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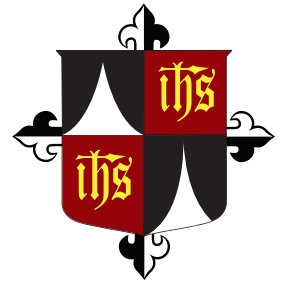


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*A newsletter for the friends of the Dominican Friars,
Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus*



FR. MICHAEL SWEENEY'S MILESTONES

Ten Years as DSPT President; 35 Years of Priesthood

Ten years ago, Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P., was appointed President of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology.

Under Fr. Michael's leadership, the DSPT purchased and renovated its beautiful campus in Berkeley and created the first concurrent MA Philosophy/MA Theology program in North America — both significant accomplishments.

We thank Fr. Michael for his thirty-five years of priesthood, and his decade of faithful and tireless service to the students, faculty, and staff of the DSPT.

Learn more about the DSPT at www.dspt.edu

Your Newsletter Refreshed!

A message from the Prior Provincial

Dear Friends,

I'm excited to share with you our redesigned and updated Mission West newsletter. I hope you enjoy it. It's important to me, and all the friars, that we keep you up-to-date on the wonderful ministry happening around the province. After all, without you and God's grace, our work would not be possible.

In redesigning the newsletter, we wanted to make our content easier to read and more engaging. We also wanted to do a better job of sharing with you how your prayers and gifts are helping us build the Kingdom of God, while giving you a peek inside Dominican life and the workings of the province.

We'll continue to improve the newsletter, so be ready for more updates and changes over the coming year. And if you have any story requests or suggestions, let us know at development@opwest.org.

I pray you enjoy your *new* Mission West newsletter, and find it fun to read, as well as spiritually and intellectually nourishing. Thank you for working with us to set the world on fire for Christ!

Always in Christ,

Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P.
Prior Provincial



Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P.

\$25,000 Matching Gift Challenge — We Need Your Help!

Double your gift today and help us launch an exciting new media initiative

In a time when the internet is rapidly changing the way people connect, seek truth, and form relationships, it is imperative the Church be actively engaged in creatively preaching and teaching the Gospel online.

Responding to this need, and Pope Francis' call to use the internet "for encounter and solidarity", the Western Dominican Province has launched the New Media Communications and Evangelization Initiative. To help get the project started, a generous benefactor has offered a \$25,000 matching challenge for any gift dedicated to the effort. Can you help us with a gift today?

In the spirit of the New Evangelization, **this initiative will create a completely new, media-rich website for the province, advanced communication and social media tools, and the establishment of a New Media Office, which will coordinate online marketing, teaching, and preaching efforts around the province.** The project has the potential to touch thousands of lost souls online with the peace and hope only Christ can bring.

And the need is great. It was recently reported that 76% of adult Catholics believe the Church is not very visible online, or are totally unaware of its presence online (Georgetown [CARA], 2012). Furthermore, 52% of Catholic Millennials say they would prefer to consume content online rather than in print (Georgetown [CARA], 2012). With 73% of US Catholics engaging in some form of social media (Pew, 2013), US adults — Catholics included — are



(L to R) Br. Thomas Aquinas Picket, O.P., Fr. Jude Eli, O.P., and Fr. Peter Do, O.P., at St. Albert Priory in Oakland. The New Media Initiative will help the Dominicans take their spirit of itinerant preaching online, and help set the internet on fire for Christ!

increasingly online and consuming media. And the Church needs to be there to preach the Truth.

As some of the best teachers of the faith for the past 800 years, Dominican friars are uniquely suited to embrace

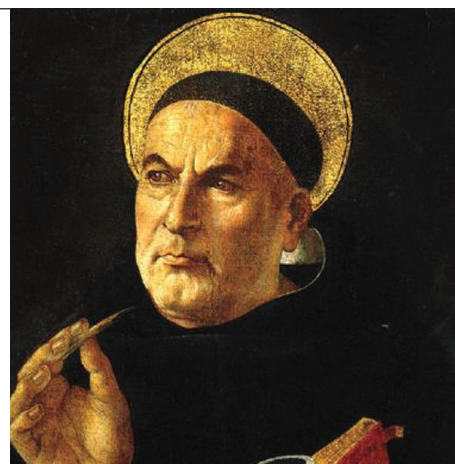
technology for preaching the Gospel. Where friars once preached village to village, they will now preach website to website, smartphone to smartphone — with your help!

