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## NEWS BRIEFS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

LPC President Tony Galati announces the following appointments:

- ♦ *Christ in the World!* editor: **Mark Gross** (Bl. Margaret of Castello Chapter, Boise);
- ♦ <http://laydominicanswest> website and online membership directory: **Brian Dragoo** (St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter, Santa Paula);
- ♦ Dominican Supplies: TBA;

### ELECTIONS

St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter: Moderator: **Chris Decaen**; Secretary: **Chris Weinkopf**; Treasurer: **Dominic Forte**; Formation Director: **Brian Dragoo**; LPC Rep: **Joy Blanchard**;  
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Holy Trinity Chapter: **Sandy LaChance**, Formation Director;  
St. Monica Chapter : **Steve Naratil** (moderator re-elected); **Roger Bueno** (asst. moderator re-elected) **Jane Magnan** (treasurer re-elected); **Mark Lazzaro** (formation director re-elected) **John Lydon** (LPC representative: newly elected); **Terry Segelke** (secretary: newly elected)

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

**The Visalia Group** who have chosen St. Jacinto (Hyacinth) as their patronal name. They will have their first Reception ceremony on October 18 and become St. Jacinto Chapter in Formation;

**Margot Pillette**, life promises, August 24 (Holy Rosary Chapter —

Margot was a member of the Eugene chapter):

**Dan Morin**, life promises, July 27 (Las Vegas Group — Dan was also a member of the Eugene chapter and is now co-founding the new chapter in Las Vegas to which he has relocated);

**Judith Chamberlain-Bauer, Rebecca Hahn, Mary McNicholas, Josephine Merfalen, and Nancy Sill**, received August 9 (Bl. Fra Angelico Chapter-in-formation, Modesto);

**Sylvia Barela, Janis Irvin, and Lee Anderson**, first profession; **Roni Englett**, life profession. August 8 (Holy Trinity Chapter);

**fr Dominic DeLay, OP**, who was honored by the Dominican Institute for the Arts (DIA) as the 2008 winner of its Fra Angelico Award.

With apologies, correction from last CIW issue: **Terry Segelke** and **Lena Leveriza** made their 1<sup>st</sup> temporary promises on June 14, 2008 (St. Monica Chapter)..

### FAMILY NEWS

On August 8, 2008, the **Dominican Parish of the Most Blessed Sacrament** in Seattle, Washington, celebrated its Centennial Anniversary with a Solemn Mass in the traditional Dominican Rite. The celebrant was Fr. Daniel Syverstad, O.P., Pastor of Blessed Sacrament; functioning as deacon was Fr. Anthony Patalano, O.P., Pastor of Most Holy Rosary, Portland OR, and as subdeacon Fr. Augustine Thompson, O.P., S.T.M., Professor of Religious Studies and History at the University of Virginia. Fr Michael Sweeney was homilist and 10 other friars assisted. The Tudor Choir under the direction of Mr. Doug Fullington sang the Missa Gloriosa

**New Voices for the Millennium: The Dominican Family in Mission Together**

## A COLLABORATIVE FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS



Promoters for peace, justice, and care of creation in the Western Region are sponsoring a series of conferences on some of the most pressing issues of our time. The first conference, slated for October 4, 2008, at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Berkeley (9:00-4:00), is entitled "Where Can 4 Million Displaced Persons Find Homes? Western Dominicans Explore the Iraqi Refugee Crisis."

Speakers will include Arlene Flaherty, OP, recently returned from Syria and Lebanon as a member of a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) sponsored delegation of women religious meeting with Iraqi refugees. Two Iraqi Dominican sisters will share their experience. John Morris, OP, will discuss the Dominican response to the war.

Future conferences will deal with the human rights of those affected by war, of those affected by immigration, and of those affected by human trafficking.

The conferences are sponsored by the Lay Dominicans of the Western Province, the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, the friars of the Western Province, the Dominican Sisters of Tacoma, the Dominican Sisters of Oakford, and the Dominican Sisters of Adrian. For more information, contact Sr. Stella Goodpasture, OP at 510-261-2349 or stellamsj@igc.org.

From their brochure

### Dominicans Put Pressure on Congress to Relieve the Iraq Refugee Crisis

Dominican Sisters from across the country [were] represented in Washington, DC April 15-17, 2008, to urgently call on Congress to immediately improve US efforts to resettle Iraqi refugees. In 2007 the United States fell far short of its promise to permanently resettle 7,000 Iraqis, and already the promise to resettle 12,000 Iraqis in 2008 is showing a dismally slow start. Approximately 2,500 of the promised 7,000 were resettled in 2007.



