

Study Questions for Dominican Laity Candidates

Meeting 1 September

Domcentral.org. (Ashley, Benedict, O.P.). “Dominican Spirituality.” <http://opcentral.org/blog/dominican-spirituality/>

Murray, Paul. The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality. Ch. 1 “What is Dominican Spirituality” (pp5-44)

The Salve Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Nashville, TN access website for audio of The Salve (3:51)

<http://www.nashvilledominican.org/prayer/our-lady/the-salve/>

Blessed Reginald of Orleans <http://www.nashvilledominican.org/community/our-dominican-heritage/our-saints-and-blesseds/bl-reginald-of-orleans/>

1. The “Ministry of the Word” is discussed near the beginning and end of the article. In light of this article, can you articulate how you ‘communicate the Word’ individually and collectively in your chapter? (Benedict Ashley article)
2. Most groups of brothers/sisters do not personally select each other. Why do you think the penitential aspect of community is so valuable? Can you think of examples from Scripture that reflect this? (Benedict Ashley article)
3. In light of this article, how can a Lay Dominican live in community well? (Benedict Ashley article)
4. What are some aspects of Dominican study unique to Dominicans? Are there resources for study you would like to suggest to your group? (Benedict Ashley article)

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5. What characteristics does Father Benedict suggest are emphasized in prayer within Dominican Spirituality? (Benedict Ashley article)

6. What is the local fraternity's connection to the communion within the Dominican Order and the universal Church? (Benedict Ashley article)

7. What was the "special grace" of St. Dominic and what does this have to do with the role of preaching in Dominican Spirituality today? (Murray pp 10-13)

8. Briefly summarize Murray's explanation of the role of Divine Grace upon the will. (Murray pp 21 & 25)

9. Describe Blessed Reginald's vision of the Queen of Heaven. What were some of its important features and how has it influenced the Order? (Salve and Bl. Reginald)