"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus (Luke 1:30-31)"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this Christmas message to you, I was astonished to discover belatedly that here in Rome, there is an inspiring art installation entitled “Ai nati oggi” (To all the children born today) by Alberto Garutti, which is on display from July 2, 2019 till January 6, 2020, with this caption:

The streetlights of Piazza del Popolo are connected to the maternity ward of Policlinico Agostino Gemelli. Every time the light blinks, it means a child is born. The work is dedicated to that child and all the children born today in this city.

The word for giving birth in Italian is dare alla luce, and in Spanish, dar a luz, which literally means, “to give to the light”. In my Filipino language, the word is isilang, which refers to the “East” (silangan) and shares in the idea of being given to the light, and is close to the English “to orient”. Thus, to be born means to be given to the light, to leave the secure darkness of the mother’s womb and then to gradually open one’s eyes to a bright and bigger world.

When the Blessed Mother gave birth to Jesus, she did not only bring her Son to the light (i.e., dare alla luce, dar a luz), she brought the Light into our world! The Gospel of John proclaims Jesus to be the Light of the human race, the Light that shines in the darkness... a Light that darkness cannot overcome (John 1:4-5). Surely, Christmas is the season when longer nights gradually give way to longer days (at least in the northern hemisphere). But darkness is part of Christmas. The incomplete joy we feel on Christmas does not tell us that the spirit of Christmas is not with us. Rather, it makes us realize that Christmas comes to a world yearning for a Messiah that can heal its woundedness.

At times, we tend to “sanitize” the disturbing details of the Christmas story. The nativity scene in our churches and convents appears to be a tender and warm picture of a loving and peaceful family. But as we pause and ponder, we realize that it must have been extremely painful for Joseph to be homeless in his hometown, for he could not find a single relative who could give them a room for the night, thus they had to look for a room in an inn. Probably, Joseph’s kinsmen shunned him for having a young wife who got pregnant even before they were married. It must have been terribly difficult for Mary to deliver a child in a smelly stable and then have a manger for his bed. It must have been terrifying to know that a king who feels so insecure threatens their newborn son and has ordered the killing of many innocent male children. The Gospel on Christmas day speaks about the world rejecting the One they needed the most: He came to his own yet his own people did not receive him (John 1:11). There is a “dark side” to Christmas. No matter how big or little they are, the sadness and emptiness we feel even during Christmas day is part of that dark side that we have to acknowledge in order to let Jesus, our LIGHT, shine through that darkness.

In the Apostolic Letter Admirabile Signum, Pope Francis explains how ruins of ancient buildings became part of the nativity scene: “These ruins appear to be inspired by the thirteenth-century Golden Legend of the Dominican Jacobus de Voragine, which relates a pagan belief that the Temple of Peace in Rome would collapse when a
Virgin gave birth. More than anything, the ruins are the visible sign of fallen humanity, of everything that inevitably falls into ruin, decays and disappoints. This scenic setting tells us that Jesus is newness in the midst of an aging world, that he has come to heal and rebuild, to restore the world and our lives to their original splendor” (AS, no.4, my emphasis).

Christmas is not just a celebration but a mission. There is a marvelous story of a man who once stood before God, his heart breaking from the pain and injustice in the world. “Dear God,” he cried out, “look at all the suffering, the anguish and distress in your world. Why don’t you send help?” God responded: “I did send help, I sent you.” But even before God sends us, He has sent his own Son. God sends the best help. And Jesus invites us to share his work and mission. The sending of the Son by the Father on the first Christmas continues: “as the Father has sent me, so I send you”.

May the light of Christ shine through us, to dispel the darkness around us, within us.
A Blessed Christmas to you and all you hold dear!

Your brother,

*br. Gerard Francisco Timoner III, OP*
*Master of the Order*

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**Audience of the Master of the Order with the Holy Father Francis**

Holy See, December 7th, 2019

Fr. Gérard Francisco Timoner III, Master of the Order of Friars Preachers (Dominican), expressed his gratitude and greetings on behalf of the Order of Preachers with these words:

Holy Father,

At the beginning of my service as Master of the Order of Preachers, I come to ask for your blessing. I renew Domingo de Guzman’s promise to be faithful to Peter, pastor of the Church. My capitular brothers have decided to elect a brother from the distant Philippines. Perhaps they were inspired by your example of choosing people in the peripheries! At the General Chapter, I said to the brothers: The mission of the Order is to help build the communion of the Church, the Body of Christ, as St. Francis and St. Dominic did when the Church desperately needed a “new” evangelization in the 13th century.

