

Module 8 (May)

***Dominican Spirituality: Principles and Practices* (William A Hinnebusch, O.P.), Chapter 7: “Dominican Life is Fraternal”**

“The Pillars of Dominican Life: Dominican Spirituality for the Laity,” IX: *Community Life*

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1803-1829 (Article 7 in “Life in Christ”)

***Dominicana: A Guidebook for Inquirers*, 2nd Edition pp. 154-155**

1. In these past months as an Inquirer, what are some benefits you have already experienced from community as it is practiced by a lay Dominican chapter? What have been some challenges?
2. *“Sins against justice include slander, detraction, tale-bearing, gossip, and other mean manifestations of the human spirit.”* How do sins of this type damage the unity of a chapter of lay Dominicans? (Hinnebusch)
3. Why is the experience of community essential to our efforts as Dominicans in the apostolate of preaching/teaching? (Hinnebusch)
4. Why is attendance at chapter meetings so important? What can happen to the community when there are multiple and repeated absences? (Pillars)
5. *“You will get out of your community only as much as you put into it.”* Do you agree? Why or why not? (Pillars)

6. What are some ways the Chapter reaches out to those who can no longer attend chapter meetings due to age or infirmity? (Pillars)

7. Name and briefly define each of the 4 cardinal/moral virtues. Why are they called “cardinal?” How do they differ from the theological virtues? (*Catechism*)
 - a. prudence

 - b. justice

 - c. fortitude

 - d. temperance

8. Why do you think the Church discusses grace in the same section as the moral virtues? (*Catechism*)

9. How do you see the Dominican charism reflected in the life of St. Juan Macias? What virtues did he share in common with St. Dominic? (*Dominicana*)

10. Do you have any other thoughts or questions you would like to share with the group?