



# MISSION WEST

A newsletter for friends of the Dominican Friars, Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

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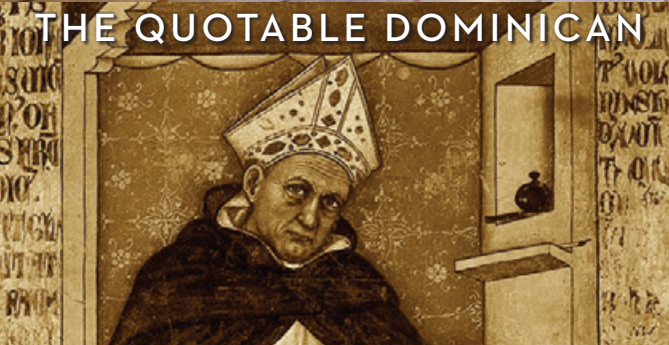
## DOMINICAN ZEAL

Our Mission. Your Support. Worldwide Impact.



## DID YOU KNOW?

One of the world's oldest pharmacies was started by Dominicans. The Officina Profumo-Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella in Italy traces its history to 1221, when Dominican friars at Santa Maria Novella mixed balms, syrups and pills to help the sick. The friars were so skilled, their recipes soon spread around the world.



## THE QUOTABLE DOMINICAN

### St. Albert the Great

Feast Day: November 15

**“From knowledge arises faith,  
which opens our eyes to the Father;  
from that union arises charity,  
which fixes its gaze on the Father.”**

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## A Heartfelt Thanks, From Our Family to Yours


**Your kindness makes the education of our  
student brothers possible**

Our Dominican family throughout the Western Province is deeply grateful for the sacrifices, prayers and generosity you shared during our recent Rosary Sunday: Dominican Student Appeal.

By helping to fund the education and formation of our Dominican Student Brothers and Novices, you've removed many barriers as they prepare to serve you and your loved ones.

**Rosary  
Sunday**  
DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL

Thank you for helping to give the world great Dominican preachers!

CELEBRATING 800 YEARS 

## from the vicar provincial for advancement



Dear Friends of St. Dominic,

Catholics often have the undeserved reputation of being against or afraid of the human body. In an age when “choice” is increasingly the “state religion,” the Catholic Church is seen as out of touch and limiting the freedoms of persons as it relates to their bodies. In fact, the church has an extremely exalted view of the body.

The body is fundamentally good, and it is good because it was created by God; and even more so because God actually took on our human flesh and blood. Outside of Christianity, no other religion believes that God would love us so much as to take on our frail flesh. But that is exactly what He did at Christmas!

Brothers and Sisters, as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, we celebrate the great mystery of the incarnation—of God becoming man! And in doing so, we also celebrate the fundamental goodness of the human person, and share with the world the great dignity of each soul and the Love that God has for us all.

Let us all thank God for the greatest gift—the gift of Himself—and let us strive to share that gift with others! May this Advent season draw you closer to the Light of Christ.

Thank you for supporting the good work of the Dominicans and empowering us to preach the Gospel with zeal and joy.

In Christ and St. Dominic,

Fr. James Junípero Moore, O.P.  
*Vicar Provincial for Advancement*

P.S. The deadline to become a Founding Member of our monthly giving program, the 1216 Society, is December 31st. Visit [opwest.org/1216](http://opwest.org/1216) to learn more. It's quick and easy to enroll, and we'd love to honor you on our Founding Members plaque.

**Cover Photo:** Dominican Novice Brothers lead thousands of pilgrims on procession through the streets of San Francisco in honor of St. Jude Thaddeus. The Shrine of St. Jude is located at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco, and attracts visitors from all over the United States. St. Jude is the patron of difficult cases and a powerful intercessor of those in desperate situations. Visit [stjude-shrine.org](http://stjude-shrine.org) to learn more.

# Preaching to the Young in an Age of Relativism

When you support the friars, you help inspire young adults to keep the faith



Fr. Christopher Brannan, O.P., ordained this past May, offers a first blessing to pilgrims at World Youth Day (WYD). A number of friars from our province attended WYD to preach and evangelize among the young people of the world.

There are approximately 5,000,000 Catholic college students in the United States, and the vast majority of them attend public universities. It's also no secret that the college years are some of the most trying on one's faith. That's why your support of the friars and Catholic campus ministry is so critical to the future of the Church.

To that end, Dominicans run a number of campus ministries, often called Newman Centers, at some of the most influential universities. Newman Centers are named after Bl. John Henry Cardinal Newman, the inspirational 19th century Catholic theologian and convert who called students to embrace a holistic knowledge and an adult Catholic faith.

Given the Dominican charism of preaching and devotion to study, serving in campus ministry is a natural fit. In fact, BestCollegeReviews.org recently ranked campus ministries in the United States, placing three of our province's ministries in the Top 20: University of Washington (#9), University of Oregon (#12), and University of Utah (#20).

