

### Happy Feast of Saint Dominic

#### President's Letter

My dear sisters and brothers:

To quote the Psalmist: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love endures forever." (Ps 118)!

We have a new Promoter for the Laity!! Before I introduce you to our Provincial Promoter, I would like to extend my thanks to our Prior Provincial, V. Rev. Kenneth Letoile, O.P., and those friars serving the Province as Diffinitors\*, for their prayerful deliberations. Please continue to keep Fr. Letoile, his Council, and his Administrators in your prayers as they lead our Province.

And now, my brothers and sisters in Christ and St. Dominic, I am very pleased to announce that our new Provincial Promoter for the Laity is **Rev. Bede Shipp, O.P.** Fr. Bede was born in Germany. His father was a career Air Force officer (later college librarian) and his mother a music teacher and violinist. Fr. Bede and his three siblings were raised primarily in Durango, Colorado.

Fr. Bede attended St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio (1973-1977), from where received both his B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy. He entered the Order of Preachers in 1977 and was ordained to the priesthood in May, 1985. Fr. Bede has served the Province in Ohio, Kentucky, New York City, Massachusetts, and in Kenya. During three of his assignments, Fr. Bede also served as Religious Assistant to Lay Dominican Chapters.

Our Provincial Promoter is also somewhat of a "Renaissance Friar [man]". Fr. Bede has participated and directed several choirs with an emphasis on Gregorian chant, polyphony, and



Rev. Bede Shipp, O.P., new Provincial Promoter for the Dominican Laity of St. Joseph Province.

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baroque music. He has a general interest in history, with particular interest in American colonial, Revolutionary, Civil War, and Progressive era history. Fr. Bede is also (as he, himself describes) an unrestrained indoor and outdoor gardener. FYI – Fr. Bede will also be periodically writing articles for the *eLumen* (please read Fr. Bede’s article in this issue). Add to all of that, his knowledge, compassion, spirituality, and humility ... well, all I can say is that we all are very blessed. He is without a doubt, a true son of Dominic.

I can assure you that Fr. Bede is praying for you, and I ask that you remember him in your daily prayers and good works. I will be releasing further details of Father’s scope of duties shortly. For now, let’s afford Fr. Bede the opportunity to settle in and be oriented to his new position. Be assured that Father is looking forward to meeting our members (a great reason for all members to attend your next Region meeting!).

May you all experience the joyful awe of your vocation as we celebrate the feast of our Holy Father, St. Dominic.

God’s blessings!

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## From the Provincial Promoter’s Desk

Fr. Bede Shipps, O.P.

As Dominicans, we have great cause to celebrate as we give thanks to God for Saint Dominic’s holy life, example, and prayer for us. During the investigation before he was canonized, those who lived with him spoke again and again of his nights of intense prayer for sinners and for the expanding Order. They cherished the memory of his compassion for the starving of Palencia, for whom he not only sold his books but also organized the relief effort to which others were drawn by his generosity. They recalled his joy as he sang to Our Lady and invoked the Holy Spirit while on the road. They still remembered how he was moved to tears while offering Mass or preaching the Word, and they described his intrepid desire to proclaim Jesus Christ to those who had never heard the Gospel or were lost in the dark confusion of heresy. The utter authenticity of his life and the unflagging generosity of his spirit drew many of those around him to take up the apostolic life as contemplative preachers in community. Eight centuries on, our Holy Father Dominic has touched our hearts and kindled them with a desire to ponder, live, and speak the truth that sets people truly free, free for a genuine love of God and neighbor.

As we remember Dominic, preacher of grace, let us continue to pray for one another and for the whole Dominican Family, that together we may be a community rooted in the Word of Life and devoted to Christ our Savior and his people.

# Te Deum

**Immaculate Heart Chapter in Buffalo, N.Y.**, is proud to announce the acceptance of the Final Promises of Miss Carol DiNieri, O.P. (*Catherine Rose Kateri*), at Mass, on Sunday, June 22, 2014.



**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapter, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.**, is happy to announce the reception of three new members to the order: Ms. Patricia Reed, O.P., Mrs. Lisa Lynch, O.P., and Mr. Michael Planko, O.P. We had a beautiful ceremony for the Rite for Reception of



Left to right: Chapter president, Mrs. Susie O. Towne, O.P., Mrs. Pat Reed, Mrs. Lisa Lynch and Mr. Mike Planko.

Candidates at St. Clement's Church in Saratoga Springs, on June 21, 2014. Mrs. Susie O. Towne, O.P., chapter president, was the lay leader for the reception and Rev. James Ebert joined us for this special occasion.



