods, OPL.... The book begins by addressing the question, "What is a Dominican".... Identifies the "Four Pillars".... And discusses the History and Mission of the Order....It has chapters on the "Structure of the Order", "Dominican Statutes", and the role of "The Laity in the Order." There are also chapters that discuss "The Liturgy of the Hours and the Rosary" and "Preaching the Word." The book is truly a fine work and will be a valuable wealth of information to those wanting to know about the Dominican Order. The cost of the book is \$16.95 plus shipping and handling. The e-book, of course, costs considerably less.

The Book is a Requirement for Participation in the Inquirer's Group

FYI

The Chapter's Secretary/Editor has been appointed to serve as the editor of the Provincial newsletter and to assist Dr. Lana Bastin, O.P., the Provincial Director of Formation, in the development of new formation studies for the Southern Province. Your prayers are requested for both endeavors.

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1:30 to 2:00

Inquirer Gathering

2::00 to 2:15

*Opening Prayer and
Announcements*

2:15 to 3:15

Individual Group Meetings

3:15 to 3:30

Short Business Meeting

3:30 to 4:30

Large Group Meeting and Speaker

4:30

Clean-Up Activities

4:45 to 5:15

Liturgy of the Hours



Prayer for the Consecration of Our Country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

“Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother; in union with Mary, we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom, which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity.

Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners—on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise and honor you and give our country and ourselves to your sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pierced by the sword of sorrow prophesied by Simeon, save us from degeneration, disaster, and war.

Protect us from all harm. O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, you who bore the sufferings of your Son in the depths of your heart, be our advocate. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.