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COUNCIL DELEGATES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

From October 25th through October 28th, the Provincial Council met in Chicago with the primary duty of electing new officers. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and grounded in prayer, the Provincial Council elected Mr. Joseph Komadina, O.P. our new President. The newly elected officers and their subsequent appointees are listed on this page.

May we all be thankful for our past officers, including former President Karen Sabourin, and may we all pray diligently for our new officers in the great tasks that lie before them.

The news delivered by Council delegates about their chapters throughout the Province may be found in our "News from around the Province" section on page 4.

The weekend was a great success, featuring reports from all our extraordinary missions throughout the Province of St. Albert the Great.



Promoter Fr. Rich Litzau and Former President Karen Sabourin with newly elected President Joe Komadina, DLIPC Delegate Sharon Huizenga, Vice-President Terry McSweeney, and DLIPC Alternate William McHugh.

Can You Spare Some Change For An Important Cause? by Mr. Joseph Komadina, O.P.

At this time of year the change of seasons becomes a cliché as topic. As we shift from Winter into Spring, we can't help but be reminded of change and growth. My point in the previous sentence is that what is shifting depends on where we are. Our tendency to look at all through the narrow lens of our own experience often blinds us to a larger view. What's happening in our little corner of the world must be what's happening everywhere. No closer-to-home example of this exists than our imaginative views of the Nativity in the northern hemisphere. We've been taught in recent years to expand our imaginative vision of this event.

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A WORD FROM OUR PROMOTER, FR. RICH LITZAU, O. P. ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PROVINCE



“Preach always, and if you must, use words.” Attributed to Father Francis, this challenge seems to be particularly confrontive to the family of Dominic. For us, preaching is a way of life; and the pulpit a natural outlet.

Actually, Father Francis’ challenge echoes Father Dominic’s charge to us to “either be speaking to God, or about God”. It is a call to Dominicans to stay aware and open to opportunities to speak about God.

For those of us blest with ordination, preaching occasions are rampant. For our solemnly professed brothers, preaching occasions are regularly available. For our Life Professed family members, preaching occasions can be rare gems. That is, if we only consider preaching as an activity done from the pulpit, within the context of a liturgical moment.

The truth is that we are all confronted regularly with opportunities to preach in the manner offered by Francis, that is, to preach with our lives. In a special way, members of the Dominican family live out the Corporal works of Mercy, and in doing so, we preach with our lives. So the truth is, Dominican Laity actually blend the challenges of our Fathers Francis and Dominic. In an active, engaged way, the apostolate of the Laity, Dominican Lay brothers and sisters practice these works of compassion and love in the very fabric of their lives. Grounded in the Dominican Rule, their ministries flow from the prayer and contemplation practiced within their respective chapters.

Enfolded within this working out of the Corporal Works of Mercy lies the potential for opportunities to take to the pulpit and “Speak about God.” Within each Dominican Laity’s spiritual home lies the potential for participating in prayer services, rosaries, communion services, reconciliation services, Advent or Lenten service. The list is longer.

This Year of Faith challenges the “real” people of God to actively engage and seek occasion to live out their charism of preaching. And, as Dominicans, our Lay brothers and sisters, volunteering to lead liturgical services open up any number of “preaching moments.” But they have to be sought out, being pro-active, visiting with pastors, or parish administrators, or deacons, offering to participate, plan and execute services- the possibilities are boundless.

By the way, Canon Law does offer:

Canon 766- - Lay persons can be permitted to preach in a church or oratory, if necessity requires it in certain circumstances or it seems advantageous in particular cases, according to the prescripts of the conference of bishops and without prejudice to ⇒ can. 767, §1.

So my brothers and sisters in Dominic, respond to the challenges of Fathers Francis and Dominic. Preach with your lives, preach with your voices, live out the call to be followers of Christ- -preach.

TE DEUM

(The Te Deum was said by the Provincial Council after the election of new officers. We ask you to join us and the entire Province in thanksgiving for our past and new officers.)



President: You are God: we praise you.