"We are going to Washington, D.C. to demand a response to those displaced by this five year war," said Sr. Dusty Farnan, OP (Adrian) North American Promoter of Justice and Peace. "We will meet with our congressional members to express the truth that the life and dignity of every human person is sacred and is the foundation of a moral vision for society. The sanctity of human life is under direct attack as a result of this war."

Dominican Congregations who will be represented in Washington, DC include Amityville, Caldwell, San Rafael, Mission San Jose, Sinsinawa, Springfield, Mosul Iraq, Adrian, Blauvelt, Grand Rapids, Sparkill, Columbus, and Racine.

"Everyday I hear the stories of refugees whose families have been torn apart by violence and displacement," said Sr. Beth Murphy, OP, (Springfield) Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit Refugee Services office. "These families' dreams and hopes for a happy future for their children are not worth less than the dreams and hopes of American families. The terrible reality of this war is that it is putting at risk the futures of millions of children, in Iraq, in the United States, and around the world."

Unless the U.S. Government moves fast to address the already grave Iraqi displacement crisis, Iraqi civilians will be at even greater risk, with serious consequences for the entire region, according to EPIC (Education for Peace in Iraq Center). While Iraq and neighboring countries face the worst humanitarian crisis in Iraq's history, including the displacement of more than 4 million people, U.S. and international assistance remains woefully inadequate.

"It's a nightmare for those who need to relocate for their own safety," said Sr. Marcelline Koch, OP, (Springfield) Justice and Peace Promoter. Bureaucratic red tape is keeping thousands of Iraqis from being able to relocate into the United States. True to the promise, our government needs to improve the current system of refugee processing that isn't working fast enough."

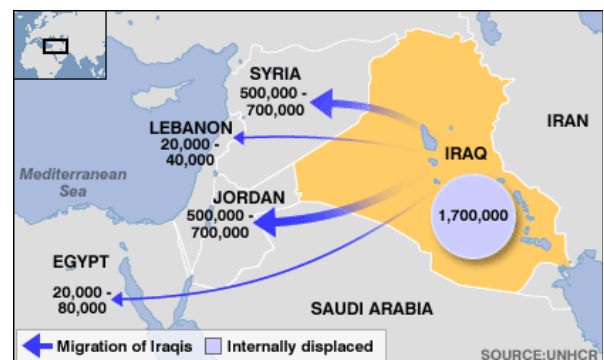
Responding to the grave humanitarian crisis and the escalation in the violence facing the people of Iraq, the Dominican Sisters will join representatives from EPIC (Education for Peace in Iraq Center) and specifically call for action by Congress to:

- Strengthen humanitarian assistance to the region by providing increased funding to international organizations and non-governmental organizations providing essential humanitarian aid to internally displaced Iraqis and Iraqi refugees in neighboring countries. Also provide additional bilateral assistance to refugee hosting countries to help their national systems expand to accommodate refugee needs and to ease the strains on local communities.
- Increase support for reconciliation, recovery and community-based development in Iraq.
- Improve U.S. admissions and resettlement of especially vulnerable refugees from Iraq by becoming the global leader in resettling displaced Iraqis in an expedient manner, giving priority to the most vulnerable cases in accordance with UNHCR guidelines.

"The Iraq war is an unqualified moral disaster that affects the lives of 26 million Iraqis, over half of whom are under the age of 18," said Sister Beth Murphy. "It is also an economic disaster for the U.S. Analysts estimate that the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan will have cost three trillion dollars by the end of fiscal year 2008 while the U.S. housing market is at a dangerous, historic low. The popular myth is that a war economy is good for everyone, but it is costing the average U.S. household just under \$5,000, at \$341.4 million dollars a day, while families continue to struggle, medical insurance costs soar, and schools are underfunded. That's why it matters that we use our voices in Washington to speak for the ones who suffer the most: Iraqi citizens, U.S. soldiers and their families, and the children, the elderly, and the most vulnerable members of our own society."

Dominicans have been deeply and profoundly committed to action on behalf of Iraq since the days of Sanction in the 1990's, and are calling on everyone to support the cause and keep the plight of Iraqi refugees in the public spotlight.