On behalf of the Order, I wish to renew to you the invitation to celebrate the Eucharist in Bologna on May 24th, 2021, on the occasion of the eighth centenary of the dies natalis of our founder Saint Dominic.

I would like to thank you for your fatherly interest in the Order, in particular for the kind support you gave to my predecessor, brother Bruno Cadoré. I hope to receive the
same paternal support. I also thank you for approving the canonization of our brother, Saint Bartholomew of the Martyrs, author of Stimulus Pastorum, who, with Saint Charles Borromeo, supported the reform of the Church, beginning with the bishops.

I would like to thank you personally for appointing me to the International Theological Commission. Ten of us worked on the document on synodality in the life and mission of the Church that you approved for publication. It was a learning experience for me, and by working together, we became synodoi, travelling companions.

Then the Master offered the Holy Father the book on Saint Dominic, another book and a letter from the sisters as well as the booklet "Hospitalidad en Familia Dominicana", then a conversation was born spontaneously between them;

Photographers immortalized these moments of the Master of the Order’s first greeting to the Holy Father.

Fr. Tomás de Aquino Nguyen Truong Tam, O.P. has been elected Prior Provincial of the Queen of Martyrs Province in Vietnam.

December 12, 2019

The capitulars friars of the Provincial Chapter of the Queen of Martyrs Province of Vietnam have elected fr. Tomás de Aquino Nguyen Truong Tam, O.P. as their Prior Provincial. The Master of the Order fr. Gerard Francisco TIMONER III, O.P. has confirmed the election. Fr. Tomás has accepted the election and made his Profession of Faith.

Fr. Tomás was born on February 5th, 1974. He made his religious profession as a Dominican on August 15th, 1995 and was ordained a priest on October 28th, 2003. After his philosophical and theological formation, fr. Tomás took a licentiate in Canon Law at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, commonly known as Angelicum, and is the Dominican University in Rome.

We entrust to your prayers the service of our brother’s Church.
The College of Penitentiaries and the Convent of Santa Maria Maggiore (Rome)

The Apostolic College of Liberian Penitentiaries of Santa Maria Maggiore (Rome), an entity of the Holy See established by Saint Pius V with the Bull Pro nostri muneris officio, dated 1 September 1568 and entrusted to our Order, is composed of 12 ordinary penitentiaries, Dominican friars, presented by the Master of the Order and appointed by the major penitentiary according to the provisions of 8 December 1956. Previously, the College was composed of 6 penitentiaries and 2 cooperator brothers, assigned to the Roman Province. On February 7, 1972, the Master of the Order erected the Community of Santa Maria Maggiore in the Convent. The Penitentiary brothers, with regard to the jurisdiction of the Office, are subject to the Major Penitentiary and with regard to regular discipline to the Master of the Order.

WHO ARE WE?

At present, the brothers whom I name below by order of profession are members of the Apostolic College of Liberian Penitentiaries: fr. Pedro Fernández, of the Province of Hispania, fr. Elio Monteleone, of the Province of Southern Italy, fr. Edmondo Jasiulek, from the Province of Poland, fr. Miguel Itza, from the Province of Hispania; fr. Hernán Jiménez, from the Province of Peru;
fr. Wojciech Morawski, from the Province of Poland; fr. Vivian Rebello, from the Province of India; fr. Ludovico Melo, from the Province of Slovakia; and fr. Jordan Turano, from the Province of St. Joseph USA.