All: You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all the angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church
acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
You did not spurn the Virgin’s womb.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to
all believers.
You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

V: Save your people, Lord, and bless
your inheritance.
R: Govern and uphold them now and always.
V: Day by day we bless you.
R: We praise your name forever.
V: Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
R: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V: Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R: For we put our trust in you.
V: In you, Lord, is our hope:
R: And we shall never hope in vain.

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHT:

VIETNAMESE LAY DOMINICAN CHAPTER, WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

Located at Queen of the Vietnamese Martyrs Parish near Denver, CO, this flourishing chapter boasts 18 Lay Dominicans of life profession, and 9 more of temporary profession.

The chapter meets every single Sunday for Morning Prayer and Mass, and every Sunday after Mass, they go to one of the chapter member's homes for lunch and the recitation of the Rosary. Every 1st Sunday, they have an extended business meeting to talk about what they've done the past month, and what they can do in the coming month.



During the weekdays, all members are encouraged to recite the Liturgy of the Hours daily, attend daily Mass, and to diligently read the Bible.

In March of 2012, several members took part in the Archdiocese of Denver's 40 Days for Life, praying at local abortion clinics.

On March 30th, 2012, the Vietnamese Lay Dominican Chapter joined the St. Dominic Chapter (Denver) and Fr. Charles Bouchard, O.P., Provincial of the Central Province, for Evening Prayer, and enjoyed the "potluck" afterwards at St. Dominic Parish Center, Denver.

Mr. Joseph-Mary Think Le, O.P., 2012 Delegate to the Provincial Council, has completed two years of the diaconate program in the Archdiocese of Denver, and though he has taken a voluntary

leave of absence to care for his young children, he plans to return soon as his children mature. Along with another chapter member, Mr. Nguyen was able to visit the Holy Land in November of 2011, and shared his experiences with his chapter upon their return. He also serves as the parish secretary every Saturday and Sunday (his only days off from his other job).

There are over 100,000 professed Lay Dominicans in Vietnam. When preparing to celebrate the feast of the Vietnamese Dominican martyrs on November 24th, let us remember that the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church in the first few centuries after Christ, and is still today.

PRAYER

STUDY

COMMUNITY

MISSION

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

Colorado

Denver, St. Dominic Chapter

On October 7th, 2012, Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, the chapter celebrated the final profession of four Lay Dominicans: Mr. Leo Fua, O.P., Ms. Darlene Kaskie, O.P., Ms. Dolores Vigil, O.P., and Provincial Delegate, Mr. Daniel Medina, O.P. The chapter now boasts 25 members, with 5 in discernment. A blossoming chapter indeed! A reception was held after the Mass with 120 family members and friends in attendance.

Illinois

Joliet, Our Mother of the Rosary Group

In June, the group had the opportunity to go to St. Pius Priory in Chicago to meet with the renowned writer, Fr. Benedict Ashley, O.P., who gave a presentation on the importance of the laity in the Order of Preachers. The group was further honored by being able to meet

the Provincial, Fr. Charles Bouchard, O.P., and joined a group of friars to pray the rosary in the chapel.

Indiana

Carmel, St. Catherine of Siena Group

This brand new group had their first three members initiated by former Provincial President, Ms. Karen Sabourin, O.P. in April of 2012. The Nashville Dominican Sisters who teach at the parish school are working with this group and have agreed to serve as Spiritual Assistant.

West Lafayette (Purdue), St. Mary Magdalene Pro-Chapter

The chapter has created its own website as a means of extending their preaching voice. At www.magdalenechapter.org, prayers, the rule, and examples of chapter members' preaching reflections help any inquirers find them.

Mr. Jonathan Stahl, O.P. reported to the Provincial Council about a new nonprofit he

has begun in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, The Ministry through the Arts Project. For more information on this extraordinary new initiative, founded in order to empower artists to become leaders in the New Evangelization, consult the nonprofit's website at www.mapindy.org.

Michigan

East Lansing, St. Thomas Aquinas Group

Along with the chapter's donations to St. Vincent de Paul in Lansing, Michigan, the group's donations to the National Shrine of Bishop Baraga have produced a nameplate that is proudly displayed at the National Shrine.

For the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, there will be a Friday night spaghetti dinner (January 25th), Mass and veneration of a relic of St. Thomas provided by the chapter in cooperation with the St. Thomas Aquinas School, Parish, and East Lansing Knights of Columbus.