"The Dominican Family in North America is urging everyone to join in our efforts. We're launching a new awareness button campaign," Sister Dusty said. "We're encouraging everyone to wear the: 'I have Family in Iraq: 4 Million Displaced Iraqi's 2003-2008' button. This button communicates our concern for the displaced people of Iraq. We will give a button to the legislators as a reminder to keep their promise to the Iraqi refugees."



From [www.domlife.org](http://www.domlife.org)

For more information on how you can participate or help, logon to [www.iraqactiondays.org](http://www.iraqactiondays.org).

by Nathan Mihelich  
Communications Director

**THE PREZ' PEN**

Tony Galati, OPL

Having assumed the duties as Lay Provincial Council President as of August 20, I'd like to officially greet you in the spirit of St. Dominic. While I know some of you, I don't know you all, so perhaps it's appropriate to tell you a little bit about myself.

Raised and educated Catholic in Portland, Oregon, I have a degree in Philosophy and a love for Saint Thomas both of which led to an interest in the Dominican Order. After some investigation and prayer and with a terribly ardent desire, I entered the Dominican Laity in 1997, temporarily professing at Holy Rosary Chapter at Holy Rosary Parish in Portland. Life profession was in 2001, and I've been active in a variety of ways in my chapter. Additionally, I was elected to serve on the LPC as Secretary in 2001, and Vice President in 2006. Married 27 years, I have two sons, and I currently serve as Executive Director of the Catholic radio station in Portland, KBVM (hear it on the web at [www.kbvm.fm](http://www.kbvm.fm)).

Because my duties at the radio station consume a large amount of my time, I don't read, garden and fish as much as I'd like, but those would be my hobbies if I had any, although I do walk, an awful lot, and when I walk, I like to listen to old time radio shows when I'm not praying the Rosary.

I'm generally able to get back to you quickly should you need to visit, and the easiest and simplest way is via email, [tonyg@teleport.com](mailto:tonyg@teleport.com). You can also call me at 503-522-3697. Already, I've corresponded or spoken with a number of folks in the various chapters around the province, and I look forward to visiting with so many more. I truly hope to be of service to the province through God's grace and the support of your prayers.

God bless you all.

Tony Galati

**THE PROMOTER'S PLACE**

Fr Vincent Serpa, OP

Working each day as I do at Catholic Answers, I am called on to explain what the Church teaches to those who are confused and to proclaim it to those who hunger for it—the very thing the Order of Preachers was founded to do. Just today I answered a woman on the internet who has been in love with a man other than her husband for six years. She feels nothing for her husband who is the father of her two teenagers. But she does feel much guilt and says that she doesn't know what to do. Actually, she does know what she should do. She doesn't need me to explain Church doctrine to her. Her plea is a cry for help. She doesn't know how to obtain the strength she needs to do the right thing. As a Dominican my work is not merely to give her intellectual information, but to speak to her soul and help her to know how to identify the Lord's presence in her life.

A few weeks ago I received an email from a thirty-something lawyer who wanted to thank Catholic Answers for helping him come back to the Church after a twenty-year absence. It was a struggle, giving up a seven-year same sex relationship. It actually took him two years to accomplish. When I asked him what it was that turned the tide, he said that it was the passage from the Gospel of Mark in which Herod had John the Baptist beheaded because he didn't want to lose face before his court and guests. The young man said that he didn't want to act as Herod had. He didn't want to wimp out. He had been attending daily Mass and praying the rosary each night. So he eventually received the strength that the woman I just mentioned is in need of.

What you and I are called to do is make known the source and availability of such strength. No generation has had a greater need for it. When men ask me for help in dealing with a compulsive addiction to inter-net pornography, which does qualify as a current epidemic, I tell them what I told her: spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament for the rest of your life and you will be free and at peace. During that time I tell them to go over the Lord's passion

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For the repose of the souls of  
**Marge Wojtowick**, mother of Bonnie Fitzpatrick, OPL (Bl. Margaret of Castello Chapter), August 21;  
**Jennie Martinez**, sister of Fran Barrios, OPL;

**Marie Iffert**, mother of Janis Irvin, OPL (Holy Trinity Chapter), August 9;  
**Yvonne Shaw, OPL**, of Our Lady of the Mountain Chapter, Ashland, OR, on July 30;

**Ciriaco R. Isidro**, father-in-law of Evelyn Isidro, OPL (St. Rose of Lima Chapter), July 26;

*MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN*

For all those who mourn;