The international character of the community is due to the diversity of languages necessary for the service of the confessional, taking into account the fact that knowledge of Italian is mandatory. It is an honour for us to be able to continue in the Church this very precious mission of administering the sacrament of mercy in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, which has ennobled the Order so well in its history. We know that the fruits of preaching are gathered in the Sacrament of Penance, which prepares us for the daily celebration of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Our mission, the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, as minor penitentiaries, takes place 365 days a year, with a personal schedule, morning and afternoon, which includes 24 hours a week of service in the confessional; the Basilica of St. Maria Maggiore is the most frequented for confessions, especially in the privileged moments of the liturgical year, especially by priests, religious men and women, thanks also to its central position in the city. We know that the frequency of confession depends largely on the presence of confessors in confessionals, and this service to the faithful has always been provided in the Papal Basilicas of Rome.

We are present in the confessional from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with a three hours break at noon. The community is financially supported by the modest monthly allowance received by the College of the Holy See, as well as by the rental of two premises belonging to the convent on the ground floor of the building in front of the Basilica.

WHO SHOULD WE THANK?

We thank the Apostolic Penitentiary for entrusting us with this delicate mission of the sacramental ministry of confession, which requires us to be particularly faithful to this trust that has been granted to us.

We thank the Order for entrusting us with this form of religious life, founded on zeal for the salvation of souls, the supreme law of the Church and the fundamental characteristic of the Dominican friars.

We thank God for allowing us to devote these years to welcoming, listening, advising, accompanying and above all absolving, as spiritual fathers and prison confessors, the penitents who come to us, limited ministers and sinners, in search of forgiveness and mercy.

We recognize that our mission requires adequate doctrinal formation and deep spirituality, and...
we trust in the power of divine grace, for we are unworthy servants.

The Virgin Mary, advocate of the Roman people, accompanies us motherly in our service to God in communion with the Holy Church, as children of Saint Dominic of Guzman.


Federation “Mother of God”

The female contemplative life is on the way to a profound renewal after Pope Francis’ Apostolic Constitution "Vultum Dei Quaerere" (2017) and his corresponding Instruction "Cor Orans" (2018). We, Dominican nuns, are also committed to this path of revising our structures and deepening our charism for a greater communion and authenticity of life.

At the request of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the Fraternal Union "Madre de Dios" within the Federation of Saint Dominic Hispania (1981-2018), becomes a new Federation incorporated in the Province of Hispania.

From 1 to 14 September 2018, we had the 1st Federal Assembly with a vote on the statutes and the election of the various services of the federal government. On November 8, Bishop Carballo signed the Canonical Erection of the Federation, with the approval of the Statutes and the appointment of the first Federal Assistant who is Father Rufino Callejo de Paz, OP.

The "Mother of God" Federation is currently composed of 10 monasteries located in mission lands on four continents, in places where Dominican contemplative life did not exist, "to witness to the majesty and charity of God" (AG 40), and they are located in the following countries: Olmedo (Valladolid) Spain; Manatí (Puerto Rico); Benguela (Angola); Curacao (Netherlands Antilles); Wanchín (Taiwan); Añatuya (Argentina); Santorini (Greece); Perón (Korea); Bamendjou (Cameroon); Kuito-Bié (Angola).

It is configured "not by geographical criteria, but by affinities of spirit and tradition" VDaq. 9,2. Its purpose is to foster communion and fraternal collaboration, promoting contemplative life according to the requirements of the charism of the nuns of the Order of Preachers.

Our Federation is recent and this new experience requires us to have a greater trusting responsibility, an active dedication in communion and creative fidelity according to the new orientations of the Church.

We rejoice at the birth of new Federations of nuns in the Order and, at this time, we wish and ask the Mother of Mercy and Our Father Saint Dominic to help us to be faithful to our charism in order to support in prayer and penance the evangelization carried out by our brother preachers and the various members of the Dominican family throughout the world.

Sister Mª Milagros Rodríguez, O.P.
Federal Secretary
Joyful meeting with fr. Gerard at Santa Sabina

November 22, 2019

During the months of October and November, the President of the Federation "Madre de Dios" (Hispania), Sister Mª de la Iglesia Aristegui, O.P. Mª Alegría Castillo, Federal Treasurer, and I made the canonical visit to the communities of Wanchín (Taiwan) and Tierra Santa-Wonju (Korea). On the way back, with a Korean sister, we had to make a stop in Rome. On Friday, November 22, in Santa Sabina, we had an important meeting with the Father Master of the Order to get to know him and discuss federal affairs together.