Farmington Hills (Detroit), Blessed Sacrament Chapter

The chapter has re-elected former Provincial President, Ms. Karen Sabourin, O.P. as Moderator.

Mr. Terry McSweeney, O.P., our newly elected Provincial Vice President, has begun an e-newsletter called *Contemplata*. They are distributed through the www.laydominicancentral.org website that he also runs. He has created a Twitter account (dominicanterry), a Facebook page (Lay Dominicans), and he has placed 10 videos on YouTube which have attracted thousands of viewers.

On November 11, 2012, the chapter will host a day of recollection at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery, themed "The 4 Pillars of Dominican Spirituality." Fr. Rich Litzau, O.P., Provincial Promoter, will be preaching, and all are cordially invited to attend! See their ad for more information.



You are invited:
DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Nov. 11, 2012
10 a.m.- 4 p.m.



Blessed Sacrament Monastery

13 Mile and Middlebelt – Farmington Hills

Mass at 10 a.m. with 2 Conferences

Preacher: Fr. Rich Litzau OP
from Albuquerque, NM

Theme: *The 4 Pillars of Dominican Spirituality*

Lunch provided

Sponsored by: LAY DOMINICANS

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or 248-788-4775

FREE WILL OFFERING

Grand Rapids, Rosary Chapter

At the Provincial Council, chapter delegate, Mr. Robert Croft, O.P., expressed the chapter's gratitude to Mr. Terry McSweeney, O.P., for the standardization of the Formation Program. The chapter has decided to begin a formation library, based on the new program, to make it all the more convenient for their members to continue on their journeys.

For the Year of Faith, one member of the chapter will research and give a brief synopsis of all 16 documents issued by the Second Vatican Council!

The chapter is reading a portion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church at every meeting.

Missouri

Kansas City, St. Martin de Porres Group

Thanks to chapter member Kelly Johnson, the chapter has a new website that just went live in

September, 2012. Look them up at www.kclaydominicans.com!

New Mexico

Albuquerque, Nuestra Señora de las Montarias Chapter

After many years of involvement, Fr. Kevin Niehoff, O.P. and Sr. Pauline Richter, O.P. have moved on, and the chapter expresses their great gratitude for these Dominicans' tireless efforts in building the chapter to its present size. And with 19 active members at various stages, it is a thriving chapter indeed! And yet another blessing has come: Fr. Rich Litzau, Provincial Promoter, has stepped in to become the Chapter's Spiritual Advisor.

Wisconsin

Madison, Blessed Sacrament Pro-Chapter

Petitioned the Provincial Council for the new designation of "Pro-Chapter" and were unanimously approved!

See below for Blessed Sacrament's coming Day of Recollection with Milwaukee's Queen of the Rosary Chapter.

Milwaukee, Queen of the Ro- sary Chapter

Mr. Bernie Terrien, O.P. has been accepted into the permanent diaconate program of the Diocese of Green Bay.

A Day of Recollection is planned for November 10th, 2012, focusing on the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. The chapter will be joined for this special day by the Blessed Sacrament Pro-Chapter from Madison, Wisconsin, and together, they will re-read *Lumen Gentium* and *Gaudium et Spes*. Former Provincial Promoter, Fr. Matt Walsh, O.P., will be leading the talks.



Liturgical Calendar of the Order of Preachers

NOVEMBER

- 1 [All Saints]
- 3 St. Martin de Porres, friar and religious
- 5 Bl. Simon Ballachi, friar and religious
- 6 Bl. Alphonsus Navarrete, friar and priest,
and companions, martyrs in Japan
- 7 All Saints of the Order of Preachers
- 8 Anniversary of Deceased Brothers and Sisters
- 14 Bl. John Liccio, friar and priest
Bl. Lucy Broccadelli of Narni, virgin and sister
- 15 St. Albert the Great, friar, bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 19 Bl. James Benefatti, friar and bishop
- 24 St Ignatius Delgado, friar & bishop,
St Vincent Liem, friar and priest,
St Dominic An-Kham, lay Dominican &
father & companions, martyrs in Vietnam
- 25 St Catherine of Sinai, virgin and martyr
- 27 Bl. Margaret of Savoy, nun and widow

