



Let us not go back to the "normality" sick with with injustice, inequality and environmental degradation.

The normality to which we are called is that of the Kingdom of God, where there is bread for all and the social organisation is based on contributing, sharing and distributing"

Pope Francis

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1. *The lay fraternities of Saint Dominic*

They are present in five regions: Africa (ACLDF), Latin America and the Caribbean (COFALC), Asia-Pacific (APCLDF), Europe (ECLDF), the United States and Canada (DLIPC); represented in the International Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities (ICLDF).

According to statistical information as of June 2020, there are 2,180 fraternities with 127,538 members in 75 countries.

LAY FRATERNITIES			
REGION	COUNTRY	FRATERNITIES	MEMBERS
ASIA-PACIFIC - APCLD	12	1,489	117,697
EUROPE - ECLDF	25	359	4,954
USA - CANADA - DLIPC	2	156	2,439
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - COFALC	23	147	1,898
AFRICA - ACFLD	13	29	550
TOTAL / JUNE 2020	75	2,180	127,538

4. Official texts of the ordinance on the laity (2000 - 2020)

A document is being prepared with the official texts of the Order on the Dominican laity (2000 - 2020). It will contain the numbers of the Acts of the General Chapters and the letters of the Masters of the Order on the subject, as well as specific statistics on the laity in each country and region. This text aims to give continuity to the text entitled "*Lay Fraternities and the Mission of the Order of Preachers, Official Texts 1946-1998*". (Les Éditions du CERF, Paris 2000), prepared by our brothers Jean-Bernard DOUSSE, OP and Bernard HODEL, OP.

*Juan Ubaldo LÓPEZ SALAMANCA, OP
General Promoter of the Laity*

SR HELEN ALFORD, O.P.

Sister Helen Alford, O.P. is appointed member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

28th September, 2020



Vatican Press - Resignations and Appointments, 04.09.2020

Appointment of ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. The Holy Father has appointed as ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences the Reverend Sr Helen Alford, O.P., vice rector of the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Curriculum vitae

The Reverend Sr Helen Alford, O.P., was born in London on 1 May 1964. She graduated in manufacturing engineering from the University of Cambridge, where she was also awarded a PhD. She is a religious sister of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Catherine of Siena. She has taught subjects related to economic ethics and the history of Christian social thought in several universities. She has served as consultor to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. She is currently vice rector of the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome. She is the author of numerous publications on management theory and corporate social responsibility.

The following is an interview with Sister Helen Alford, O.P., exclusively for IDI, the Dominican Family Newsletter.

1. What will be your main job as Specialist in social sciences?

It's a good question! All the members of the Academy have some kind of specialisation, but they work in a very open way, exploring topics by bring-



ing the various disciplines of the social sciences together to analyse and discuss key problems of the day, from human trafficking to democracy, and from the future of work to human rights. What can I bring to these discussions? I think one of the most important things is my nearly 25 years of experience in our Faculty of Social Sciences at the Angelicum, where we train students in five main areas: Catholic social thought and social ethics; economics and social communications; law and international relations; sociology and psychology; history and politics. We are not training experts in any of these subjects, but people who understand the basic theories and philosophical presuppositions of these disciplines, and who can talk to experts in these

fields. Our aim is to train "change-makers" or "problem solvers": people who can analyse social problems from the different points of view of economics, sociology, political science and so on, and then, on the basis of an ethical/philosophical framework informed by faith, synthesise responses that take into account the rich insights that the different social disciplines can give us. For instance, we have a special programme for migrants, called "STRONG", and each year we do a research project with these students, helping them to be able to analyse their situation and improve it. Two years ago, we studied the business start-ups created by migrants in Rome; this year, we are studying the mental health problems of migrants (<https://angelicum.it/academics/social-sciences/programs/>). I think the Academy does something very similar, and I will be able to contribute to what the Academy does especially because of my background in the unique academic environment that we have in our own Dominican Faculty of Social Sciences here in Rome.

2. From your research and experience, what can contribute, in terms of university formation, to the Social Doctrine of the Church?

