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*Fr. Wilder will present
three Conferences:*

Conference 1

Mary: Seat of Wisdom

Conference 2

Mary: Queen of Apostles

Conference 3

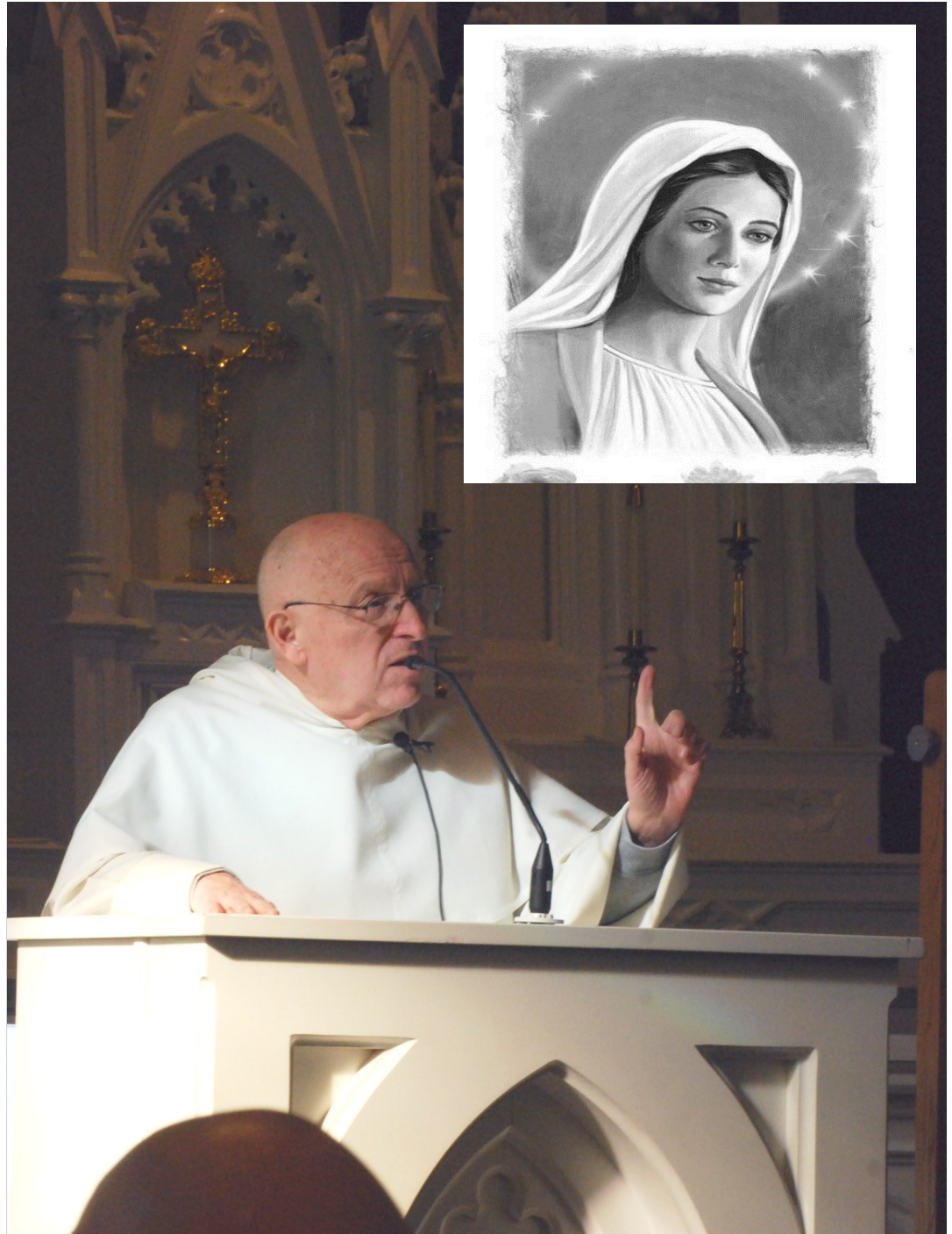
*Mary: Queen of the Most
Holy Rosary*

*Inquirers Making
Their First Profession
as Candidates:*

*Vicky Barnes
Karen Danish
Ralph Fuller
Carlos Guerra
Viola Guerra
Cornelia Laux
Mary Wilhelm*

*Candidates Making
First of Three-Year Tem-
porary Profession:*

*Marilyn Barnes
Laurale Curtsinger
Cara Pryor
Larry Pryor
Georgette (Cissy) Rampino
Cecila Smith*



**FR. WILDER, O.P. TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT
THE DOMINICAN LAITY'S ANNUAL
DAY OF REFLECTION**



ADDIE BROWN TO MAKE PROFESSION OF FINAL PROMISES

“I am always looking for ways to grow in my Catholic faith. So, when I heard about the Saint Cecilia Chapter of Lay Dominicans, I was drawn to the four pillars of prayer, study, community, and preaching. As a book lover, I am always reading about the saints and their fascinating lives. Saint Therese of Lisieux is so very dear to me and I ask for her intercession always.”