DECEMBER

- 1 Bl. John of Vercelli, friar, priest and Master of the Order
- 2 [Advent begins]
- 8 [Immaculate Conception of B. Virgin Mary]
- 16 Bl. Sebastian Maggi, friar and priest
- 20 St Dominic of Silos, priest
- 22 Anniversary of the Approval of the Order
- 24 [Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord]
- 25 [Christmas – Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ]

JANUARY

- 3 Holy Name of Jesus
- 3 Bl. Stephana Quinzani, sister and virgin
- 4 St. Zedislava [Berkiana] of Lemberk, lay
Dominican and Mother
- 7 St. Raymond of Peñafort, friar, priest and
Master of the Order
- 10 Bl. Gonsalvo of Amarante, friar and priest
Bl. Ann of the Angels Monteagudo, nun and virgin
- 11 Bl. Bernard Scammacca, friar and priest
- 15 St. Francis Fernandez de Capillis, priest,
Peter Sans, bishop & companion martyrs in China
- 18 St. Margaret of Hungary, nun and virgin
- 19 Bl. Andrew Grego of Peschiera, friar and priest
- 22 Bl. Anthony della Chiesa, friar and priest
- 23 Bl. Henry Suso, friar and priest
- 27 Bl. Marcolino of Forli, friar and priest
- 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, friar, priest and Doctor of the Church
- 29 Bl. Villana delle Botti, lay Dominican and mother

KOMADINA ...continued

That's the change I'd like to talk about: how do we expand our vision and keep our focus. As Lay Dominicans, we are called to study, prayer, community and preaching. For some of us this can become a comfortable pattern of behavior which satisfies our need for stability. This is a good thing if it leads us to a habit of contemplation deeper than momentary reflection. I know that our prayer and study can become perfunctory, a sort of duty that we perform. It makes us feel as if we have accomplished something important, but it really hasn't reached us as a level that makes a difference.

There are times when we can be caught up in ritual "correctness" as if that were central. Many of us were raised with this attitude. I've known people who were bedeviled with scrupulosity as extreme examples of this. There are other times when we just want to go off in directions in which we are sure the Spirit is calling us. The extreme of this I have often seen in those who seem to have lost a center and spend their energy on causes which overtake their lives.

So, I'll try to make my short and, I hope, simple point. When we come together to pray, is the cause to become closer to Jesus through our community, especially in the Eucharist? Do we get so caught up in being on the right page and saying the right words that we lose sight of the cause for gathering? Do we say our daily liturgical prayer in the spirit of the Church's liturgy which joins us to all God's creation in singing his praise; or do we say words to fulfill a duty? Does our study lead us closer to the cause of our study, Jesus? Does our 'preaching' take place only in highly refined and constrained circumstances? Does our 'preaching' reflect our unique position in society in our ability to be witnesses to Jesus in our daily circumstances? Are we active in civic affairs? Are we active in social, parish and charitable groups? Where does our positive influence show up in our week? How are we more fully entering into and bringing others to the Kingdom which is for all?

We are a very small segment of the Church. Are we a very withdrawn and reserved segment? If so, how do we see our unique mission? I would think that of any group we should be consistently changing ourselves to better incorporate ourselves and help others to incorporate themselves into the great mystery which we call the Body of Christ. As our provincial formation director so aptly emphasizes: transformation is central. If our gatherings are at their best, we should be 'bearing one another up' in our realization of the Kingdom.

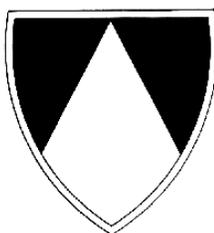
As we are drawn by the liturgy at this time of year to contemplate the constant coming of the Savior, I pray that we are all more in touch with what Meister Eckhart called the birth of the Christ in our souls.