Let's mention three points. Firstly, I can set up and run various pro-

grammes in the Faculty. We just mentioned the programme for mi-

What about the problems of workers, the slow pace of development and the need for peacebuilding? Some problems are more recent, such as those created by international finance, climate change and the migration crisis. Some are just emerging, such as the impact of artificial intelli-

gence on society and the effects of the current pandemic. Whatever the specific problems, however, the basic principles and approach of Catholic social thought helps us to confront them, so learning about it will help us deal with each problem as it arises.

4. COVID 19 Pandemic place us in a new world scenery for the "Dominican preaching"?

The pandemic has created a shared painful experience across the world - a kind of "globalised grief". In some ways, this painful experience of our common vulnerability can unite us across the divisions that we had before. At the same time, as I heard it said recently: "we are not in the same boat, but we are in the same storm". The impact of the pandemic has been very different within our societies; often the most vulnerable workers have been the most exposed to the damage the pandemic has caused. So, our preaching needs to take into account both the shared negative experience of this crisis and the way in which it has widened social divisions between people. Then there is the impact of the pandemic on the way we preach. Preaching during the Eucharist has been through very great changes - preaching online is not the same as preaching to a physical gathering of people! Preaching through education and teaching is

also very different if done through digital means, and even if it is done with students in class, the need to wear masks at all times and maintain social distancing means that the social dynamic in the classroom is quite different. Some of these changes will not be permanent, as long as we can find a way to prevent or treat this pandemic, but the move towards using digital means for preaching and teaching is likely to continue. Perhaps such changes would have occurred anyway, but now they have been significantly speeded up. In the Angelicum, we will be looking into some of these issues through the major research programme that we are just about to launch, called "CRISIS: Christian Responses In Solidarity to crisis". The various project groups will work for a year and produce their results by July 31 2021. The actual projects are in the process of being approved, but one of them, if it is approved, will look at how the pandemic has af-

lay Dominicans, who have helped and inspired me too.

Interview by br. Javier Abanto O.P.

750TH ANNIVERSARY IN CALUERUGA

In 2020, the "Real Monasterio Santo Domingo" in Caleruega has celebrated its 750th anniversary since its foundation and this celebration has been a day of grace for our Community



The celebration was very different from that distant day in 1270 when King D. Alfonso X arrived in Caleruega with his family and royal entourage, accompanied by bishops, religious, rich men, ... He accompanied by a whole entourage to enter Doña Toda Martínez to the church, holding her by the hand and making her prioress of the Royal Monastery of Saint Dominic of Caleruega; until this year, the villagers celebrated in a medieval atmosphere to commemo-

rate this day, with the music of the time, the street decorations and costumes, and a magnificent theatrical representation of the foundation of the monastery in which they confirmed the royal foundation of more than twenty abbeys. All of this is mentioned in King Alfonso X's *Privilegio Rodado* preserved in the archives. This community inspired the script of the work performed, although there are variations on the theme with each new performance. Unfortunately, however, in 2020 it was not possible to continue this tradition due to the coronavirus pandemic.

So we celebrated the 750th anniversary on our own, but with the charm of an intimate community celebration, different in this special year, without compromise or distractions. It was a great joy because, in its simplicity, we lived it in tranquility and

peace. If every 11th of July we give thanks to God, this year has been a whole day of thanks to God for the long history that precedes us :



Thank you Lord for having inspired King Alfonso X the Wise to found this monastery.

* Thank you, Lord, for watching over the incontestable intercession of Our Father Saint Dominic for us, preserving this monastery, this Community, from any danger: we were the nuns of Canon Dominic, before the Order of Preachers existed, and in 1219, ceasing to be Augustinian canonesses, we professed "in his hands" to become nuns of the new Order of Dominic of Guzman, and it was we who, in 1270, were brought by King Alfonso X the Wise to Dominic's house, the ancestral home of the Guzman-Aza, the monastery he founded in Caleruega and which has always been the home of all Dominicans.

* Thank you, Lord, for the holy life of so many faithful sisters in difficult times and, always devoted, caring so lovingly for this great patrimony which belongs to the whole Order.

