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

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In and Out of Season,
You Help Us Preach the Truth



DID YOU KNOW?

The site where St. Albert the Great Priory (our house of formation) currently sits was previously the home of Brookhurst Mansion. The Perry family sold the five-acre property to the Dominicans for \$65,000 in 1931. Soon thereafter in 1935, construction began on St. Albert's and continued through 1949.



THE QUOTABLE DOMINICAN St. Catherine de' Ricci

Feast Day: February 4

“When we consider the depth of the mystery of redemption presented to us during these days, how much more should we not endure and persevere!”

The Mystical Marriage of St. Catherine De' Ricci
by Pierre Subleyras

Cover Photo: Dominican friars and sisters led participants in praying the rosary during the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. The Dominicans were one of the most represented religious orders at the Walk, and joined nearly 55,000 participants in giving witness to the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. Thank you for your prayers and support as we preach the truth, both in and out of season.

from the vicar provincial for advancement



Dear Friends of St. Dominic,

On January 21, we celebrated the conclusion of the Jubilee of the founding of the Order of Preachers. For 800 years the Dominicans have been preaching “Truth rooted in Love”—and have brought black and white to a gray world!

During that time Dominicans have been working with friends like you to build up the Order and bring souls to Christ. One famous example of this happened early on in St. Dominic’s life.

In the city of Toulouse, in the early 1200s, a businessman named Peter Seila was deeply moved by the preaching of St. Dominic. Inspired by Dominic’s words and example, Seila donated his home to the Order, making it the first Dominican priory (which you can still visit). It was a timely gift too, as the friars were just beginning their ministry and had no place to live. From this humble beginning the Dominicans would thrive and change the world.

Now more than ever, our troubled world needs to hear the beautiful Good News of Salvation and reach out to a new generation of souls hungry for the Gospel. But that work can only continue with God’s grace and the help of people like you. You are the “Peter Seilas” of our time!

And your prayers are working. God is raising up more and more men and women to share the Good News. In His providence the Dominicans have been blessed with an armada of priests, nuns, brothers, sisters, and laity to help preach the truth in and out of season.

These men and women have followed the vision of Holy Father Dominic: to embrace prayer, study, and common life oriented towards our ministry of preaching. It’s exactly what our relativistic and materialistic world needs. And as you’ll see in this edition of our newsletter, it’s exactly what we’re doing.

As we reflect on the impact of eight centuries of preaching, I’m inspired to say THANK YOU, dear friend, for your support! Throughout our history we’ve relied on the faithful to sustain us. As mendicants, we beg for your continued support and offer you our prayers and sincere gratitude.

Please continue to help us radiate the Joy of the Gospel to the next generation of Saints!

In Christ and St. Dominic,

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

Why We Walk For Life

In and out of season, you give us the means to preach the truth

On January 21, approximately 55,000 people took to the streets for the annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. In doing so, they preached truth through unity of action.

With your support, dozens of Dominicans from across the west, including our Dominican Sisters, were able to attend and stand up for the protection of the unborn and vulnerable.

Walking nearly two miles, friars led others in praying the rosary, singing and engaged people in conversation around the issues of human life and dignity.

Our own Br. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P., was featured in a video showing “Why We Walk for Life.”

As he said, “If truth doesn’t translate into action, then I would say it’s dead truth. Just knowing something is not enough. You must act on it. Being a Christian is acting. The march itself doesn’t tend to make people pro-life. It can; but it gives us a sense of solidarity, that I’m not the only one. There’s a lot of us that are a part of it.”



Br. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P. opwest.org

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Fr. Stephen Maria Lopez, O.P. (top) speaks with friends at the Walk for Life. Br. Christopher Wetzel, O.P. (middle) was blessed to share his insights with Fr. Mark Mary, MFVA, in an interview for EWTN. Also pictured is Fr. Anselm Ramelow, O.P. (bottom).

Dominicans rally at the Walk for Life! Thanks to your generosity, we have the means to preach the truth.





In January, Dominicans from across the country attended SEEK, a biennial conference for thousands of Catholic college students who work to bring Christ on campus. It was also a fruitful time to support hundreds of men and women interested in a religious vocation. Your generosity has helped us touch countless lives!

13,000 College Students + Dominicans = IMPACT

Thanks for helping us get to San Antonio

13,000 college students and 27 Dominicans walk into a room...

Sounds like the beginning of a great joke, but this was no joke! In early January, 13,000 college students from all over the United States gathered in San Antonio, Texas for SEEK 2017. They were joined Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P., Fr. James Moore, O.P., Fr. Stephen Maria Lopez, O.P., Br. Bradley Elliott, O.P., and Br. Matthew Heynen, O.P., from the Western Province, as well as friars and sisters from across the country.

Organized by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), this biennial conference was a wonderful opportunity for young adults to pray, participate in the Sacraments, and learn to evangelize their peers.

There are millions of Catholics at secular universities across the country, and along with FOCUS, the Dominicans are dedicated to engaging them and helping them embrace their faith as adults. Thanks to your ongoing support, we can do so by attending high-impact conferences like SEEK.

During the conference, we helped hear thousands of confessions—life-changing confessions—and had hundreds of conversations with young people seeking a

deeper faith with Christ. It led to nearly 500 students joining us our final evening to pray the Divine Office. It also led to dozens of young men seeking more information on how to join the Order in the West. Praise God for these faithful men, holy and zealous for souls!

Your prayers and generosity make it possible for us to extend our support and partnership with great organizations like FOCUS. Your gifts don't just help the friars, but they radiate through our ministry to touch countless lives. Thank you!