For the victims of natural disasters;

For relief of hunger in our world, especially in Africa;

For a peaceful solution to international hostilities, and for our service men and women in the Middle East;;

For those who are ill among our brothers and sisters;

For those recommended by the chapters:

Bl. Margaret of Castello Chapter: **Ruth Robertson**, the Robertson's son and his family; the **Galindo family**; **Paul O'Leary**, OPL, who has been sent to Afghanistan for a year; **Anita Moore**; **Kathleen Schuck**; **Will Gross**, son of Mark Gross; **Abraham**, son of Phil & Sandra Ferguson; the other children of our members;

Corpus Christi Chapter: **Tess and Pablo Tempra**, **Hal Tanforan**; **Patty Ghilarducci**; **Sr. Mary Assumpta**, Monastery's Novice Directress (leukemia),

Holy Rosary Chapter: **Cecelia Hosely**; **Joyce Timberman**; **Rosie Zorich**; Sue King's mother, **Leonie Everett**; Margaret Fuleki's 2 grandchildren, **Michael and Christina Hayes** and their parents; Mary Gedeon's sister, **Dolores Pence**, Cecilia Hoesly's sister-in-law, **Sue Hoesly**; Roberta Powell's father, **Robert Saul** and sister, **Jane Saul**;

San Martín de Porres Chapter: **Zora Godfrey**, **Don Nagy**, **Dennis Higgins-Haid**, **Barbara Lynch**.

St. Albert Chapter: **Mary Rudge**, **Pam Stafford**; **Dieter Biers**; **Bernie Calagos**, mother of Joyce, OPL; **Amy Estrada's** mother; **Ed Joseph**; **Mary Rudge's** son;

## HAVE YOU HEARD?



<http://word.op.org/>

a daily dose of Dominican preaching from all branches of the Order...

St. Dominic Chapter: **Nicholas Kibbe**, grandson of **Concie Kibbe, OPL**; family of **Robert O'Dell, OPL**; **Delphina Castro, OPL**; **Carmen Sanchez, mother of Rosa Sanchez, OPL**;

St. Joseph Chapter: **Alene Marie Wilhelmi**; **Julie Cote**;

St. Mary Magdalene Chapter: **Prima Bassen**; **Mike Lieske**; **Bud Pokora**, father of **Syndee**; **Paulette Schroeder and family**; **George Warner**, father of **Margaret Warner**; **Kathleen Rhody**, mother of **Kathy Rhody**; **Lustre Malone**;

St. Monica Chapter: **Jane Mangan and family**;

Our brothers: **frs Tom Kraft, Bede Wilks, Mark Gorski**;

**Finbarr Hayes**; **Stan (Fabian) Parmisano**;

For our sisters and brothers in Iraq;

For the Brothers & Novices in formation at St. Albert's

Priory in Oakland and St. Dominic's in San Francisco;

For all who are confined to neglectful nursing facilities;

For all who have been listed on our chapter prayer lines;

For our Dominican sisters and brothers in formation and for vocations to all branches of the Order;

For the ministries and jobs of our Lay Dominican sisters and brothers;

For an end to all crimes against the culture of life and human dignity;

For courage and enthusiasm for those called to serve in mission lands;

For peace in the world, end to tyranny and genocide.

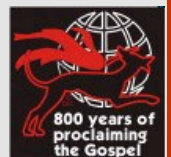
For all who are in our prisons, especially those on death row and those who are actually wrongly imprisoned.

## Jubilee Prayer

*God of Mercy, In your eternal Wisdom, you called your servant Dominic to set off on a journey of faith as itinerant pilgrim and preacher of grace. With your Word of gentle Truth in his heart and on his lips, Dominic invited the first sisters and brothers to join him in a life of contemplative obedience in the service of the holy preaching.*

*As we commemorate this Jubilee, we ask you to breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ once again into our hearts and minds. Re-create us, so that we might faithfully and joyfully proclaim the gospel of peace, through the same Christ, our Lord.*

*Amen.*



## Social Justice

John Keenan, OPL, Promoter of Peace, Justice, Care of Creation

### All in the Family

As the family is the “cradle of life and love,” the family is the first place where God’s peace and justice and His kingdom should reign in the hearts and minds of its members.

The justice and peace of society begins with the family. God wishes the human family to live in peace and justice as we were made “in His image.” In order to help peace and justice reign in the world, indeed in our own communities, offices, shops, colleges, schools, and homes, we must live the peace of Christ within us and in our families. This peace is the peace that He gives you, “not as the world gives.” *John 14:27*.