* Thank you Lord because you have called each one of us to be Dominican in this holy house. We try to serve you all with joy by welcoming our Dominican brothers and all those who come to Caleruega in the footsteps of Dominic; Thank you also for the intercession for all humanity and the preaching that we offer through our given and happy life.

* Thank you Lord for the many benefactors who have helped us over the years. We keep them in our prayers and we pray for them.



It was a beautiful summer day and at 11.30 a.m. there was a sort of re-opening of the *medieval hall* of the monastery where a new exhibition took place. The Vice-Minister of Culture of the *Junta de Castilla y León*

participated in the event, accompanied by the Director General of Cultural Heritage. They were joined by the Procurator of the Junta, José Ignacio Delgado, a native of Caleruega and a great friend, as well as the mayor of the city, the prior of the convent, Father Arsenio Gutiérrez and Father Basilio.



It was José Ignacio Delgado who wanted this visit to be scheduled precisely on this day, as it coincides with the celebration of the 750th anniversary of the foundation of the monastery by King Alfonso X, a great day in our history.

** This medieval room of the museum was inaugurated on December 3, 2006 by our beloved Father Domingo Iturgaiz, who is at the origin of its construction, and gave it the character of an exhibition hall; it was made to commemorate the eighth centenary of the nuns of the Order of Preachers. On that day, invitations were sent out to many acquaintances who responded with their presence. After the Mass in the church with the Father Provincial, the great hall was filled with guests, who were happy to join us and to get to know this beautiful place where, moreover, never before seen material was exhibited: original documents and the Archives, for a month. Afterwards, the documents and various antique objects were placed in the Archives, as well as elements of the monastery that were of interest to the public. In truth, during these 14 years, this room housed more and more elements that needed to be ordered and classified, keeping a common thread: St. Dominic and this monastery. This was done with the help of staff who were familiar with the subject. All this work lasted quite a long time and was prolonged by the months of confinement, but I was ready to show it during this important visit.*

The big difference with the first inauguration was that we were alone, due to the presence of the coronavirus still among us. There was no human warmth: celebration of a sung mass,

with a wonderful cold dinner in the cloister.

We would have liked to have Bishop Carlos Azpiroz OP with us, but he could not be present. However, on the same day, the 11th, during recreation, he was able to be with us because we read his Greeting from Argentina which moved us because it showed his closeness and his sincere affection for us. We felt good about it throughout the day, enchanted by the great letter that he announced to us: a "fraternal letter", as he calls it, which is a whole pastoral letter of 13 pages, in which the new mission of the Archbishop of Bahia Blanca (Argentina) is recorded, sealed and signed by him as Archbishop. We decided to wait to read it later, with more calm and attention, as this letter is the gift to commemorate the 750th

anniversary of this monastery in Caleruega. The letter is a beautiful preaching dedicated to us, and it is a treasure to be filed and kept as it is, and also to be applied in our lives, and to be read, reread and meditated upon by each one of us.

Friar Luis Miguel García Palacios op, prior of the convent "San Pablo Apóstol" in Palencia, sent us a long video to congratulate us on the feast of Saint Dominic. We thanked him very much ...and we add another thanksgiving to God:

* Thank you, Lord, for the "gifts" received which have touched us because of the great love they express for Caleruega, for this monastery, for the Prioress, Sister Margarita, and for the Community. Bishop Azpiroz and fr. García Palacios are so dear to us and always so close.

Sister Adela Santamaría O.P.
Real Monasterio de Santo Domingo
CALERUEGA

we have shared ownership and use of goods for centuries!

In the common struggle for ecology, the church can again bring its values into discussion, especially among the youth! And one thing we shouldn't forget: In the future, our credibility as a church will increasingly depend on whether our ecological way of life allows us to draw conclusions about God the Creator - or not.