Please support this important new media initiative with a gift today, and help us reach our \$25,000 matching challenge! Use the enclosed envelope or contact Chris Hanzeli in our Development Office at chris@opwest.org or (510) 658-8722 more information.

THE QUOTABLE DOMINICAN

"The more perfectly we know God, the more perfectly we love Him."

St. Thomas Aquinas
I-II.67.6 ad 3





What's a Catholic Hacker?

Sixty Catholics unite to leverage technology for the New Evangelization

When you think of a hacker, you probably don't think of a Catholic priest, or a group of passionate lay Catholics, sitting around trying to figure out how to better use technology to build the Kingdom of God. But that's exactly who came together this Pentecost for the first-ever Catholic Hackathon.

The event, sponsored by St. Dominic Catholic Church in San Francisco, brought together computer programmers and designers from around the Bay Area and tasked them with creating a technology product that would help evangelize the culture.

Lead by Fr. Emmanuel Taylor, O.P., Br. Michael James Rivera, O.P., of the

Western Province, and parishioners Ivi Fandino and Charles-Axel Dein, the event broke participants into small groups to brainstorm innovative solutions to spreading the Gospel.

The winning product was an application for mobile devices that would allow parishioners to provide feedback on the weekend's homily (watch out, Father!). Honorable mentions included a program that would help small children follow along during Mass, and something titled PilgrImage — a searchable database of photos taken while visiting churches, shrines and other holy sites.

(Above Photos) Computer, media, and software experts gather with Dominican Friars at St. Dominic Catholic Church in San Francisco for the first-ever Catholic Hackathon. The event broke sixty participants into teams, each tasked with developing creative technology solutions in the spirit of the New Evangelization. The winning proposal was a mobile app which would allow parishioners to comment on the weekend's homily.

(Below Photo) Fr. Emmanuel Taylor, O.P., and his group of technology professionals discuss the tenants of Christian evangelization and possible technological implications. The goal: find ways to creatively use technology in order to help the Church teach and preach the Gospel.

It was very inspiring to witness the incredible wealth of ideas, enthusiasm, and camaraderie of all those who came. It was a true digital Pentecost!
— Ivi Fandino, Organizer

Hackathon Defined:

A hack-a-thon is an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development, including graphic designers, interface designers and project managers, collaborate intensively on software projects.

(Source: Wikipedia)



Study as an Act of Piety

**On the feast of St. Dominic,
Fr. Reginald offers his reflections to his brother friars.**

In 2011, Fr. Augustine Thompson and I had the chance to visit a number of fabled cities built on hills. I confess, to my embarrassment, that hitherto I had only appreciated them for their scenic beauty; but this go-round, Fr. Augustine's scholarship helped me realize the immense responsibility citizens must be willing to embrace when they undertake to build their city on a hill.

The strategic advantages are obvious, of course; but once your life cannot

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be hidden, you must make all sorts of provisions and take all sorts of precautions that your more secluded neighbors don't have to worry about. Noblesse oblige, after all, or — as we learned when we were growing up — beauty is, as beauty does.



Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

Which is why no one lights a lamp to hide it. We may take light for granted, but it was extremely valuable — and costly — for Jesus and his contemporaries. It's no wonder the ancients should have considered light an ordering principle, or that God should have created it first.

Physicists can tell us what light is, but we don't need to be scientists to know what light does; it makes things safe and it makes them warm. But it does so by making them bright. When the

Albigensians let their ears be tickled by a dualist fable that denied the Incarnation, St. Dominic countered with the light of his study. He got the

Albigensians' attention by studying their doctrine to understand it well enough to point out its errors.

The dictionary defines “study” as “the application of the mind to the acquisition of knowledge — by reading, investigation, or reflection.” St. Dominic didn't invent study, but he invested it with a purpose that was wholly his own.