We arrived at the convent just before lunch, to which we were invited. Upon our arrival, we were kindly welcomed by Marie-Hélène, a lay employee who works there. She took us to the "The room of our Father Dominic". For Sister Maria Jesus and I this was our first visit to Santa Sabina, so we were deeply moved to walk through these holy places. We spent a few minutes praying for our Order and each of its members.

Then we went to the famous little window from where our brothers saw our Father praying. It was not difficult for us to look into the eyes of our brothers who, with a healthy curiosity, contemplated Dominic’s prayer. Within us we heard the moans that, filled with compassion, repeated: "Lord, what will become of the poor sinners? a cry that must always come from the sons and daughters of the Saint of Caleruega.

fr. Caesar Valero, Promoter of the nuns, welcomed us with fraternal affection and invited us to come to the Basilica where he explained each place to us. We were impressed to know the tomb where our Father prostrated himself in prayer. There, the soul begged like Elisha to Elijah: "Father, give us a part of your spirit". These stones have been silent witnesses to the 800 years of history of our Order... everything here breathes holiness.

Finally, it was time to go to the refectory, before we could meet our new Master of the Order, our joy was immense! We were delighted with its simplicity. He is very kind, friendly and cheerful. His smile inspires confidence.

In the refectory, we were introduced to the guests. Brother Juan Luis, Vicar of the Master of the Monastery of Santorini, Greece. We were not able to meet many brothers because they were gathered in Plenary at that time, but we felt at home. During lunch, the Korean sister asked the Master if he found the weight of his new mission heavy, to which he simply replied: "No, because I have brothers who help me and I don't carry it alone". After lunch, we went to the Master's office with Fr. César to discuss the themes that had motivated the meeting. In the long corridor leading to the Master's office are the portraits of the 87 successors of Our Father Saint Dominic, like "a cloud of witnesses who push us to run towards the goal". In the conversation with the Master, he shared with us his joy during his meeting in Mexico with the CIM last October for the help provided by our nuns of the Federation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He spoke to us about affective and effective communion and the pastoral care of vocations towards the outside and towards the inside. It is commendable to want new vocations to be born in our homes, but we must first take care of the pastoral care of vocations in our communities. His words were very wise.

We ended our stay in Santa Sabina with the Eucharist celebrated by the Secretary General, Fr. Jean-Ariel Bauza Salinas, O.P., in our Father’s room. We couldn’t have asked for more.

It was truly an encounter with the 88th successor of Saint Dominic, full of light and communion. May the Virgin Protector of the Order continue to increase her joy so
that she may transmit to the whole Dominican Family “admirable hope”.

Sister Mª Alegría Castillo, O.P.

**Synod: Ways of Conversion**

“That which we have seen and heard, we proclaim so you would also be in communion with us and with God…”

(1Jn 1,3a)

As persons, we live different types of experiences everyday; some of us more prompt in sharing these as having been positive or negative; but, we do not always process these emotionally.

Doing it, according to experts, arouses a series of questions that challenge us and give us the possibility that becomes a fountain of learning.

This was the experience of the community of John the Evangelist in sharing the life of Jesus, the Lord; they were able to give testimony to their Faith strengthening the communion and fellowship among them.

The Synod has been an unthinkable experience for me, which I continue processing and pondering its diverse aspects. Sharing it in this way is a possibility of continuing the deepening of its sense just like for all believers, it needs to be permanently nourished.

And as the Lord always has His ways, He has shown us the “new ways” to journey in the Church in the Amazon, narrating with Pope Francis and many of our Pastors, that in His missionary service, comes the necessity of implementing change in favor of the Common Good. The different intervention from the working document and from the concrete experience, gave birth to final document delivered to the Holy Father and we look forward to the post synodal exhortation.

The final document picks up 40 times the word CONVERSION and almost 60 times the word SINODALIDAD. What message are we receiving? The five chapters have been referred to integral pastoral, cultural, ecological, and synodal conversion.

We have to be consistent and faithful to the sharings at the Synod, and which have been partially embedded in the final document; and for which they voted, is also the requirement of fidelity and creative audacity which should be lived upon invitation of Pope Francis. The desire to “walk together” responds to the condition of the men and women disciples of the Lord, and is translated into the service which we continue doing, beyond the official recognition of new ministries.