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n°332 - Ordinations in South Africa

Rome, September 18, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you all in our Blessed Father Dominic. I hope and pray you all are doing well. In these times when Covid 19 continues to paralyze activities and events in the different continents of the world, we still have signs of hope and joy in our entities in Africa showing that our spiritual life and the work of the Lord cannot be paralyzed. God is still active in raising preachers in his Vineyard. This is the case in the Vice Province of Southern Africa and other entities in Africa. Afridoms Flash no. 332 brings you the ordinations in the Vice Province. All the entities have celebrated ordinations and professions. One or two will do so in a month or two. Subsequent Afridoms Flash will bring you the rest of the celebrations in the other entities.



Afridoms Flash

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The Feast of Saint John the Baptist August 29, 2020 intertwined with the ordination of our two brothers Evans Zulu OP to the priesthood and Moses Chanda OP to the diaconate at Our Lady of Mercy Springs, Johannes-

burg. Bishop Peter Holiday of Kroonstad Diocese situated in the Ecclesiastical Province of Bloemfontein in South Africa, presided at the Eucharistic celebration.

In his homily, Bishop Holiday said that, regardless of the global Covid



19 pandemic, the Dominicans in Southern Africa have a major role to preach hope and courage amid gender violence against women, child abuse, the influx of immigrants and xenophobia which has sparked social and economic inequalities in most parts of South Africa.



Furthermore, the Bishop urged the brothers to continue to follow the legacy of St. Dominic, to daily walk in his footsteps of dedication and commitment to the preaching of the gospel.

The Vice Provincial, Brother Myke Mwale, OP said that the ordination of the brothers celebrated on the feast of John the Baptist is not a mere coincidence but a reminder to the newly ordained and the rest of the brothers in the Vice Province, that the Order in Southern Africa must continue to be at the helm of the prophetic voice especially now that the world's dynamics of prayer, community life, study and preaching are changing due to the global Covid 19 pandemic.



Brothers Evans and Moses are both from Zambia, started their initial formation in Johannesburg and later completed their studies in Philosophy and Theology at St. Joseph Theological Institute in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

Br Ernest Mwape OP

Promoter media and communications – Southern African

n°333 - Signs of Hope in the midst of the Pandemic!



Despite the ravaging effects of Covid-19 in the world, the Vicariate of Eastern Africa has been blessed with growth and progress, witnessed by recent events. On 4th August 2020, two important events took place in the Vicariate. First, at St. Martin de Porres Priory – Kisumu, the Vicar Provincial, Fr. Gideon Muchira O.P. received the Simple vows of six (6) new Friars during the Eucharistic celebration. These include Friars Lawrence Mwanzia, Vincent Ferrer, Muhatia and Edecius Albert (Vicariate of Eastern Africa) and Friars Sanctus and Jordan (Vice Province of Southern Africa).

At St. Dominic's Priory – Nairobi, the Prior, Fr. Dominic Mutuku O.P. led in the renewal of vows of Friars Bram Francis Ndichu, Richard Lwanga and Renatus Mwakalukwa O.P.





St. Dominic's Priory was once more graced with the opportunity of celebrating the Solemn Profession of two (2) Friars, Mario Cuvalela and Mariano Domingos O.P. (Vicariate of Angola), on 8th August during the Solemnity of our father Dominic. The Prior was delegated to receive their vows.

Then came the climax of the blessings! The Ordination of four (4) of our Friars on 22nd August 2020, by His Grace Most Rev. Philip Anyolo, Archbishop of Kisumu archdiocese. Friars Gilbert Andama and Sharbel Privatus O.P. were ordained to the Priesthood while Friars Benedict Musaasizi and Dennis Wataka O.P. were ordained to the Diaconate.

Fr. Gideon thanks God for all the blessings He bestows on His servants in season and out of season. He thanks all the members of the Dominican Family, locally and globally, whose support and prayers members of the vicariate always count on.

Submitted by Brother Gideon Kizito, OP

Coronavirus has entered our lives, causing the contagion of many of our friars, forcing us to isolate them in their cells, limiting their functions, and even their fraternal contact with the community. The most terrible thing that happened to us was the death of some precious members of our communities.