A Dominican's study is an act of piety ordered to an end outside of us. It may not make us holy, but it ought to make us smart — at least smart enough to cause the people we preach to, to think — and to call them to God. Study is our obligation, and everyone we preach to has the right to expect it of us.

How beautiful, Isaiah tells us, are the feet of the one who brings Good News. Notice, it's the preacher's feet that are beautiful, not the shoes. The light of Christ equips us to look beneath the



St. Dominic countered the darkness of error with the light of study.

surface of things, to penetrate to the truth — as St. Dominic did when the Albigensians said that matter and spirit are so opposed that God could never be united with something so fallen as this flesh, or reveal Himself in anything so corrupt as food and drink.

We are the light of the world, Our Savior tells us — a light that makes things bright, keeps them safe and makes them warm. Warmth may not be a quality we immediately associate with St. Dominic, but one of his peers wrote,

“The tranquil composure of the inner man was revealed outwardly by the kindness and cheerfulness of his expression [which] easily won the love of everybody. Without difficulty he found his way into people's hearts as soon as they saw him.”

“As soon as they saw him.” Like that city on a hill. The life of our founder, no less than the example from the Gospel, warns us, if we're going to enjoy the prominence, we must be prepared to embrace the responsibility.

Fr. Reginald V. Martin, O.P.

Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.
Prior, St. Albert Priory
(Dominican House of Studies)

MISSION WEST CAMPAIGN REACHES NEW HIGH

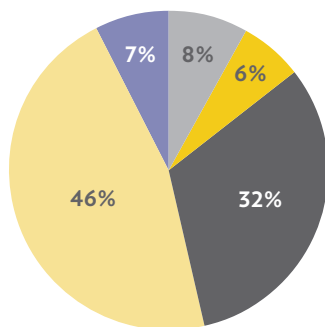
Your support has helped us raise \$2.33m to preach the Gospel

With your help, and the generous contributions of over 2,500 friends of the Dominican Order around the Western Province, we've raised nearly \$2.4 million.

MORE THAN THAT...

- You've helped give Dominican students a strong formation by providing for their room, board, insurance, and education
- You've helped provide elderly and infirm friars the care they deserve
- You've helped strengthen our Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology in its mission to train the future leaders of our Church and world.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your kindness!



- Elderly and Infirm Friar Care: \$192,921
- Dominican School Restricted: \$146,247
- Dominican School Renovation Loan Repayment: \$743,552
- Greatest Need of the Friars: \$1,073,177
- Initial and Ongoing Friar Formation: \$172,243

PLEASE NOTE: NUMBERS AS OF 8/1/14 AND UNAUDITED.

Summer Colloquium in Berkeley Sells Out

Master of the Order joins one hundred fifty scholars and guests to discuss the intersection of philosophy and theology

This summer, the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology hosted a colloquium entitled: What has Athens to do with Jerusalem? Dialogue between Philosophy and Theology in the 21st Century.

Attended by the Master of the Dominican Order, Fr. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., this popular event brought



Colloquium attendees listen to a keynote presentation in the chapel of St. Albert Priory.

together philosophers and theologians to explore the theological implications of current work in philosophy, as well as philosophical questions that arise in theology today.

Presenters included Fr. Michael Dodds, O.P., DSPT, Edward Feser, Pasadena City College, Alfred Freddoso, University of Notre Dame, John O'Callaghan, University of Notre Dame, Fr. Michal Paluch, O.P., Dominican House of Studies, Krakow, Poland, John Searle, University of California at Berkeley, Mgrs.

Robert Sokolowski, Catholic University of America, and Linda Zagzebski, University of Oklahoma.

This summer's colloquium was the first of a triennial series ("Dominican Colloquia in Berkeley: Philosophers & Theologians in Conversation") on the intersection between philosophy and theology. These colloquia continue the venerable Dominican tradition of bringing together philosophers and theologians to explore the theological implications of contemporary work in philosophy, as well as philosophical questions that emerge from theological inquiry.

This important work of engaging society and its thought is the very work that Dominicans are called to do — to bring Christ to the world that the Gospel may be heard.

Learn more at www.dspt.edu/conversation2014.



Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, O.P., and Prof. Linda Zagzebski.

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**ORDAINED
TO THE PRIESTHOOD
MAY 31, 2014**

FR. JUSTIN CHARLES GABLE, O.P.

FR. PETER JUNÍPERO HANNAH, O.P.

**ORDAINED
TO THE DIACONATE
MAY 31, 2014**

REV. BR. CORWIN LOW, O.P.

REV. BR. GABRIEL MOSHER, O.P.



(Left Photo) Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., with the newly ordained priests and deacons.

(Right Photo) Fr. Justin Gable, O.P., and Fr. Peter Hannah, O.P., receive the Laying on of Hands from Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P., and Fr. Michael Fones, O.P.

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THESE JUBILARIANS (2011-2014)**



25 YEARS FR. ANTHONY PATALANO, O.P. (2011), FR. FRANCIS GOODE, O.P. (2012), FR. ROBERTO CORRAL, O.P. (2013), FR. BRENDAN MCANERNEY, O.P. (2013), FR. MICHAEL ROLLAND, O.P. (2013), FR. GREGORY TATUM, O.P. (2014).



40 YEARS FR. RAYMOND FINERTY, O.P. (2011), FR. BRIAN MULLADY, O.P. (2012), FR. SERGIUS PROPST, O.P.* (2013), FR. REGINALD MARTIN, O.P. (2014).



50 YEARS FR. KIERAN HEALY, O.P. (2011), BR. DANIEL THOMAS, O.P. (2011), BR. FREDERICK NARBERES (2011), FR. THOMAS DEMAN, O.P.* (2012), FR. DAVID O'ROURKE, O.P.* (2012).

60 YEARS FR. FELIX CASSIDY, O.P. (2014).

65 YEARS FR. VICTOR CAVALLI, O.P.* (2013).

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Province Welcomes Eight Novices in 2014!

**Your generous prayers and support help make
these vocations possible**

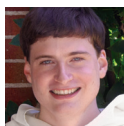
This August, eight men put on the habit of St. Dominic and began their lives as “Champions of the Faith and true lights of the world”. After receiving the habit, they’ll begin to learn the Dominican way of life throughout their Novitiate year. At the end of the year, brothers may ask to make simple profession. If they continue on and persevere through five years of simple profession, they may then ask to make their solemn profession.

Please keep them all in your prayers. And thank you for your continuing financial support, which helps fund every aspect of their formation and education. Thank God and St. Dominic for sending us these men to preach and teach for the salvation of souls!



JOHN BAUSCH, 31 | Pamona, CA.

John is a CPA and worked for the Federal government. He is a co-operator brother candidate.



DAVID CHIAVETTA, 23 | Fort Collins, CO.

David recently graduated from The Colorado School of Mines



JOSH GATUS, 29 | Las Vegas, NV.

Josh is a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas.



AARON SELINGER, 23 | Vancouver, BC.

Aaron spent the past two years studying philosophy at Dominican University College in Ottawa.



MARTIN NGUYEN,

40 | Sugar Land, Texas

Martin is from the Vietnamese Vicariate of St. Vincent Liem.

MATTHEW HEYENEN, 23 | Dixon, CA.

Matthew graduated from St. Mary’s College this past May.

RICHARD BERQUIST, 25 | Ojai, CA.

Richard recently completed his MA in philosophy at Catholic University of America.

You Make a Difference — Thank You!

The friars need your help to bring people to Christ

The Order of Preachers (Dominicans) is a mendicant order, which means they rely on alms-giving from kind people like you for their needs. A friar's education, food, housing, health care — everything — comes from generous friends of the Order.

How does your support make a difference in the world? When you give to the province, you help train future priests who will go out and touch countless lives with the faith, hope, and love that only Christ can bring.

In other words, your support helps the friars bring souls to our Lord — and that's a priceless gift to make. Thank you for all that you do to help us set the world on fire for Christ!

(Right Photo) Fr. Francis Le, O.P., with Evelyn. As mendicants, Dominican Friars rely on the kindness of others for all their needs. Your generosity allows them to devote their lives to service and preaching the Gospel.



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