On Sunday, July 6, 2014, **Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapter, Louisville, KY**, celebrated the Rite of Professions held within Mass with Mr. Brandon Field making his Final Promise and Mr. Gary Van Horn making his Temporary

Promise; the Rite for the Reception of Candidates was performed after Mass and the following Candidates were received: Mr. Ryan Matthew Gabbard, Mrs. Flora Wilsker, Mr. Kenneth Wilsker, Mrs. Paula Kuhl and Mr. Robert Daughenbaugh. The religious assistant is Rev. Edward Gorman, O. P. who officiated at the ceremonies along with Ms. Cecilia Hansell, O.P., chapter president.



Left to Right: Fr. Edward Gorman, O.P., presider Cecilia Hansell, O.P., Mr. Robert Daughenbaugh, Mr. Ryan M. Gabbard, Mrs. Flora Wilsker, Mr. Kenneth Wilsker, and Mrs. Paula Kuhl.



*St. Dominic and the World*

# De Profundis

One of the nice traditions in the Dominican Family is our regular prayers for our dead. Please have a Mass celebrated for all the deceased members of the Dominican Laity in the Province of St. Joseph, U.S.A., and in particular for our sister below. I also ask everyone to pray one Rosary for all our deceased members:

**Name:** Ms. Marie McGlenn, O.P.  
**Religious Name:** *Cecilia*  
**Chapter:** Mary, Queen of Apostles #302  
**Location:** Elmira, N.Y.  
**Final Promise:** June 4, 1981  
**Date of Death:** May 4, 2014

**Name:** Miss Margaret Considine, O.P.\*  
**Religious Name:** *Constance*  
**Chapter:** Immaculate Heart #304  
**Location:** Buffalo, N.Y.  
**Final Promise:** June 29, 1958  
**Date of Death:** June 15, 2014

\* Miss Margaret Considine was 102 years of age. She was life professed on June 29, 1958 and would have been professed 56 years. She served as Chapter Prioress (President) of the Immaculate Heart Chapter from 1987 to 1990.

**Name:** Mrs. Rosemary Landry, O.P.  
**Religious Name:** *Christopher*  
**Chapter:** Resurrection #109  
**Location:** Casco, ME  
**Final Promise:** October 17, 2001  
**Date of Death:** June 18, 2014

**Name:** Mr. James C. Kaelin, O.P.  
**Religious Name:** *Dominic*  
**Chapter:** Bl Pier Giorgio Frassati #608  
**Location:** Independence, KY  
**Final Promise:** May 16, 1952  
**Date of Death:** June 27, 2014

Please remember our sister, Mary Ann, who died in Christ with the hope of rising with Him.

Send the names and dates of members who have died to your Regional Editor, so that they can be included in our continued prayers for the dead.



*Sorrowful Mother,  
 pray for us.  
 St. Joseph, pray for us.  
 Holy Father Dominic,  
 pray for us.*



## Preaching on the International Bridge

By Alexandria Faiz

*“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”* John 4:14

Summer makes us yearn for water. Brother Luke Hoyt, O.P., in his blog reminds us that “this instinct isn’t as simple as a mere desire to cool off on a hot day. There’s something even more fundamental taking place.” He links our desire to seek God with the urge to completely immerse ourselves into the Caribbean Sea. Our desire to run into the ocean mimics Our Lord’s own yearning to not only sit on the shore and observe our daily actions, but to plunge into the very depths of our lives. Every gift we enjoy here reflects God’s devotion to us. Water is one of the purest, perfect manifestations of that love. As Dominicans, we’re called to help provide it whenever, wherever it’s needed. Earlier this year, Sister Dollie Wilkinson, O.P., reported firsthand about the water crisis in West Virginia. “The impact of this water ban has made me realize how something we all take for granted, meaning clean, safe drinking water, is actually a luxury... The store shelves [were] cleared of their current stock of bottled water, and hospitals emergency rooms [began] filling up with patients who appear to be suffering the effects from accidentally drinking the toxic water... the lasting effects of the water crisis will be felt for a very long time.” More recently, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Right to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation reported that “the City of Detroit is facing a major water crisis ... The case of water cut-offs speaks to the deep racial divides and intractable economic and social inequality in access to services within the United States... These residents have seen water rates rise by 119 percent within the last decade... Detroit water bills are unaffordable to a significant portion of the population.” Though the stream of media coverage pulls many away from this urgent, surprisingly nearby need, these reports – one from a Dominican sister, the other from an interna-

tional body – are God’s ripples to remind us that providing H<sub>2</sub>O helps others find that everlasting ocean.