During all this time in our monastery, we received requests for prayers from Dominicans not only from Peru, but also from Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil and even the United States, due to their unexpected contagion. Faced with this reality that affects all of humanity, and therefore also our brothers and sisters of the Order, that is, the members of our religious family who are so dear to us, we could not sit back and let things continue to happen; The vocation of a contemplative nun is to pray for the salvation of souls, offering all that our life conceals, which is hidden from men, but very evident in the eyes of God, so that during all this time we have redoubled our efforts and our love for you.

This has been expressed above all in the days of intense prayer that we carry out in the monastery, the chains of rosaries, the towers of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, the fasts and all kinds of prayers that the Blessed Mother Church

makes available for the simple devotion of the faithful.

We know that many other monasteries also played an important role. That is to say, from where we are in the Order, as Holy Scripture says, we have offered an unstoppable smoke of incense that rises to heaven (cf. 8,4), as a call to the Lord's help and mercy, so that, in the midst of this great trial that we have had to live through, we may respond with strength, serenity and trust, knowing that, even though it seems that the Lord is asleep and the boat is battered by the storm, we know that if he is with us, we need not fear anything, because " And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose ". (Rom. 8-28).



It is common today to hear governments, institutions, and even citizens in general, send a message of congratulations to all the doctors, health personnel and police who fought this

war day and night, exposing their own lives and overcoming all the difficult situations that presented themselves. With this letter, we also want to congratulate all the Dominicans who, exposing their own health, did not hesitate to protect their brothers in community, especially the more fragile ones, who were already at risk before the pandemic. In addition, the tasks in the convents were multiplied due to the absence of workers who also respected the quarantine and looked after their own families.

However, the contagion was something latent, especially when we had to go out for basic activities that nobody could do for us anymore. In each community we have brothers and sisters who have shown dedication, generosity and even fraternal responsibility, because when we volunteered to collaborate as far as we could, we were at the same time contributing to the protection of the community itself. As an example we will give that of our dear brother Carlos Terán, who touched us very closely, as he is the prior of the convent of Saint Paul in Arequipa.

The latter has only 6 brothers, two of whom are over 70 years old and two others already ill. Brother Carlos had to take charge of many activities within the monastery, together with

another brother who also collaborated with him. They have taken strict measures to avoid contagion, through a community agreement, and here is an anecdote that we share with you: one of our projects this year was to write and publish a historical book on the life of Blessed Anne of the Angels (1602), a famous nun of our monastery, and we had to collect information from different libraries in our town. We had asked Father Prior to grant us access to the books in his old library. Some libraries in our town would have allowed us to do so, as a very special favour, since it was an important work coming from one of the most historical monasteries in the area. Brother Carlos responded to our request by saying that, if circumstances had been different, he would have given us the right of visitation, but that in his community it had already been agreed that they would not allow anyone from outside to enter, in order to avoid the risk of contagion, even if it was a nun, because he wanted above all to respect the community agreement subscribed to by the fathers. We no longer insisted, understanding the situation, and we realised the special care they were taking, since they did not underestimate any risk, being even stricter than we were at the monastery.



As the days went by, we received the news of the sudden death of one of the Dominican friars, friar Héctor Herrera, who worked as director of Radio San Martín, and that two other friars of this community had been hospitalized. As is normal in such cases, the Father Prior was concerned for each one of the members of his community, even going so far as to expose his own health. He provided them with everything they could need. Yesterday they published the news of the death of another of the brothers who had already been hospitalized. All of this made us reflect on the great weight that the priors and prioresses of each of our communities carry, and the great responsibility we have to support them, as well as to collaborate in the health and protection of our brothers.