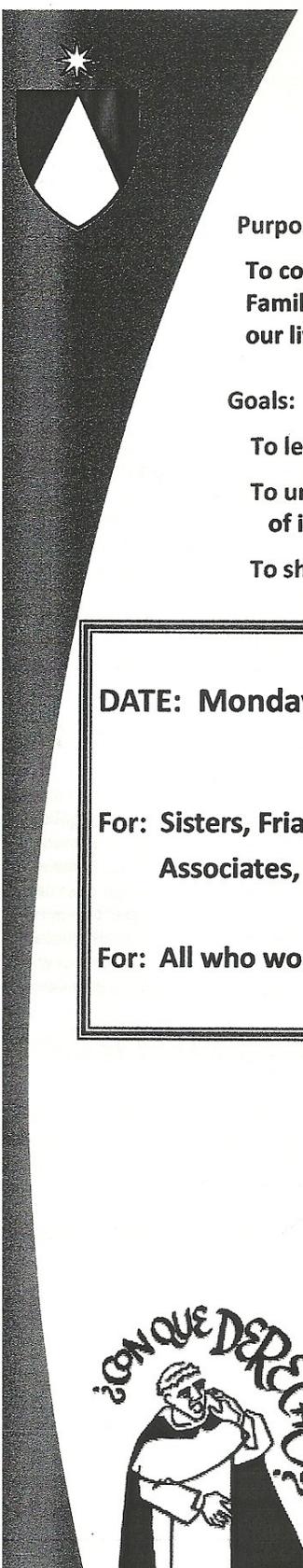
Vocation Prayer

Blessed Father Dominic,
Preacher of God's grace,
you promised to assist us even after your death.

Intercede for us before God
to help us encourage more men and women
to follow our way of life,
the way of a preacher.

Bless us in our common life,
study, prayer and ministry,
that our lives together may be a joyful witness
creating a desire in others
to join the Sacred Preaching.
Amen.





Dominicans Promote Racial Justice in The 21st Century—A Webcast Event

Purpose:

To continue the preaching of the truth by Montesinos and today's Dominican Family, to examine the issue of systemic racism, and to explore its effects in our lives and in our institutions.

Goals:

- To learn a common language and definitions about racism
- To understand racism as a systemic issue and rather than only an issue of individual attitudes and actions
- To share ways to continue the conversation

DATE: Monday, November 12, 2012	TIME: 7:00—8:30 p.m. (Central Time Zone)
For: Sisters, Friars, Nuns, Dominican Laity, Associates, Dominican Volunteers	For: Dominican Sponsored Institutions, High Schools, Colleges, Universities, Students, Faculty, Parents. . .
For: All who work for racial justice	

