Study Questions for Dominican Laity Candidates

Meeting 3 – November


Selections from the *Rule and Directory of the Southern Province* (2016)

- II - Historical Development of the Rule (p. 6)
- III – Decrees of Cardinal Hamer & Master General Fr. Damian Byrne, OP (pp 7-8)
- IV – General Declarations of the rule of the Lay Fraternities (1987), (pp 13-16)


1. Describe the special character of the Lay Dominican promise as stated in the Ritual Order and the earliest statutes. (Ritual Order p 2 Part II #4 and p 3 #7)

2. How does a lay person become a member of the Order of Preachers? (Ritual Order p 7 Ch. 1 #1)

3. How is the local chapter connected to the Dominican Order? To the Universal Church? (Ritual Order p viii and xiv and p 7)

4. How is the rite or act of profession an ecclesial action? (Ritual Order p viii Letter of Promulgation)
5. Why does the Church hold the importance of the Rite of Profession within the Mass? (Ritual Order p 21)
   
a. What is the significance in using the rite of sprinkling with holy water? (p 22)
   
b. What is the significance of the lighted candle during the Rite of Profession? (p 23)

6. According to Canon Law, Lay Associations are a public association with ecclesiastical authority. As a member of the Order of Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, how can I better live out a “more perfect life” in Christ? (Code of Canon Law 301)

7. Explain the historical development of the Rule of Lay Dominican Fraternities. (Rule, 2016 p 6)

8. “What was there about this young person – fun-loving, energetic, forthright in his convictions – that provides youth today with encouragement in their own search for goodness and truth?” (Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati from Sisters of St. Cecilia)