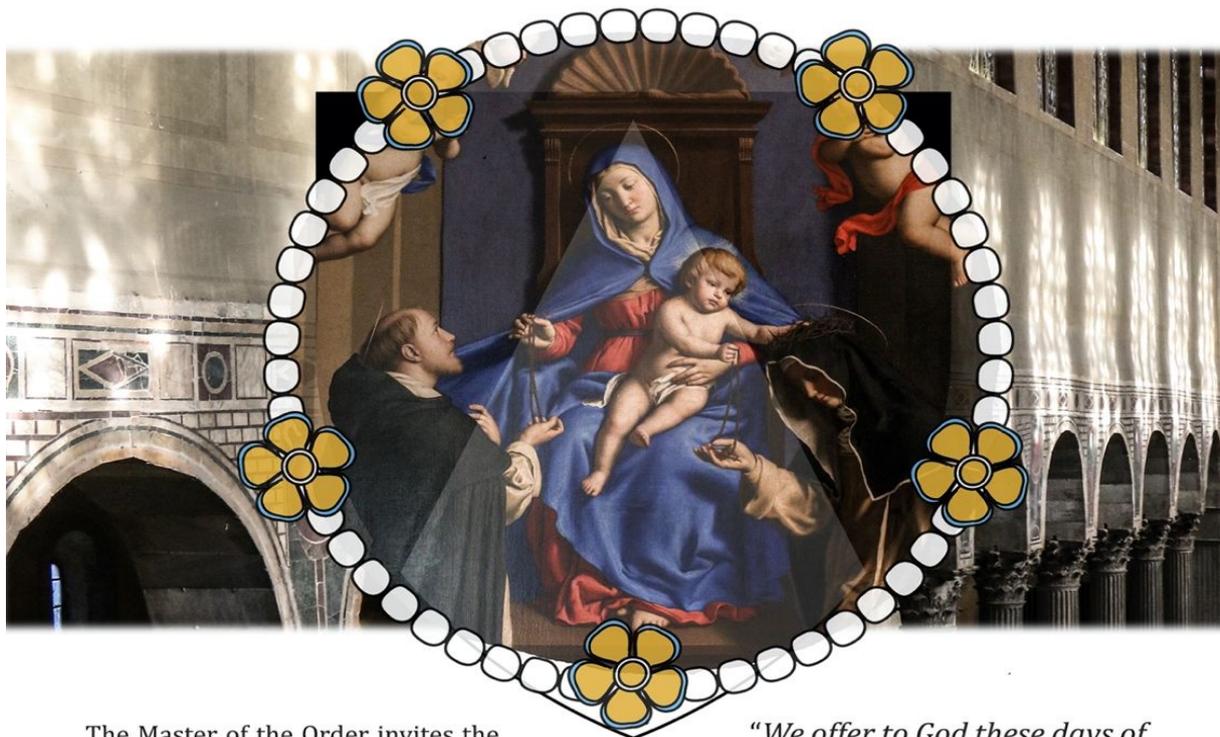
This is why we wanted to write this open letter to the whole Dominican family, sending our condolences especially to the communities and their families who have been affected by the loss of a brother or sister due to the pandemic.

This struggle is not yet over, but we know that if we work together to remain united, beyond all adverse circumstances, without even trying to accuse those who are guilty or responsible for any aggravating situation, God and our Father Saint Dominic, will help us to overcome everything, the Lord will help us to safeguard what we have learned in these difficult times, those pearls of wisdom that can make us better people and therefore better Dominicans; however, as one priest said, there are many good people and also those who want to become better. In

PENANCE & PRAYER

with the whole
DOMINICAN FAMILY

4 October – 7 October 2020



The Master of the Order invites the Dominican Family to undertake a **“triduum of penance”** from **4 October - 6 October 2020**. Each community is asked to determine the form of communal penance they will do together.

On **7 October 2020**, the feast of the Holy Rosary, the Dominican Family is called to **pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary at 8:00pm in their local time**, and to livestream this if possible.

“We offer to God these days of penance and prayer for these intentions: in suffrage for those who died during the pandemic; for the intentions of their bereaved families; for those who continue to suffer the effects of the pandemic, and for those who work to alleviate their suffering.”

– fr Gerard Timoner, O.P.
Master of the Order of Preachers

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PRIESTLY FRATERNITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES RECEIVE 12 NEW PROFESSED MEMBERS

By Br. Arden Xerxes D. Dacuma, O.P.

September 28th, 2020



On September 28, 2020, Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz De Manila and Companion Martyrs, the Priestly Fraternities of Saint Dominic in the Philippines welcomed a retired bishop and eleven (11) diocesan priests into their brotherhood. Their promise of commitment to live the Dominican way of life was received by the Very Rev. Fr. Napoleon B. Sipalay, Jr., OP, Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines,

through the Rite of Profession within the Holy Mass held at Santo Domingo Church, Quezon City.