The family is where practical wisdom is developed and the virtues are taught and practiced. It is within this cell where the center of social life begins and ends. Simply stated, “The family is a divine institution that stands at the foundation of life of the human person as the prototype of every social order.” The family is the place of natural affection between members, where order and relationship are established, sustained, and fulfilled.

It is within this insular family bond that parents and children learn about the world outside, to establish order within their lives, so that they may spread the Gospel.

In other words, it is here that right order is maintained for the good of society. It is grounded in the natural order as established by God. The family is the Godly place where children are generated, taught, disciplined, and succeed to the next generation. It is the first lesson in peace and justice practiced in love. It is the place where each parent and child does his or her daily duty in love and sacrifice. The father and mother attend to their duties at home and at work, and with the children. They show up to work on time, complete their tasks and jobs, do their work at home, teach and discipline their children daily, pay their bills, attend to social duties and pay their taxes. The child does his or her daily duties, by finishing homework, by completing regular chores on a timely basis, and attending school. In a phrase, they practice peace.



Holiness abounds in the family where good habits and right order are established, where love of others finds its first and final expression in family life and where God is honored. Each member of the family is encouraged to attend the sacrament of Reconciliation and to worship God at Holy Mass.

In the end, if a person wishes to practice or engage in peace and justice matters and issues and impact the outside world, then it is incumbent upon that person to follow Christ, to put his or her life in order, to care for his or her family, and to fulfill Christ’s call to be holy.

As Jesus Christ says in the Holy Scripture, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” *Matthew 6:33*. Lastly, it is important that we transform “social realities by the power of the Gospel;” first by preaching the good news in word and deed to the world about the salvation of souls.

I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.

*Deuteronomy 30: 19,20.*

**PROMOTER'S PLACE, cont.**

and thank Him for each suffering. I then go over it with them to help them identify just what He endured.

Now this doesn't come so much from my study as it does from my prayer life. If I had no prayer life, I would have nothing to offer. Prayer is the first pillar of Dominican life—and the most essential. If we give Him permission, as Mother Teresa used to say, He will transform our lives. For the Dominican, proclaiming the truth is completely dependent on our living it. Without centering on Him, we are left to center on ourselves and we will wonder why no one is interested in joining our way of life.

**"CHRISTIAN UNITY," AN INTERFAITH  
RELIGION SPECIAL,  
TO BE BROADCAST SUNDAY, SEPT. 21  
ON THE CBS TELEVISION NETWORK**

CHRISTIAN UNITY, an interfaith religion special, will be broadcast Sunday, Sept. 21 on the CBS Television Network. Check your local station for exact time.

Over the centuries Christians have split into many groups, not always on friendly terms. Christian Unity is an ongoing attempt to bring Roman Catholics, Protestants, Evangelicals, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox into further dialogue and cooperation. This year The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebrates its 100th anniversary in this country.

The Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, in Garrison, N.Y. is a Roman Catholic Community that is home to the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement and where Christian unity is encouraged year-round. The group sponsors its annual "Week of Prayer" during the month of January. Rev. James J. Gardiner, SA, is director of the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, and he offers an historical perspective on the center's significant contributions to the ecumenical movement.

The program also includes interviews with the Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, a leading voice in ecumenism and the state of the movement today, and with Rev. George A. Kilcourse, professor of theology at Bellarmine University, Louisville, Ky., author of *Double Belonging: Interchurch Families and Christian Unity*, and a pioneering voice in the

*field of ecumenical marriages.* He joined by a colleague, Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Associate Professor of Theology at Bellarmine, who adds her perspective.

We explore Louisville, Ky., a southern, Bible-belt community where the ecumenical spirit thrives. We learn how the city effectively embraced the idea of unity among Christian denominations, not only through community outreach but also in helping to bridge racial divides. The Rev. Joe Phelps, Pastor of Highland Baptist Church, is interviewed alongside Rev. Clay Calloway, Associate Minister of St. Stephen's Baptist Church, as they talk about "No Murders Metro," an inter-denominational campaign they created to raise awareness about local homicides. Rev. Phelps says, "We've found common cause in our faith, and in the issues that face us as people across the denominational and racial lines that unite us."