Some prominent domestic and international projects dedicated to water issues:

\* Detroit Water Brigade -- [detroitwaterbrigade.org/donate/](http://detroitwaterbrigade.org/donate/)

\* UNICEF Tap Project -- [tap.unicefusa.org](http://tap.unicefusa.org)

\* UN Water -- [un-water.org](http://un-water.org)

\* Charity Water -- [charity-water.org](http://charity-water.org)

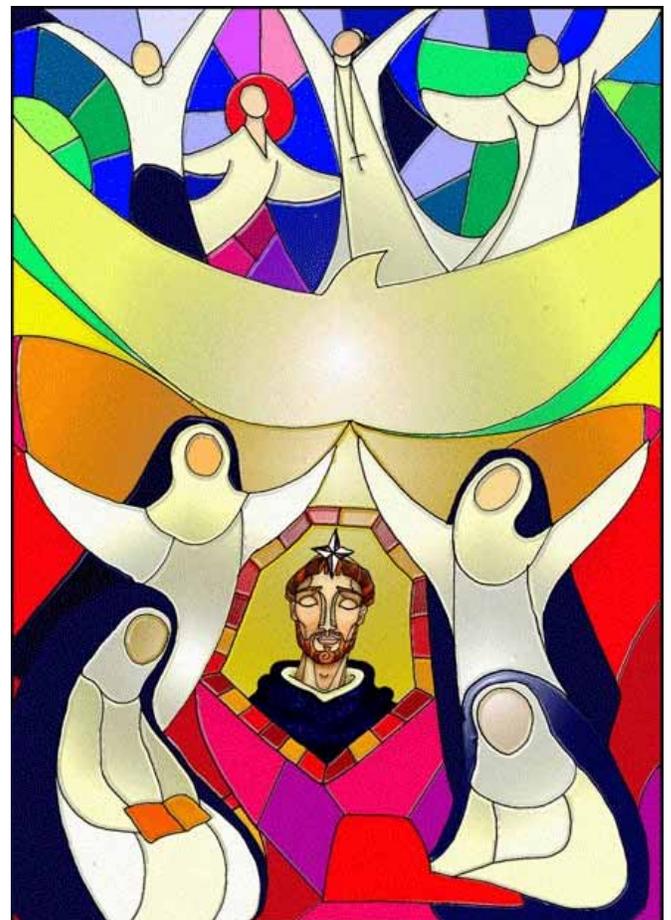


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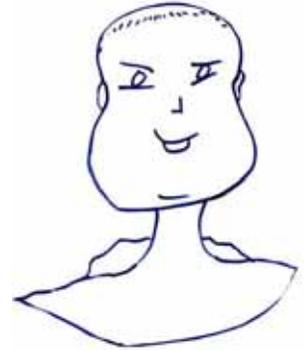
## Brother Tonto's Pop Quiz

1. Why is St. Dominic the patron saint of astronomy?
  - a. His study of astronomy at university
  - b. Because of the star that appeared on his brow during christening
  - c. His emphasis on study
  - d. His friendship with scientists, particularly astronomers



2. What was St. Dominic said to have never owned by those in the order?
  - a. The Bible
  - b. Shoes
  - c. A Crucifix
  - d. A bed
3. St. Dominic and the miracle of Fanjeaux was
  - a. When he brought a young boy back to life
  - b. When his manuscript jumped out of the fire
  - c. When he levitated
  - d. When he fed the brothers when no food was available
4. Which book(s) of the Bible did St. Dominic carry with him on his travels
  - a. The Acts of the Apostles
  - b. St. Matthew
  - c. St. John
  - d. The Epistles of Paul
  - e. Revelation
5. What title/position was St. Dominic given that a Dominican has held ever since to this day?
  - a. Lector of the Sacred Palace

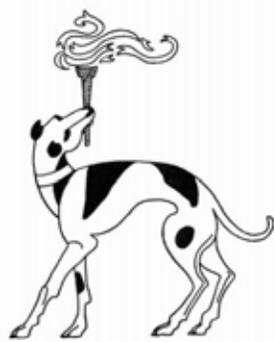
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Day  
from Brother Tonto



- b. The Pope's Grand Sacristan
  - c. Master of the Sacred Palace
  - d. Dean of the Roman Rota
6. What happened at the Translation of St. Dominic?
  - a. A supernatural perfume filled the air
  - b. His body was found to be incorrupt
  - c. His casket levitated
  - d. A light engulfed the casket blinding all onlookers
7. At Osma, St. Dominic became a canon of the cathedral. Here he lived under the rule of
  - a. St. Basil
  - b. St. Benedict
  - c. St. Augustine
  - d. St. Francis
8. How many followers did St. Dominic have at the start of the Order?
  - a. Two
  - b. Three
  - c. Six
  - d. Ten
9. All of these are nicknames for the Order of Preachers except:
  - a. Black Friars



- b. Domini canes--"Hounds of the Lord"
  - c. Dominicans
  - d. Jacobins
  - e. All of the above are correct
10. St. Dominic established the first Dominican convent at
- a. Prouille
  - b. Osma
  - c. Fanjeaux
  - d. Toulouse