The list of the newly professed members and their incardination are as follows:

Most Rev. Teodoro C. BACANI, DD, *Bishop-Emeritus of the Diocese of Novaliches*

From the Chapter-in-Formation of the Priory of St. Thomas:

Fr. Jose Francisco C. SYQUIA, *Archdiocese of Manila*
 Fr. Julius R. DE SAGUN, *Diocese of Imus*
 Fr. Richard P. LAGOS, *Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija*
 Fr. Jerome ROSALINDA, *Diocese of Novaliches*
 Fr. Rufino C. SESCON Jr., *Archdiocese of Manila*
 Fr. Rufo Ramil H. CRUZ, *Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija*

From the Prelature of Batanes:



Fr. Romel C. CRUZ
Fr. Aldred G. HORDOÑEZ
Fr. Dioscoro D. LAYUG
Fr. Ramon C. TURINGAN Jr.
Fr. Benjamin B. VALENCIA



During his homily, Fr. Sipalay said that it is a great blessing for the Order of Preachers to receive twelve (12) new brothers into the fraternities. He also asked the new members to challenge the Church and the Order with their gifts in preaching.

In attendance were Fr. Quirico T. Pedregosa, Jr. OP, *Delegated Formator* for

Bishop Bacani; Fr. Florentino A. Bolo, Jr., OP, *General Promoter of the Priestly Fraternities of the Order*; Fr. Arden Xerxes D. Dacuma, OP, *Assistant Promoter of the Priestly Fraternities of the Philippines*; some members of the Priestly Fraternities; and the Dominican Student-Brothers who served as acolytes, lectors and choir.

After the Holy Mass, the nomination of their respective Chapter names and the election of new officers for each Chapter were carried out at the San Pio V Building. Fr. Sescon was elected Prior of the Chapter of San Lorenzo Ruiz (*soon to be canonically erected*). For the Prelature of Batanes, Fr. Valencia was elected Prior of the Chapter of St. Albert the Great (*soon to be canonically erected*).



Dies natalis - Saint Dominic



ORDO PRAEDICATORUM - CURIA GENERALITIA
JUBILAEUM S. P. DOMINICI (1221 - 2021)
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This section is open to the collaboration of the Dominican Family in all that concerns the Jubilee "Dies natalis" of our founder Domingo.

The publications in this section are artistic creations of one of our brothers of the Dominican Family. They will be available on our website www.op.org, in the section **Documents** assigned to the **Jubilee 2021 (link)** for you to use in your local celebrations.

DOMINIC “MAN ALL OF GOD”

Translation by Vincenzo Misuraca

In preparation for the 8th centenary of Saint Dominic “Dies Natalis” as our Master of the Order Fr. Gerard Timoner suggested, we too want to sit “at the table with Saint Dominic”. The hymn, which we present to the entire Dominican Order attention, is intended as a simple proposal for whom wants to share it properly.

This hymn comes from an act of love towards Dominic “God’s gift to Mankind and for Mankind” whose actions and Holiness are still alive today, not only in the historical events regarding his existence, but also in everyday life of people who consider him an example of Holiness.

For this reason, we consider it fundamental to make special mention of the reference sources about Dominic’s life because they demonstrate, immediately and directly, how his paternal and brotherly heart was able to teach and to convey the light of the Gospel. He, who was “tender as a mother and hard as a diamond”, left a deep and lasting mark on the heart of all the people who had known him. Thus, through this Hymn,

we prefer to meditate on how his life can affect our everyday reality rather than praising his Virtues.

Singing is a process that comes from inside, i.e. from the heart as well as from the mind, from the prayer as well as from the experience. Music, in some way, makes the strings of the Christian soul vibrate, and together with the text, it seeks to continue the work of evangelization by Dominic. It simply wishes to speak to the heart of every believer so that everyone can contemplate the Lord that is “everything in everyone”.