Also featured is Rev. Lincoln Bingham, Pastor, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, who has devoted much of his religious life to the ministry of reconciliation. As co-chairman of the Greater Louisville Christian Reconciliation Ministries, he is quoted as saying, "What we do helps to open eyes. When I get in a dialogue with a ministerial group of different denominational affiliation my understanding is opened and broadened." CHRISTIAN UNITY reveals the wishes of many that the one Christian faith be fully united once again.

John P. Blessington is the executive producer; Liz Kineke is the producer. The special is produced with the cooperation of The National Council of Churches, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Islamic Society of North American, the Union for Reform Judaism and The New York Board of Rabbis

Thanks to Barbara Keats, OPL (Tempe)

**UPDATE: Pier Giorgio Frassati,  
Lay Dominican**

I hope you are all having as eventful of a summer as Pier Giorgio!

June marked the departure of his mortal remains from Italy to Australia. On June 26th, he was the topic of EWTN's "Life on the Rock" show. (If you missed that show, you can listen to the audio from the EWTN website. Or, you can order a DVD

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copy from the FrassatiUSA website.)

From July 12-22, Pier Giorgio's coffin was moved to St. Mary's Cathedral in Sydney and was viewed by more than a quarter of a million people. Earlier [the first week of August], the coffin arrived in Oropa, Italy, where a special Mass of welcoming and a candlelight procession [was held]. (Oropa is just a few miles north of the Frassati Villa in Pollone and was a place where Pier Giorgio loved to go and pray. His coffin will be there until September 7th.

At the end of August, Bob and Penny Lord [were] in Italy filming for their upcoming special on Pier Giorgio. Please keep their work in your prayers.

Over the past several months, many of you have expressed an interest in taking a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Pier Giorgio next summer. Frassati-USA would like to offer a trip for mid-June and is taking a brief survey to know if enough of you are seriously considering this despite the euro/dollar situation. If you have not already responded to the online survey, would you please take a few seconds to do so now? Click here to go straight to the survey which is located on our blog.

Also, the kinks for making online donations (via PayPal) to this ministry have all been worked out. Although we do not send out monthly solicitations, we rely completely on your generous support to continue all of the work involved in promoting Pier Giorgio's cause for canonization. Click here if you are able to make an online donation at this time.

As always, thanks for helping to spread the spirituality of Blessed Pier Giorgio!

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"The future is in the hands of God and better than that it could not be." ~ Pier Giorgio Frassati

## Simple Beginnings

Ron Solomon, Inquirer in St. Rose of Lima Chapter, will be traveling to Mexico to assist in building houses around the end of October. Here is his summary of the *Corazón* project.

Thirty years ago, three Orange County residents felt a need to help the poor in several villages surrounding Tijuana. They provided food, clothing, basic supplies and spiritual help. In 1978 they officially formed *Corazón* as a nonprofit organization. During the early years *Corazón* helped by meeting the immediate needs with food, clothing and shelter. Volunteers repaired some of the "homes" (actually shacks of pallets and cardboard) of the residents. This "repairing" quickly turned to building complete houses.



Over the next five years *Corazón* developed a turnkey construction system for a 12' x 20' house with a wood floor and foundation. Using this system, a volunteer sponsor group on a one-day contribution event could build a complete home for a family.

From 1983 to 1996, *Corazón* grew from building 8 houses a year to building 8 houses in a day. In 1995, the *familia Corazón* program was conceived and developed as an overall approach to help families escape poverty while building a stronger community. In 1998 a five-year operational plan was adopted to provide the framework for the *familia* program and to coordinate all facets of *Corazón*. In 2003, a second plan was created to give us guidelines and goals for the next five years. "Feed me today, and I'll be



hungry tomorrow. Teach me today, and I can feed my family forever." Today, *Corazón* has built over 800 new homes and repaired hundreds more. We have profoundly affected the lives of over 1,000 families, provided annual scholarships to thousands of students and have witnessed several of our students graduate

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from college. The *familia* program works as these students are returning to their villages to teach and help, giving back for what they have received.

Currently *Corazón* has over 150 students in elementary school, 50 in middle and high school and five in college! The *familia* program is currently assisting over 500 families in 5 communities in Baja California.

