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

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Thank You for Preparing Another
Generation of Dominican Preachers to
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DID YOU KNOW?

With the canonization of Saint Margaret of Castello, we give thanks to God for over 80 canonized Dominican Saints and more than 300 blessed. What's more, this year the Dominican family celebrates the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Dominic. Since his death in 1221, thousands have followed in his footsteps preaching for the salvation of souls.

Saint Dominic urged his followers to live a life of truth, prayer, and preaching. The Dominican family includes friars, nuns, sisters, and lay Dominicans.

In this anniversary year, we ask Saint Dominic to inspire saints in our own generation, men and women who will lead souls to Christ.



With the canonization of Saint Margaret of Castello this year, there are now over 80 canonized Dominican Saints and 300 blessed. (Painting from the 15th century Dominican friar, Fra Angelico.)

THE QUOTABLE DOMINICAN



Saint Margaret of Castello

1287-1320

A Patron Saint of the Pro-Life Movement and those with Physical Disabilities.

Feast Day: April 13

Abandoned by her family because of her disabilities, Saint Margaret was taught the faith by her adopted parents. She lived a life of prayer and service as a lay Dominican. Finding joy in her suffering, she brought hope to all those around her. To those who saw only her outward disabilities, she repeatedly said:

“Oh, if you only knew what I have in my heart!”

From the Vicar Provincial for Advancement

True fatherhood shows the love of God
in powerful and tangible ways



Dear Friends,

Recent research shows that the United States has the highest rate of single parenthood in the world! **Nearly 25% of our children grow up in homes without both parents, and most of these children live away from their fathers.***

In this this year of St. Joseph, we should all talk more about fatherhood. As a priest, I find great joy in my spiritual fatherhood. My godchildren are the light of my life and a tangible fruit of my priesthood. Good fathers love and protect their families. Similarly, good priests lead and care for their congregations. **True fatherhood, no matter what kind, shows the love of God the Father in a powerful, tangible way.**

But when we look at the world, failed fatherhood surrounds us. Men don't know how to lead their families. The Church is suffering from a crisis of failed spiritual fatherhood.

But do not despair, because there is HOPE! Let us look to holy fathers of the Church—St. Joseph and St. Dominic!

In St. Joseph, we see what it means to be a true father of a family. St. Joseph lived a humble, hardworking, and faithful life. It was St. Joseph who taught Jesus the love of God the Father. St. Dominic was a genuine spiritual father, and as Dominicans, we refer to him as Holy *Father* Dominic. He taught his brothers humility, how to forgive, and how to do penance. How different the world would be if all men could embrace these virtues!

Thankfully, many men are embracing this call to authentic fatherhood. Recently, our province ordained three new spiritual fathers—priests—sending them out to proclaim the Gospel. With the support of friends like you, we're committed to forming strong priests—fathers who will help lead souls to Christ! They will fearlessly defend the Church and defend the truth! Like St. Joseph and St. Dominic, may they lead those under their care in prayer, penance, and zeal for souls.

Brothers and Sisters, let us pray for our biological and spiritual fathers who face ever increasing challenges in the world around them. **Let us pray for humble and strong fathers, zealous and devout men who will lead us towards our heavenly homeland!**

Cover Photo: Fr. Christopher Fadok, O.P., Prior Provincial, stands with newly ordained Frs. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P., John Winkowitsch, O.P., Martin Maria Nguyen, O.P., Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, and Rev. Brs. Joshua Gatus, O.P., Joseph Selinger, O.P., and Matthew Heynen, O.P. We praise God for these young men, eager to evangelize a secular West Coast. Thanks to your friendship, they will spread the Gospel to Silicon Valley, Seattle, and beyond. Thank you for praying for them!

In Christ and our Holy Father Dominic,

Very Rev. James Junipero Moore, O.P.
Vicar Provincial for Advancement

* Stephanie Kramer, "U.S. Has World's Highest Rate of Children Living in Single-Parent Households," Pew Research, December 12, 2019

“In thanking Saint Dominic for all the good that his sons and daughters accomplish in the Church, I asked, as a particular gift, for a considerable increase of priestly and religious vocations.”

—POPE FRANCIS

Six Dominicans Ordained! Praise God!

Friars ordained to life of service for Christ and you!

We joyfully share with you the ordinations of six of our brothers on June 5th. Frs. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P., Martin Maria Nguyen, O.P., and John Winkowitsch, O.P., were ordained to the priesthood and Rev. Brs. Joshua Gatus, O.P., Joseph Selinger, O.P., and Matthew Heynen, O.P., were ordained to the transitional diaconate at the hands of the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco.