Fr. Lukasz Misko, O.P., Director of the St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Newman Center at the University of Utah, Westminster College, and Salt Lake Community College, explains why.

"Campus ministry is where the most important and influential processes happen in young people. With us, they receive what is missing in their secular education: the holistic vision of human happiness that sheds light on their fragmented experiences. That is, Jesus Christ!"

Fr. Peter Do, O.P., Director of the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center at the University of Oregon, shared the impact this can have on young people.

"There was a student here who almost flunked out of school her freshman year. Yet with the support of her Catholic community at Newman, she got back into school, started attending Mass again, and has blossomed into one of our greatest student leaders. The transformation students go through when they encounter Christ is miraculous."

To help reach more students in need of Christ, Fr. Peter has added four FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionaries to the ministry, giving them an even bigger presence on campus. FOCUS missionaries are trained to go on campus and draw students to Christ and His Church, helping to launch them into life-long Catholic mission.

Thank you for supporting the friars and their efforts to bring Christ on campus!

—Sources: *CARA* (2003), *Pew* (2009)



Fr. Peter Do, O.P., is joined by FOCUS Missionaries and students of the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center at the University of Oregon. Newman Centers provide important Catholic services to students, faculty and staff at secular universities.

A priest in white vestments stands in the center, addressing a group of people. The background features a vast, mountainous landscape with snow-capped peaks under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The foreground shows the backs of several people, including one wearing a red t-shirt with the text "A PERSON'S A PERSON, NO MATTER HOW SMALL." and "—DR. BRASS".

THE FUTURE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

*“Students are thirsty for truth, and the world is not giving it to them, and they know it. We need to be real. Gimmicks will not save us or win students, but total fidelity to Christ will. We need to pray more and invite our students to drink from the fount of truth that is Jesus Christ. As we are unapologetically Dominican, rooted in prayer, study and preaching the Gospel, we will lead many more young souls to Christ. In doing so, we will secure the future of the Church.”*

—Fr. Lukasz Misko, O.P.

With the magnificent backdrop of Emigration Canyon (Utah), Fr. Lukasz Misko, O.P., inspires college students to embrace their faith as adults. From their earliest days, Dominicans have had a particular gift for evangelizing in university communities.

## The Lord Sends Six More Novices

Thanks to you and God's grace, vocations continue to grow

*Your prayers are working, and your financial support is making a difference! We're excited to share that six more bold and faithful men have joined the Order of Preachers, becoming our 2016 Novice Class. Because of great friends like you, the Dominicans continue to be one of the fastest growing male religious groups in the United States.*



**Br. John Winkowitsch**  
Brother John is from Cut Bank, Montana. He has a B.A. in Liberal Arts from Thomas Aquinas College, as well as a Ph.L. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from Catholic University of America. He studied karate for five years, enjoys games of strategy, and is good at billiards. Before entering the Order, Br. John's students referred to him as Batman because he was both the coolest and most intimidating teacher around.



**Br. Ian Mary Parelius**  
Brother Ian is from Petaluma, California. He has

a B.A. in Philosophy and Integral Studies from St. Mary's College of California and a M.T.S. from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. He has been playing the piano for the last 15 years and is currently learning how to play the organ. He is considered the practical joker of his class and served as a FOCUS missionary before becoming a Dominican.



**Br. Paschal Strader**  
Brother Paschal is from Yucca, California. He has a B.S. in Computer Science and Physics from California State University San Bernardino, and a M.A. in Physics and Ph.D. in Experimental Astrophysics from University of California Santa Barbara. He values the many friendships he has developed over the years, is very creative,

and enjoys star-gazing, especially looking at open clusters like the Pleiades.



**Br. Athanasius Thompson**  
Brother Athanasius is from La Habra, California. He has a B.A. in Philosophy from California State University Los Angeles. He enjoys playing the blues and classic rock on bass guitar, and describes himself as an "ancient language nerd."



**Br. Andrew Thomas Kang**  
Brother Andrew Thomas is from Fullerton, California. He has a B.S. in Computer Science from University of California

San Diego. He likes rock climbing, can play the ukulele and the guitar, and was a parishioner at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco before entering the Order.



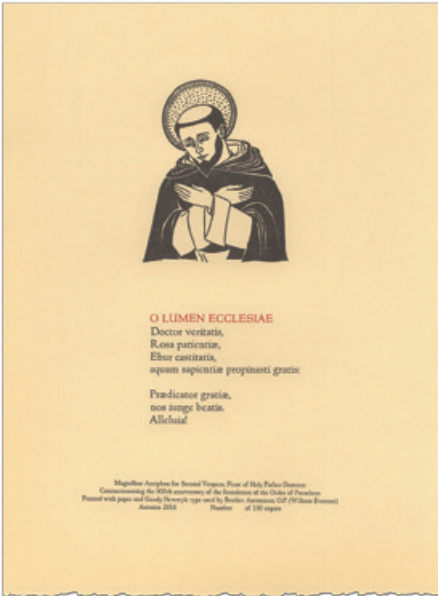
**Br. Paul Maria Müllner**  
Brother Paul is from Boise, Idaho, but was born in Switzerland. He has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Boise State University. He worked as a gold miner and enjoys Nutella hazelnut spread (which was developed by a devout Catholic family).

