

Study Questions for Dominican Laity Inquirers

January

Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2697-2724 (expressions of prayer)

Dominican Spirituality: Principles and Practices (William A Hinnebusch, O.P.), Chapter 5: "Dominican Life is Liturgical"

"The Pillars of Dominican Life: Dominican Spirituality for the Laity," II: Contemplation for the Laity; VI Meditation or Mental Prayer; VII Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dominicana: A Guidebook for Inquirers, 2nd Edition pp. 194-199; 155

1. What aspects made St. Dominic's life liturgical? (Hinnebusch)
2. What are the liturgical characteristics of the Dominican Order? (Hinnebusch)
3. Why is the liturgy so important to us as Dominicans? (Hinnebusch)
4. What is one thing I can do to deepen my participation in the liturgy? (Hinnebusch)

5. As you read the passages from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on prayer, select one line that is helpful to you in your prayer life at this time and write it out here: (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)
6. Is it possible to be a contemplative as a lay person? Father Anderson (author of *The Pillars of Dominican Life*) believes that it is. Do you agree with his reasons? (“*Pillars of Dominican Life*”)
7. Name one aspect of the Dominican Order’s devotion to Mary that is particularly meaningful to you and explain why. (“*Pillars of Dominican Life*” & *Dominicana*)
8. How do you see the Dominican charism reflected in the life of Pope St. Pius V? What virtues did he share in common with St. Dominic? (*Dominicana*)
9. Do you have any other thoughts or questions you would like to share with the group?