-Addie Brown

“Through Divine Providence, the Dominicans have been a part of my life from my childhood. St. Thomas Aquinas, the grade school I attended, was staffed by Dominican Sisters from the San Rafael Province. In school, I learned quite a bit about the Angelic Doctor, and I have always considered him one of my favorite saints. My journey into the Dominican family, as far as my part in it goes, began the moment I read the brochure. I hungered for deeper spiritual formation, and I was teaching Adult Ed at my parish, so I considered it a perfect fit. The name I have chosen is Alphonsa Rose, from Rose Hawthorne who later became Mother Alphonsa and founded the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne to care for terminal cancer patients. Her cause for canonization goes forward, and she is now a Servant of God. -Cecilia Smith (Alphonsa Rose) -Picture Not Available-

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, I, Mary Wilhelm, never in my wildest dreams did I think that someday Tennessee was going to be my home. In 2004, my husband, Ed, was given the option by his employer to relocate. We chose to relocate, and in July 2005, we moved to Old Hickory, Tennessee. With our daughter at Vanderbilt and our son at University of Florida, Ed and I began a new chapter in our lives. We settled in and became members of St. Joseph’s Church. The following year, I read an announcement in the St. Joseph’s bulletin about joining the Dominican Laity with the contact, Marilyn Cox. I was very interested.



Mary Wilhelm

After attending a couple of meetings at St. Cecilia's, I realized that I could not make the commitment because I had just started a new teaching job and felt a bit overwhelmed. I did know that someday I would be back.

Julie Prickett and I taught together at Holy Rosary. The Lord used Julie to give me notice that it was time. At this point, having witnessed the Dominican sisters in action at various catechetical events, I felt drawn to the Dominican way. Memories of my elementary school teachers, the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, came to the forefront and reminded me of how I once thought of the possibility of becoming a member of their religious community. The Lord brought me full circle in Tennessee. Now, I have this wonderful opportunity to be a part of the Dominican community. When I learned of the Order's motto, "to praise, to bless, to preach," I realized how much the Dominican way already applied to my life. I believe that my marriage, family life, and teaching career can only be enriched as I learn more. This community, the pillars, the Dominican saints, and St. Dominic will provide the guidance that I need to grow in my walk with the Lord as I come to know Him, love Him and serve Him.

-Mary Wilhem

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Laurale Curtsinger

My journey to becoming a lay Dominican began when my son and I would come to mass in the old chapel at the Mother house. One of the sisters spoke with us as we left one morning and asked if I would be interested in it.

I prayed about it and although I felt drawn to it I felt I was to keep it in prayer.

Oh how lucky I am to be led here!

Over the years I would pray about it and God would say yes, but not now. I waited in patience and eventually the answer became yes and an urgent NOW. I have to admit that it was intimidating at first because it was at a most inconvenient time in my personal life. I really couldn't see how NOW was possible. But I stepped out in complete trust with a "yes". The Lord has prepared the way by the intercession of the blessed mother and my namesake Giorgio Frassati. I am more and more amazed by how the path is made clear. I am so humbled and grateful for the miraculous path that is unfolding before me. My journey into the Third Order of Preachers is one of pure obedience. I am on this journey because God called me to it. *"My help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth."* This is His journey.



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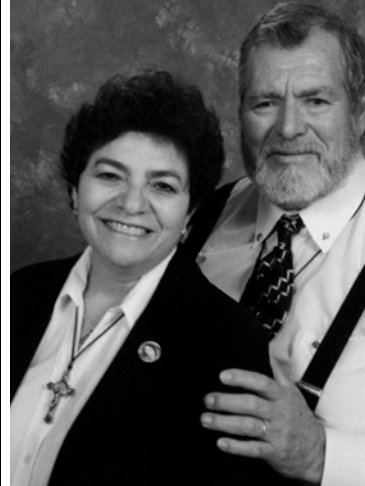
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We are very grateful to the Lord for allowing us to be His servants. We are members of the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksville.

***Viola and Carlos Guerra
Will be received into the
Order as Candidates***

We are extraordinary ministers, I'm an acolyte - help the Priest during the Holy Mass, we coordinate a small group of Why Catholic program titled: "Come to The Table!" My wife is a lector. We are part of the leadership group that is preparing the first Spanish Cursillo in the Diocese of Nashville.



LARRY AND CARA PRYOR

"My journey began with wanting to be a member of a Catholic group devoted to spirituality. When I learned of the importance of study to the Order of Preachers I knew that I had found a home. I've always been somewhat of a bookworm and here was a group that took up learning as its work to the glory of God. I cannot express how happy I am to be on the path to full profession and hope to add what little I am able to what St. Dominic, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Sienna, Bl. John of Vercelli and so many others have started and continued."



Venerable
Fulton J. Sheen



St. John of Vercelli