Submitted by Harold Verdun, OPL  
Photos by Ron Solomon

## AROUND THE CHAPTERS

**St Rose of Lima Chapter:** On Saturday, August 23, Holy Rosary Church celebrated the feast day of St. Rose of Lima who is the patron saint of our chapter. Members of the Laity decorated the altar with flowers and placed the statue of St. Rose in a prominent place so that all attending the Mass could see it. In addition, the members placed holy cards with the image of St. Rose as well as informational pamphlets about the chapter. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Dismas who in his homily delivered a very interesting and spiritual sermon on the life and times of St. Rose. It was inspiring as well as humorous and we learned a number of facts about St. Rose that we had not known before. Father feels a special affinity to St. Rose and it showed in the celebration of the Mass and the presentation of the sermon. We look forward to next year's celebration where we will try to get the parish more involved in presentation of the Mass.

Submitted by Harold Verdun —and Eleanor Janson adds: At my parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary, the church was FILLED with flowers. Although those who had allergies might not have enjoyed it, most of those who came to Mass appreciated the floral display and St. Rose herself, who loved flowers, would have loved the setting in which our dear Fr. Ken delivered his sermon. Unfortunately, many of those in attendance speak only Spanish ... and, of course there were no Dominicans present except me.

**San Martín de Porres Chapter:** On August 10th, the friars, sisters and lay members of the Dominican Order in Tucson joined in community to celebrate St. Dominic's Feast Day at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center on the University of Arizona campus. Hosted by the St. Martin de Porres Chapter of Lay Dominicans, the event joined together about 30 members of the community for Sunday Mass at

the Newman Center, followed by a very filling potluck lunch. Photo courtesy of Julietta Gonzales, OPL, of the Tucson chapter.

Submitted by Erik Pytlak,  
OPL



**Holy Trinity Chapter:** We had our annual retreat on Aug 8 - 10, 2008 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery. The topic of the retreat was *Hope For Now and Forever*, and it was presented by Fr James Thompson, OP. The chapter really enjoyed Fr Thompson's presentation and we had a lot of good discussion and sharing. On Fri Aug 8, 2008, St Dominic's feast day, 3 new members made their First Professions - Sylvia Barela, OPL; Janis Irvin, OPL and Lee Anderson, OPL. Also, Roni Englett, OPL made her Life Profession during the same ceremony.

Submitted by Brian White, OPL

**Holy Rosary Chapter:** On Sunday August 24, Margot Pillette made lifetime profession during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Afterward the chapter celebrated at Mary Fazio's beautiful home with a spaghetti dinner and potluck. Congratulations, Margot! We have scheduled an Italian Dinner and Theater for Saturday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Siena Hall at Holy Rosary church, following the 5:30 Mass. Head chef Mary Fazio will be in charge of the cooking with help from chapter members. Actor and Director Leonardo de Filipis has agreed to provide the entertainment. He is well known for his one man plays based on the Gospels and/or lives of various saints. His company, St. Luke Productions, produced the movie "Therese," which was released several years ago. Leonardo directed and acted in the movie. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and the proceeds will benefit various apostolates of our chapter including Dominican Seminarians, Dominican Missions, KBVM Catholic Radio station and Ecce Veritas (a lay sponsored Catholic High School that meets at Holy Rosary).

Submitted by Roberta Powell, OPL

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**Bartolomeo de las Casas Chapter in Fformation.**

We had our Chapter Day August 9-10 and it was very successful. There were 18 persons who signed the attendance sheet for Chapter Day 2008. First time inquirers: (8) Margaret Spas, Mary Lou Canale, Amcha Girardi, Sheri O'Sullivan, Sallie Matonis, Matthew Vu, Kathleen Beckman, Bertha Cano; Candidates: (4) Natalie Janiec, Ceci Witchey, Lou Podesta , Jerry Fay; Temporary Professed: (3) Aurora Roff, Steve Kime, George Kubeck; Life Professed: (3) Michaelene Kubeck, Polly Dristas, Michael Seibert von Fock

Submitted by Steve Kime, OPL

**St. Monica Chapter in Formation** hosted its' 2<sup>nd</sup> yearly retreat at St. Albert's Priory, August 1-3 with two other chapters participating (St. Rose of Lima of Antioch and St. Albert Chapter of Oakland). A blessed and fun time of spiritual growth and camaraderie was had by all. Next year's retreat is planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of August 2009. St. Monica Chapter will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> family and friends get-together at Bodega Bay, September 19-21. The following will be making their temporary professions this October 2008: John Lydon 1<sup>st</sup> temporary promise, Tommy Thompson 1<sup>st</sup> temporary renewal of promise, Jane Magnan, Roger Bueno, James Werder 2<sup>nd</sup> temporary renewal of promises. Heartfelt thanks to Jackie Klare for her remarkable support as Council secretary of St. Monica's chapter from its initiation. Jackie is stepping down after 5 years of service.