Friars from our province take to the streets of San Antonio, giving witness to religious life and the joy of our Christian faith. Going out in public in the Dominican habit always inspires conversation!

A Profile in Generosity: The Legacy of Ted and Melba Fones

Fones family endowment to educate lay leaders for generations

Ted and Melba Fones (RIP), married 72 years, were devoted parents and faithful benefactors of the Dominicans. Upon their death in 2016, they left a large portion of their estate to endow the Melba and Ted Fones Scholarship at our Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT).

This magnificent gift will provide a full scholarship for lay students seeking a strong Thomistic education, preparing generations of Catholic leaders to “set the world on fire for Christ.”

Their children, David, Barbara and Fr. Michael Fones, O.P., reflect on their parents’ faithful example and generous spirit.

What do you remember most about your parents’ legacy of faith?

[Fr. Michael] Mass was of primary importance. Even on vacations, Dad’s first priority was to go to Mass. I also remember as a child getting up at night to get a drink of water and seeing my dad kneeling at the foot of my parents’ bed, praying. I knew then that faith was essential to life.

[David] It was hard not to be impacted by the way our parents were driven to make it to church every Sunday and on holy days of

obligation. I was most impressed with their willingness to make the financial sacrifice to send us to Catholic schools, even through college.

[Barbara] My parents always set a wonderful example. They prayed daily, never missed Mass, provided Catholic education for their children, shared a loving marriage for 72 years, and lived a life of humble integrity. Together they shared an appreciation for the beauty of God’s creations in this world, and they both treasured the gift of family and friends. They inspire me today.

Melba and Ted were married for 72 years. Here they are pictured in 1944, just six months after their wedding day. Their endowed scholarship will bless countless lives at DSPT.



How do you hope this gift from your parents will help others?

[Fr. Michael] Mom and Dad valued education and loved the Church, so it made sense to endow a scholarship that would enable a lay student to study and serve the Church in some capacity.

[David] I hope that those who benefit from this gift will make it easier for children and existing members of our church to embrace the faith and hold onto our religion for a lifetime.

[Barbara] My parents would be delighted to know that their gift is being used to help the formation of young people. That they have a small part in enabling others to do Christ’s work would be extremely gratifying to them.

Fr. Michael Fones, O.P., is pictured with his parents, Ted and Melba Fones, on the day of his Solemn Vows in 1989. The Fones’ deep faith inspired Fr. Michael to discern religious life and embrace the Christian stewardship his parents modeled so well.



What do the Dominicans offer that you believe is of the most value to society today?

[Fr. Michael] At our best, we offer more than intellectual gifts. It is an optimism—no, more than optimism, a faith in the goodness of God still being made manifest even in events that are perplexing or disturbing; a faith that says there is goodness to be found in contemporary culture. And we can use this goodness to show God’s face to people who may have lost hope of finding Him.

[David] I like the teaching mission of the Dominicans and their commitment to share the Word of the Lord; fighting against the moral decay of society and striving to help save as many souls as possible.

[Barbara] In today’s world, it is vital that we hear God’s word so we may remember that we are His children whom He loves. This is the Dominican mission!



The Melba and Ted Fones Scholarship will benefit students at the DSPT for years to come.

Is there anything else you’d like us to know?

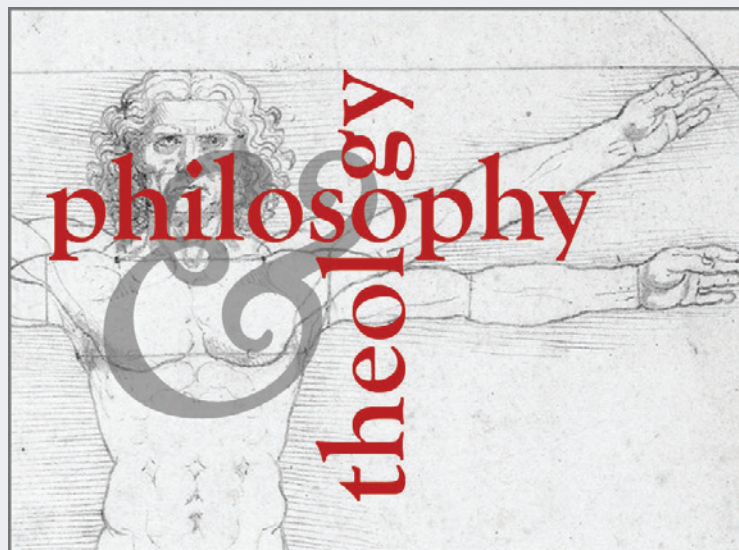
[David] Our parents led exemplary lives that induced all of us to be excellent students, and later, to become effective teachers. I know our parents would be pleased if recipients of this scholarship were similarly motivated.

[Barbara] I remember in catechism: “Why did God make me? To know, love, and serve Him.” My parents’ legacy enables the Dominicans to continue to know, love, and serve God. And mom and dad continue to have an impact here on earth even as they are with Him in Heaven.

2017 Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley

Join distinguished scholars from around the world as they investigate the intersection of person, soul and consciousness in this triennial series presented by the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology.

Learn more and consider attending at dspt.edu/conversation2017



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Join us for these upcoming events:

April 29	Solemn Vows (St. Albert Priory, Oakland, CA)
April 29	Alemany Gala (Cathedral of St. Mary, San Francisco, CA)
May 27	Ordinations (St. Dominic’s Church, San Francisco, CA)
June 1-9	Pilgrimage to Portugal
June 12-15	Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley

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