Fr. Chrysostom will serve as Assistant Director at the Prince of Peace Newman Center, Seattle. Fr. Martin Maria will minister with the Vietnamese Vicariate of St. Vincent Liem. Fr. John will be the Parochial Vicar at St. Raymond Parish, Menlo Park. Rev. Brs. Joshua, Matthew, and Joseph will continue in their academic formation and local ministry.

This year, the 800th anniversary of St. Dominic’s death, the Pope has prayed for an increase in Dominican vocations. By God’s grace and your support these men have persevered through years of formation and study and now go into the world to serve. We especially ask for your prayers for our newest priests, ministering in some of the most secular areas of the country. Join us in giving thanks to God for their vocations and love of the Gospel!

Frs. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P., Martin Maria Nguyen, O.P., and John Winkowitsch, O.P., kneel before the Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, during their ordination to the priesthood. Thanks to your friendship, these young men are serving Christ and you as Dominican Priests!



“After ordination, I am most excited to give to others the wealth I have myself received—a kind of wealth that is infinitely multipliable. It seems so fitting that the generosity of our benefactors over the last eight years of my formation now enables me to be their benefactor as a priest.”

—Fr. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P.

“Without the support of the benefactors of the Vietnamese Vicariate of St. Vincent Liem and all benefactors, I cannot be where I am today, being able to celebrate the sacraments for God’s people. For this I am grateful!”

—Fr. Martin Maria Nguyen, O.P.



Frs. John Winkowitsch, O.P., Martin Maria Nguyen, O.P., and Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P., stand for the first time as newly vested priests. You have sustained their journey to the priesthood!



“As a priest, I am most excited to offer the love of Christ to others in the Sacraments of the Church. I want to be with Jesus, healing broken souls in the confessional. I want to be with the Church, offering the Apostolic Pardon to the dying and guiding them to their eternal reward. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support that got me to this point!”

—Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P.

Rev. Brs. Joshua Gatus, O.P., Joseph Selinger, O.P., and Matthew Heynen, O.P., were ordained to the transitional diaconate. We give thanks to God for these zealous Dominican preachers.

“I look forward to going out to the world to preach the Gospel, baptize future Christians, and assist priests in the liturgy. I am grateful to all my formators, professors, brothers, friends, and benefactors who made me persevere and supported me in the grace of God to become a Dominican preacher.”

—Rev. Br. Joshua Gatus, O.P.

“I would like to thank all our donors whose financial and spiritual contribution has made my vocation possible. Because of their gracious support, I now have received the formation and education necessary to serve them and their families for years to come.”

—Rev. Br. Joseph Selinger, O.P.

“I cannot wait to get back into the world to baptize babies and preach the truth of the Catholic Faith. It has been deeply humbling to receive prayers and support from our benefactors over the years. I would like to express my immense gratitude for them.”

—Rev. Br. Matthew Heynen, O.P.

Western Dominicans Honored with New Teaching and Leadership Roles

Your friendship extends to our Dominicans serving around the world

We are honored by the appointments of our friars, in particular that of Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P., as the Vicar to the Master of the Order. In this position, he will help lead the worldwide Dominicans in a role never before served by an American. His appointment testifies to the impact of your friendship and the gifts of our friars. Fr. Mark is the highest serving American in the leadership of the Dominican Order.



After teaching at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome, Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, O.P., will transition to the University of Fribourg this fall. He will teach in the French language section of the theology faculty alongside Dominican professors from many countries. Fr. Bernhard will be teaching ecclesiology and sacramental theology.

“The Master of the Dominican Order has sent me to Switzerland, the land of the Rhineland Mystics. I intend to dedicate much teaching and research to this great Dominican spiritual tradition—from St. Albert the Great to Blessed Henry Suso and John Tauler. The secular setting of a public university with a Catholic theology faculty will present many challenges, but also opportunities.”

—Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, O.P.

Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, O.P., will teach in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Fribourg.



This spring, the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies asked Fr. Augustine Thompson, O.P., to serve as President. Founded in 1929 by Étienne Gilson, the Institute specializes in advanced study of the Middle Ages and has a long tradition of superb scholarship. Fr. Augustine was asked to lead the school due to his excellence as a priest-scholar medievalist. The school sought his skills to recenter the institute on Gilson’s vision and expand its programs and strengths.