Our purpose is also to respond to the call made by Pope Francis, who, in the Exhortation “Gaudete et Exultate”, invites us to consider Holiness, not a final goal, but a journey that everyone could fulfill in everyday life. Moreover, we can see in Saint Dominic “the holiness next door” of people who take part in our life’s experience.

In the end, we hope the Dominican Order will appreciate our efforts. But if not, we would be equally delighted, in case, even for a moment, our pro-

posal enabled you to think about Dominic and the Jubilee that we are going to live.

*fr. Giovanni Calcara O.P.
Claudio Misuraca*

Dominic "man all of God"

Music by Claudio Misuraca

Text by fr. Giovanni Calcara o.p. and Claudio Misuraca

Traslation by Vincenzo Misuraca

Father of the preachers,
Dominic "all of God",
Great witness of true Charity,
living exemplar of faith and grace.

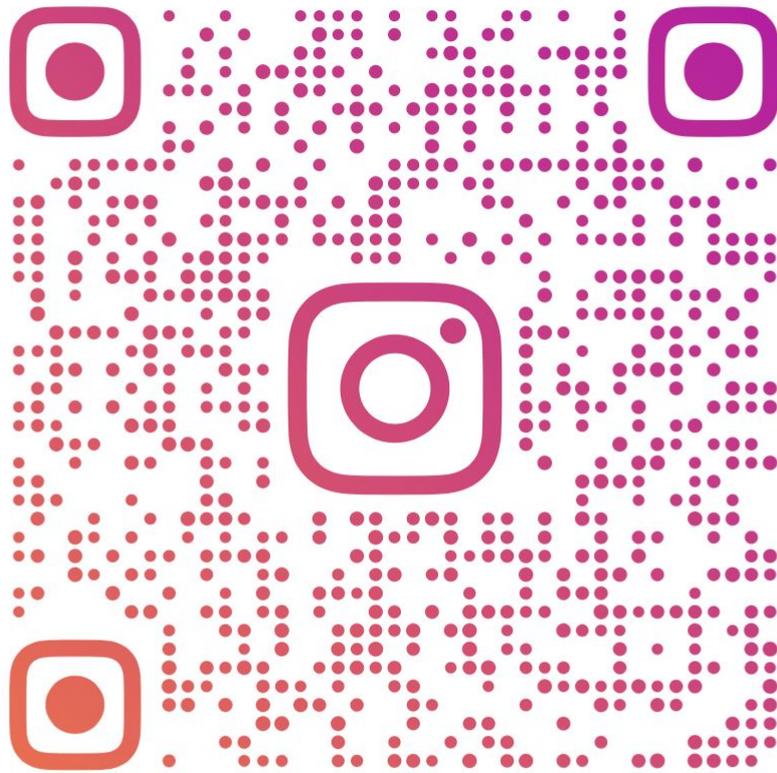
1. The dream that announced your birth
foresaw your fidelity to Gospel,
like fire that burns in the night,
which has been guarded for eight centuries.
2. The star that shone on your forehead
is the holiness that marks your life,
it is the star that guides your Order,
it is like an anchor in a stormy sea.
3. The love of Christ leads you to
transform dead skin into living skin,
bears fruit at the ends of the world
and enriches you with the royal stole.
4. The golden heaped wheat rots,
sown, however, bears much fruit:
you sent your brothers into the world
to sow the eternal Word of the Father.

5. You, germinating seed of life
that God gives to the Creation,
you announce the Son of God, while begging
and giving joy, eternity and life.
6. You are a fruitful root,
from which the holy order sprouts,
a fragrant and very broad garden,
whose fruit is the big cross of Christ.
7. It is you who spoke with God
and the Almighty cares for you,
but you also spoke of God
and light is shining from your face
8. The Rosary revives all Virtues
and keep alive Charity in man.
By preaching you taught the prayer,
which is addressed to the "Mother of grace".
9. You saw Maria in your dream,
Mother and "help of Christians",
who welcomed all your children
under her mantle of mercy and love.
10. Praise be to the triune and unique God,
to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
you raised your humble and burning prayer
together with the prayers of believers.

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