I would also like to highlight the experience of communion of our indigenous brothers and sisters with Pope Francis.

They have felt welcomed, heard and respected, and they have made it public to a personal and institutional level from their organizations. For them, the Church is an ally
in the defense of their territories, of their ancestral wisdom, and their spirituality.

From this perspective, the Synod has been an experience of new relations and communion in the Spirit, in which we have shared with the Church hierarchy, with our indigenous brothers and sisters, with other pastoral and religious workers, the socio-environmental crisis which we are going through in the Amazon basin. Looking at possible solutions that cushion the effects which leave deep wounds in the original towns and in the same “common house,” the plan of God, a life of abundance for our towns in the Amazon, is seriously affected and is losing the harmony of all that is interconnected.

Nevertheless, it also shows that being the dream of God, the communion among human beings, this experience in the life of the Church also has obstacles which have remained manifested in the Synod. It is basically the ecclesial structure that does not facilitate the participation and communion among equals. When we arrived at the Synod hall, the seating location and distribution of the participants revealed the way of being inside the Church.

Moving forward from the perspective of being a Church with Amazonic face, implementing new ministries for the indigenous leaders and women so they could have the power to decide; this requires changes since it is not enough to say that their service and presence are valued.

There are ways to go in continuing the building of the Kingdom of God in the Amazon. The blood spilled by the martyrs will continue to claim justice; the testimony of some will inspire others; they will fortify the experiences “in communion”; the hope of being able to stop climate change will be fed...for this we need to sharpen our senses and exhort together to our Brother Bruno Cadore: “Listen with God the beats of the world,” specially in the Amazon.

Sr. Zully Rojas Quispe
Dominican Missionary of the Rosary
Auditor, Synod for the

(Translation: Dra. Belén L. Tangco.)
The International Conference on Climate Change (COP25) in Madrid came to an end on the 15th of December. Despite some progress, this important event ended with a general feeling of unfinished business and disappointment. Throughout the 2 weeks, the Dominicans were present in the various parallel events, negotiations and interfaith meetings in order to inform at best the Dominican Family of the decisions taken at the highest levels.

The Dominican delegation
The last-minute change of venue – from Santiago de Chile to Madrid – impacted greatly the ability of civil society and indigenous organizations from Latin America to have a voice at the COP. Despite this unfortunate change, the Dominicans managed to have a delegation of 8 people at the COP in Madrid, composed of Ms. Laurence Blattmer, Fr. Xabier Gómez OP, Sr. Cecilia Espenilla, Sr. Marcela Zambrano, Ms. Mar Díaz, Ms. Alexia Gordillo Manzano, Ms. María Jesús Fernández Llamera and Mr. Jose Carlos Alcazar Gonzalez.

Coming from various Dominican organizations, namely Dominicanos for Justice and Peace, DSI Dominican Sisters international, Acción Verapaz, Samba Martine-Observatorio de Derechos Humanos and Selvas Amazonicas, the delegation brought rich and diverse experiences and perspectives in the discussions on climate change.

“The world is looking at us and expects greater concrete solutions from us. That is why we are not satisfied. The new generations expect more from us. We have an obligation to live up to the circumstances.” – Carolina Schmidt, Chilean Environment Minister and Conference President, in her closing speech at the COP25

Objectives of the Dominican’s participation
The Dominicans are directly related to vulnerable populations around the world. They are more aware than ever of the immense threat climate change is
imposing on people's lives and on the effective enjoyment of their rights, especially on groups in situation of vulnerability. Climate change already endangers millions of people and their livelihoods and hinders the realization of their rights to life, health, food, water, culture, housing, adequate life, a healthy environment and others.

- Jointly with several faith-based organizations, the Dominican Family contributed through advocacy, mobilization and capacity building to address the enormous challenges posed by climate change.
- They seized this moment to send a clear signal to governments to increase their ambition when updating or designing their climate policies, including the highest consideration of human rights at all levels.

**Main objective of the States at COP25**

One of the main objectives of this COP was to finalize the adoption of guidelines for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement, which is taking over from the Kyoto Protocol in governing emissions from member countries from 2020 onwards.