St. Monica chapter laity assisted the Benicia Dominicans in cooking breakfast for the parish in celebration of St. Dominic's feast day this August.

Submitted by Terry Segelke, OPL

**INVITATIONS**

**St. Joseph's Chapter** invites you to our Annual Retreat on October 19th 2008 at the Dominican Sisters' Motherhouse, 43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont, California. The fee is \$35.00 per person for one day and \$75.00 for those who wish to stay overnight. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Sergius Probst who will be speaking on the Dominican Charism. To RSVP please contact Gloria Walker at emmauswalker2003@yahoo.com or call 510-427-2125.

The staff of the Mary Nona McGreal Center for Dominican Historical Studies invites you to an Open House on Saturday October 11, 2008 from 2:00pm-4:00pm in River Forest, IL. River Forest is a western suburb of Chicago. On www.domlife.org, in the DLC section, there are directions from the major highways. Also see www.dom.edu/about. **To respond to the invitation and obtain more information go to** [http://www.domlife.org/dlc/McGreal/McGreal\\_default.html](http://www.domlife.org/dlc/McGreal/McGreal_default.html)

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Dominican themed tiles designed and produced by **sr Barbara Schwarz, OP** (see bookmarks, below), as well as notecards, plaques, clips, and prayer cards — and jubilee cards (hard find!).



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## KAREN'S KORNER

Karen Woods, OPL, Editor

This is my last Karen's Korner – your new editor's thoughts may be printed in this space in the future. As you know, no one keeps a job for too long in the Dominican Order. Itinerancy is the name of the game! It isn't always easy but there's much to recommend it.

Letting *Christ in the World!* move on to other hands led to my pondering the long road it and I have traveled together.

It was in 1999 that I began to produce *C/W*. The LPC president at the time, Will Murray, asked me to take on what had been less a newsletter and more a collection of recommended readings. I agreed, if I could turn it into a real newsletter. Now, 19 volumes and about 115 issues later, I'm hoping that's what I did.

I know from feedback that many people have read and enjoyed *C/W* since that time. Besides a much wider distribution in the Dominican Family, readers became an international sampling early on, and now, especially after Congress 2007 and posting to the internet, the intra-Family and international readership of *C/W* has grown even more. That's heady stuff!

I do want to thank my sisters and brothers in the chapters who've so faithfully supported *C/W* by reporting chapter news and remembering to send me or call my attention to articles of general interest. I thank them as well for making sure that copies of *C/W* are available to their chapter members, either by the tedious task of making copies or by forwarding the emailed alert that the most recent issue has been posted to the internet.

Thanks to the promoters for their reflections that helped to keep us all inspired.

I thank the readers, too (what use a newsletter that no one reads?), especially those who, from time to time, have written to share their reactions with me (mostly good!).

It has all been a wonderful trip. I've enjoyed this job and learned a great deal in the process. I can only wish the same to Mark Gross, the new editor. I know that you'll help him with your continued support. To really succeed, *C/W* needs all of us working together.

Confessor Domini by Juan Esquivel, based on a motet by Francisco Guerrero between 1605 and 1609. The music was newly edited for this occasion. The Propers were sung from the Dominican Gradual.

**The Executive Committee of the Dominican Leadership Conference** announces that **Margaret Mayce, OP (Amityville)** will become the new NGO (non-governmental organization) representative at the United Nations. Margaret replaces Eileen Gannon, OP (Sparkill) who has served in this position for ten years and will move on to other ministry opportunities.



We wish sr Margaret great success in her new role and look forward to her updates.  
(from www.Domlife.org)

## TODAY'S TO-DO

**Managers** of their chapters' online membership directory: please, please update it! How-to sheets were distributed at the LPC meeting. Can't find it? Let Karen Woods know (address front page, bottom left)

## CALENDAR

**September 21: CBS airing "Christian Unity" [see page 7]**

**October 4: Collaborative on Iraq [see page 2]**

**October 11: open house at the Mary Nona McGreal Center, River Forest, IL [see page 11]**

**October 19: St. Joseph Chapter retreat [see page 10]**

Dwell together in unity...and be of one mind and one heart in God...this is the end for which you were gathered here... St. Augustine,