Webcast from Sinsinawa Dominican Motherhouse

Join us in the Gathering Space at the Mound

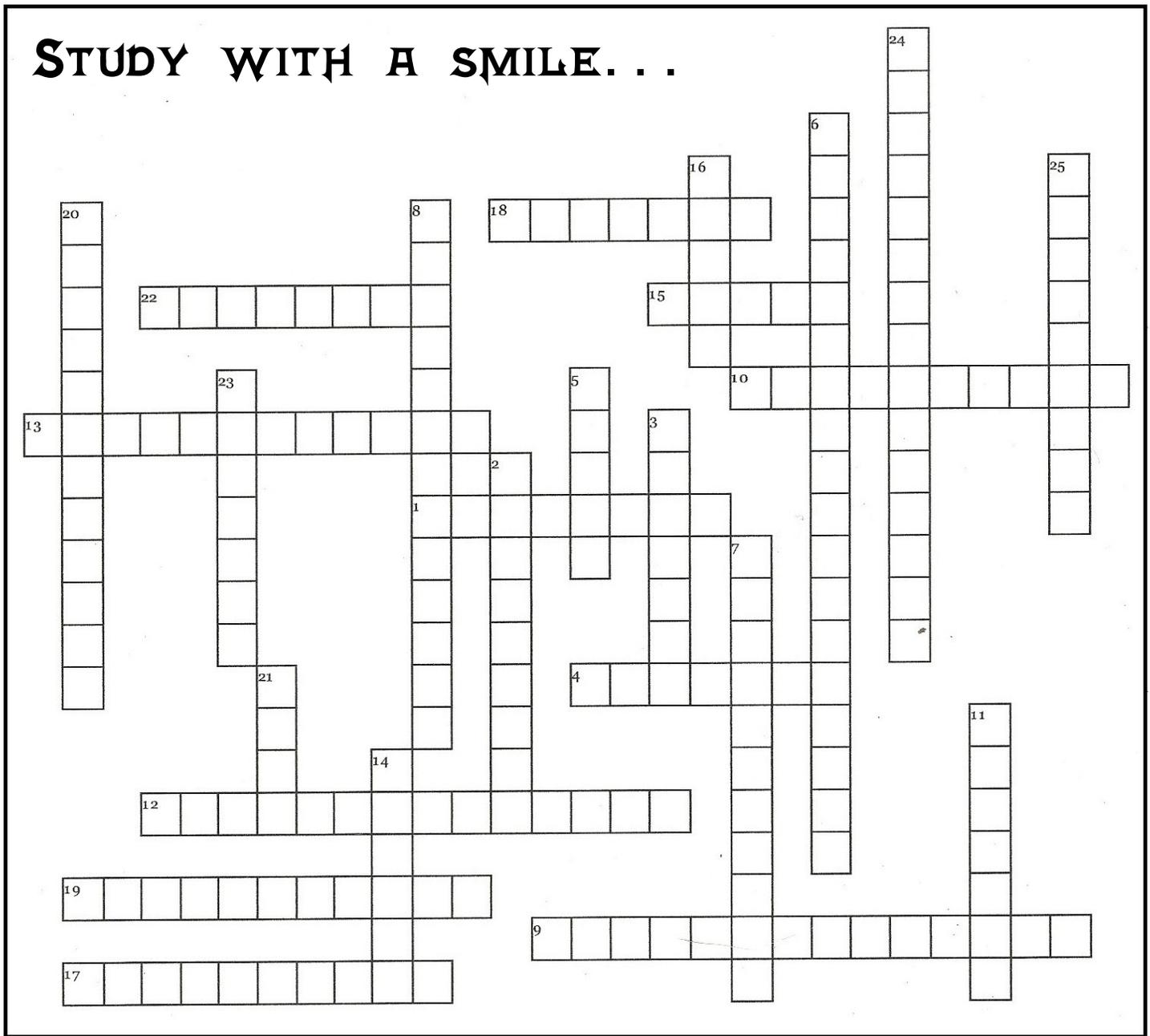
Or on the web at: www.sinsinawa.org/live



Montesinos' Preaching Continues...

This is a collaboration of the Anti-Racism Teams of the Dominican Congregations of Springfield and Sinsinawa.

STUDY WITH A SMILE...



Across:

1. Lay Dominican's last name who died in 1925 in Turin, Italy, of polio.
4. The motto of the Order of Preachers.
9. The Second Master of the Order of Preachers.
10. Lay Dominican and first canonized saint of the Americas.
12. The patron of the Central Province of the United States, in Latin.
13. Group that Dominic sought to convert in the south of France.
15. Dominic's bishop who invited him on a mission to demand the hand of a princess for the King of Castile's son.
17. Group of third order Dominicans that St. Catherine of Siena joined.
18. Dominic's favorite Gospel that he carried

with him everywhere he went.

19. Franciscan Doctor of the Church who taught with St. Thomas Aquinas at the University of Paris.
22. Phrase we say before and after each psalm in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Down:

2. Dominic's birthplace.
3. Month of our other holy father's feastday.
5. Dominican Pope and the reason why popes to this day wear white.
6. Order of Canons founded by St. Norbert that the early Dominicans were heavily influenced by.
7. The motherhouse of the Order of Preachers in Rome.
8. Dominican saint called "The Angel of the

Apocalypse" that is often depicted with wings in art.

11. The city that the pope was living in when St. Catherine began petitioning him to return to Rome.
14. Month of our holy father's feastday.
16. Dominic's father.
20. Lay Dominican master sculptor, painter, and architect whose brother was a Dominican friar.
21. Theological virtue that is the subject of Spe Salvi.
23. The former name of Evening Prayer.
24. Dominican tertiary priest who wrote the book on "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary."
25. Nickname of St. Thomas when he was a student.

* Editor's Note: For the purposes of the archives, this issue is numbered Volume 53, Issue 4, although the last issue published was Volume 52, Issue 4, which was published in Autumn of 2011. We chose these numbers to keep the integrity of the numbering system intact, allowing our next issue (54: 1) to begin a new volume in a new year. -jjs