**Important agenda items of this COP**

Some of the key agenda items of this COP were:

- The adoption of rules developing Article 6 on mechanisms of cooperation (including carbon market mechanisms)
- The revision of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage, a 2013 International Framework, which was designed for developed countries to provide funding, technology and capacity-building to developing countries in order to help victims of climate change to recover from extreme weather events or climate disasters. The main issue at stake was how this mechanism should be governed and financed.
- The raising of States' ambitions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The establishment of a clear direction to boost these ambitions, closing the gap between current promises and what science requires, was one of the main objectives of this COP.
- The adoption of an updated Gender Action Plan and Program of Action.

**Key events with co-organization or involvement of Dominicans**

- **Interfaith Dialogue** - Together with 9 other faith-based organizations, Dominicans for Justice and Peace organized on Sunday, 1st of December, an Interfaith Dialogue on Hope and Action to exchange perspectives, create community and offer a time for prayer and reflection prior to the COP25. Nearly 90 people, including members of the Dominican Family, participated and enriched the exchanges. Recognizing the importance of interconnectedness, community, participation, mobilization and collaboration, the participants called for unity, action and transformation of all sectors from education to the economy.

- **Climate March** - Thousands of people hit the streets of Madrid on the 6th of December to demand from world leaders gathered at the COP25 to take urgent climate actions. No less than a dozen Dominicans came to the March, joining their voices to the thousands of protestors.
• **Training on human rights and climate change** - On the Human Rights Day, *Dominicans for Justice and Peace*, together with 10 faith-based organizations, organized a training to address human rights and climate change issues. Rising global temperatures threaten the effective enjoyment of a range of human rights. The negative impacts of climate change are disproportionately borne by persons and communities already in disadvantageous situations. States and other duty-bearers (including enterprises) have, not only moral, but also legal responsibilities to take effective actions to prevent and repair the harmful human rights impacts of climate change. The objective of the training was to provide civil society with reflections on this crucial topic, to share good advocacy practices in this field, to provide tools to address this critical issue at different levels and to discuss ways to mobilize faith-based communities. The great participation and the fruitful exchanges throughout the day made this event a great success.

• **Prayer on the care for our common home** - In the evening of the 10th of December, the Dominicans organized a prayer for the care of the common home as well as in solidarity with India, in the context of the Dominican Month for Peace. Around 25 Dominicans gathered and shared this moment of compassion for the people and the Earth.
Results of COP25

Overall, the COP25 has been characterized by slow negotiations and squabbling over technical details. Brazil, Australia, the US, China and other major emitters hold up progress. After two extra days and nights of negotiations, the COP25 ended last Sunday with divisions over key questions, such as the carbon markets of Article 6, which were delayed until the next gathering in 2020. As the current proposals of Article 6 were undermining the States’ commitments to respect human rights, a majority of civil society organizations believes it is finally safer to postpone any decisions on this article.

But most disappointing is that large emitters failed to clarify how they will scale up their ambition to reduce gas emissions and did not recognize the importance of civil society’s participation in the development of climate policies. States also failed to provide a robust global response to loss and damage. On a more positive stance, negotiators have set the path for the promotion of gender equality and the participation of indigenous peoples in the design of climate actions.

We cannot give up

As governments are failing to respond in an adequate manner to the global crisis, people are rising up more and more. COP25 has not delivered adequately, but we will all return stronger in 2020 and put greater pressure on our governments.

“The science is clear, but the science is being ignored. Whatever happens we will never give up. We have only just begun.” – Greta Thunberg in a Tweet, Dec 14, 2019

Laurence Blattmer

Program Coordinator – Dominicans for Justice and Peace
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matris, socius laicae

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MEMORIA
S. Raymundi de Penafor
depositor

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S. Francisci Fernandez de Capillas
et sociorum, martyrum in Situ

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MEMORIA
S. Margaritæ de Hungaria
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S. Thomæ de Aquino
presbyteri et ecclæsiæ doctus
Merry Christmas from Vietnam.

We got on the memory motorcycle and watched.

The photos are sent by Sister Duyen Anh de las Dominicans of Santa Rosa de Lima