**Quiz – composed by  
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Answers to quiz on page 10



## DUES NOTICE

**MEMBERS:** Your FY 2014-2015 Provincial dues were due July 1st, 2014. Dues are \$60 per member and are to be collected by the chapter treasurer (or designated member). The treasurer then sends the total dues collected from the chapter members in a check, along with a list of paid members' names. The checks should be payable to the "LFSD" and sent to:

**LFSD  
PO Box 142  
Depew, NY 14043-0142**

## Contemplare Corner

*Monthly Musings for Spiritual Edification*

By Mr. Harold Koenig, O.P.  
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### Ornery Time

**"Teach us to number our days, ..." Ps. 90:12**

"I HATE Ordinary Time," she said. "There's nothing going on, no PLOT. And, besides, I HATE green. There! I've said it."

We laughed over our coffee. I laughed ... and winced. You see, I have a dreadful secret: I like Ordinary Time. No, honestly, I do. I even like green.

I sometimes think it might be more fun if, instead of counting UP, we counted DOWN to the Sunday of Christ the King. Here's why. If you think of the Church Year as a circle or wheel, you must see that it is rolling along the straight line of time. The Preaching of John Baptist, the Nativity, all the events that lead to the Triduum and the wild joy of Eastertide, they are about the past. And the Parousia and Manifest Kingship of Christ are in the future.

So it is at some point in these numbered, ordered (hence "Ordinary") Sundays, that the wheel of the Church's time touches us, right here and now! We easily say God is everywhere and throughout all time. It brings us up short to think that must mean He is here and now, exactly where we are.

This is "ordinary?" How so? Isn't it rather the case that "since God became a man," the common is made special, the profane bears at least the possibility of sanctity, and the ordinary itself gleams with extraordinary rays?

Victory is His. His Kingdom comes. That is what "ordinary" now means.

## AROUND THE PROVINCE...

*news you can use*

### REGION 1

It is time to schedule the chapter visitations so the regional president would appreciate it very much if each chapter president could kindly look at your meetings schedule and let her know when it is best for the visit. She would like to have the visits completed by the end of September. Please help make that happen by scheduling very soon.

### REGION 2

#### Regional Meeting

Regional meeting. Saturday, November 8, 2014, for elections. Note the date change.

### REGION 4

On July 12th, 2014, a Student Brother Lecture was presented by Bro. Joachim Kenney, O.P., at St. David's parish hall in Willow Grove, PA. It was sponsored by the Dominican Laity of Our Lady of Prouille Chapter, #407. The Chapter members who attended are pictured with Brother Kenney below. Members of other Chapters were in attendance also but are not pictured. Also in attendance were non-Dominican laity.

The Lecture was on "The Call to Holiness" and was presented by Bro. Joachim in a knowledgeable and very inspiring format. All in attendance had many questions and comments. It was a great day of blessings and graces and rewards in spirituality and insight and knowledge of our Faith and the Word of God. The Holy Spirit was, without a doubt, present within and among us. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to have welcomed Bro. Kenney into our company.

*Ms. Frances Opperman, O.P.  
Chapter President*

### REGION 5

The Region 5 Retreat to be held on September 12-14, 2014 at the Washington Retreat House is all filled up. However, Ann Devine will take deposit checks and applications to put on a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Contact Ann at [anndeliasd@gmail.com](mailto:anndeliasd@gmail.com)

Happy Retreating with the Lord & St. Dominic.





## Links of Interest

Daily Reflections from US Bishops:  
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/>

Link to a site for every Dominican Monastery,  
Convent and region of the Sisters, Brothers,  
and Nuns around the WORLD!  
[http://www.dominicans.ca/Links/regions/north\\_america.htm](http://www.dominicans.ca/Links/regions/north_america.htm)

Latest news from the Order of Preachers:  
<http://www.op.org/en/content/dominican-presence-social-media>

Father John Vidmar, O.P. Blog:  
<https://friarjohnv.wordpress.com/>

Adult Faith Formation:  
[www.bc.edu/encore](http://www.bc.edu/encore)

### OP MOMENT Jubilee Prayer

God, Father of mercy,  
who called your servant Dominic  
de Guzman to set out in faith  
as an itinerant pilgrim and a  
preacher of grace,  
as we prepare to celebrate  
the Jubilee of the Order  
we ask you to pour again into us  
the Spirit of the Risen Christ,  
that we might faithfully and joyfully  
proclaim the Gospel of peace,  
through the same  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Answers to Pop  
Quiz  
1. b  
2. d  
3. b  
4. b & d  
5. c  
6. a  
7. c  
8. c  
9. e  
10. a



## **EXTRA, EXTRA, Read All About IT!!!!**

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