Study Questions for Dominican Laity Candidates

Meeting 4 December

Rule and Directory, Southern Province of St. Martin de Porres, 2016. "The Rule of the Lay Chapters of St. Dominic," sections 1-14 pp 9-12 and The Particular Directory Preface and Section I "The Basics of Lay Dominican Life" and "Structure and Government of a Chapter" pp. 20-31 (Suffrages may be found on p 46.)

Saints: http://www.nashvilledominican.org/community/our-dominican-heritage/

1. Explain how one is incorporated into the Order of Preachers. (p 9 #2)

- 2. What part of the Rule impacted you the most? Why?
- 3. After using the Guided-Reading Chart, what part of the Rule do you find easiest to live out in your daily life? What do you find the most difficult to incorporate into your daily life? How can the members of this Chapter help you?

4. The Preface to the Particular Directory notes that the "Lay Dominican life is all about having a passion for the Word of God." How do we build upon the Dominican charism in our daily lives to achieve this goal?

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5.	As Lay Dominicans, we have the privilege of having a unique position in the life of the Church, we are truly Dominicans, yet we are also truly laypersons living in the world. How does living by a Rule help us in this special path towards sanctification?
6.	One of the most precious gifts offered by the Order to Lay Dominicans is the gift of prayer, especially the prayers for our departed brothers and sisters (and our families and benefactors!) throughout the year, but especially on the days of commemoration on the Dominican calendar. As Dominicans in the world, how ca we make the best use of this gift to further the mission of the entire Dominican family?
7.	How did the Saints of Lima assist one another? What does this say about the importance of having good friends in your spiritual life?
8.	What is calling you to become a Lay member of the Order of Preachers?

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