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*Our sincere gratitude is extended to all those who helped make this edition of the newsletter possible.*

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## Get Your Limited Edition 800th Jubilee Keepsake

As part of the Dominican 800th Jubilee, a commemorative, limited-edition broadside, “O Lumen Ecclesiae,” has been struck. Only 150 are available. The cost is \$100, unframed.

This special work of art contains a reproduction of an original linoleum block illustration of St. Dominic designed by Mary Fabilli for the St. Albert the Great Chapter (Oakland) of the Lay Dominicans.

To order, email Fr. Chris Renz, O.P., at [crenz@dspt.edu](mailto:crenz@dspt.edu) or call 510-883-2084.

## IRA Charitable Rollover

**A Great Way to Reduce Your Taxes and Help the Dominicans!**

**A**t age 70½, the IRS requires you to make an Annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. The distribution is then subject to income tax.

However, did you know that you can satisfy the IRS’s required distribution by transferring up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a charity—and tax free?

To make a gift from your IRA, contact your plan administrator and ask them to make a charitable rollover gift from your account to the Western Dominican Province.

Visit [opwest.org/taxinfo](http://opwest.org/taxinfo) for the information your plan advisor will request.



**DEADLINE  
APPROACHING!  
DECEMBER 31**



**Join the**

**1216  
Society**

**S**ince our founding in 1216AD, our Dominican life of preaching has been sustained by God’s grace and the regular alms giving of those we serve.

In honor of our 800th Jubilee, we invite you to join our new 1216 Society by making a monthly gift on your credit card. Like the faithful of the last eight centuries, your support makes our life of preaching possible.

Become a monthly donor to the Western Dominican Province by 12/31/16 and be remembered forever on the Founding Members plaque at St. Albert’s Priory.

**Your support helps us  
lead souls to Christ!**

**Enroll Today!  
Visit [opwest.org/1216](http://opwest.org/1216)**

or Call (510) 658-8722

## A Profile in Generosity: The Hockel Family

Giving time, talent and family to advance the mission of St. Dominic

**How did you get involved with the Dominicans?**

**[Brian]** My first connection to the friars was with Fr. Paul Zammit, O.P., back in college in 1982. He taught a course called Rational Psychology. It was fantastic! Later in the 1980s, I would join friars in praying outside a Planned Parenthood office.

**[Beth]** I first met (then Br.) James Junípero Moore, O.P., when he directed the local homeschooling children's choir in the early 2000s.

**What's your favorite memory of working with Dominicans?**

**[Beth]** Helping Frs. James Junípero Moore, O.P., and Corwin Low, O.P., teach the TORCH (Catholic homeschoolers) children's choir for many years. And some of my favorite memories are of singing at the Dominican Priestly Ordinations of 2008 in San Francisco and of 2014 in Benicia.

**[Brian]** I really enjoy the opportunity to get to know the various friars of the province when they come into my dental office. It's a privilege for me to serve them.

**What's the most important thing Dominicans offer society today?**

Dominicans offer society a powerful public witness of deep faith and intellectual precision, along with a loving approach to people.

**Why do you think interest in the Dominicans is growing?**

Vocations are increasing because the Dominicans are sincere about their witness to the faith and their love of Christ. It's not just something they talk about; it's a real experience for them.



Dr. Brian Hockel, DDS, and Br. Andrew Dominic, O.P., drill down to the root of social problems during one of the friars' many dental visits.



**What has surprised you most about working with the Dominicans?**

We wish people knew how joyful the Dominicans are! A life of turning one's whole self over to God's will, spreading the Gospel, under the protection of Our Lady, leads to deep peace and happiness. We see this with every Dominican we meet.

Brian and Beth Hockel pose with their 11 children at St. Dominic's in San Francisco. The Hockel family appreciates the skill and charity with which Dominicans preach the faith.

**Why do you support the Dominicans?**

Our family has been richly blessed by our involvement with the Dominicans. When our daughter told us she believed she had a vocation to be a Dominican sister, we were so happy for her (and for us!). What a great honor: to be part of the Dominican family!



Brian and Beth (left), were overjoyed when their daughter, Bernadette (center), discerned a vocation with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, TN. In this photo they are joined by Bernadette's sister, Claire, and brother, James (right) on the day Bernadette became a postulant.