“I am honored that after a nearly two-year search to find such a scholar they decided on me. I look forward to doing all I can to serve my own scholarly discipline of medieval studies and the needs of the Church at the Pontifical Institute. It will, however, be a challenge and I ask all of you for your prayers and support.”

—Very Rev. Augustine Thompson, O.P.

Fr. Augustine Thompson, O.P., will begin his term as President of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in 2022.



It is a great honor to our Province that past Prior Provincial, Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P., has been requested by the Master of the Order to serve as his Vicar in Rome. In this position, Fr. Mark will be responsible for directly serving the needs of the Master and the Order at the headquarters of the Dominicans, Santa Sabina. He asks for all of our prayers as he begins this important role of service.

“I’m honored the Master of the Order has requested that I serve as his Vicar. Please pray for me, that I may be an ardent and gentle preacher of the faith, and that the Holy Spirit leads me in my service to the Order and the Church.”

—Very Rev. Mark Padrez, O.P.

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Celebrating 25 Years of Service to Christ and to You

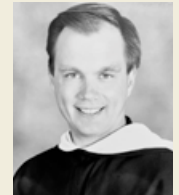


Fr. Dominic Briese, O.P.

25th Jubilee

Ordained June 1st, 1996

Fr. Dominic Briese, O.P., has served as a pastor, chaplain, and teacher across the Western Province. He was also the director of the University of Las Vegas Newman Center. He currently serves as the pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Taylorsville, UT.



Thanks to Your Generosity, International Brothers Join Western Province for Studies

We are honored that the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology has been identified as an international center of study for the Order. Over the years, you’ve helped make the DSPT a strong academic institution. The school now welcomes Dominicans from across the world for deep study of the truth. Please join us in welcoming Dominican Brothers from Germany, India, and Poland.

“I am already thankful for the opportunity to live with my brothers in the U.S. and to study at the DSPT. This gives me the chance to experience the Dominican way of life in another context and to deepen my knowledge in the intellectual tradition of the Order.”

—Br. Justinus Grebowicz, O.P.


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What is a Happy Death?

Death opens the wonders of eternal life with God

You may know that this year is a Jubilee year, celebrating the 800th anniversary of Saint Dominic's death. Many of us Dominicans remember very well the words that he spoke as he died: "Be charitable to one another, guard your humility, and make a treasure of your voluntary poverty." Even as the saint prepared to die, he was thinking of his brethren, and he was preaching the Gospel. The Holy Father has affirmed our vocations in the footsteps of Saint Dominic, writing: "May the Order of Preachers, now as then, be in the forefront of a renewed proclamation of the Gospel, one that can speak to the hearts of the men and women of our time and awaken in them a thirst for the coming of Christ's kingdom of holiness, justice and peace!"

Saint Dominic had what we call a happy death, a blessed death. I'd like to think that at his death Saint Dominic had someone watching over him—Saint Joseph. You may know that in the Church we regard Saint Joseph as the patron of a happy death. A happy death is the passage from this life into the eternal life that God promises us in the Gospel we preach. Saint Joseph is said to be the



Very Reverend Christopher Fadok, O.P., is the Prior Provincial of the Western Dominican Province.

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patron of a happy death because tradition tells us that Mary and Jesus were with him when he died. What greater blessing could there be? At his death, Saint Joseph had the power of Christ at work on his behalf. And he also had Mary interceding at his side, praying that the promises of God would be fulfilled. **Saint Joseph was a righteous man and we pray for his patronage in our own deaths and those of our loved ones.**

What really made Joseph a righteous man was his faith and trust in God. Had Joseph chosen merely to follow the Law, he might have dismissed Mary after he discovered her pregnancy. But because he went beyond that mere following of the law and lived a life of faith and trust in God, he became a truly righteous man. All the stories we know of the Holy Family came to be because Saint Joseph put his faith in God.

This year we remember the death of Saint Dominic and celebrate Saint Joseph in a special way. We express our gratitude to God for the blessings of a reasonably happy life this side of heaven. But we also pray for our loved ones and ourselves for a blessed death that becomes a passage to the wonders of eternal life promised in the Gospel: communion with our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

May we all be shaped by God's love, allowing it to mold us to become more like our faithful protectors—Saint Dominic and Saint Joseph.

Very Rev. Christopher Fadok, O.P.
Prior Provincial

“I am grateful for the order, for my brothers, for the opportunity to give myself over to God, and for all the prayers and support of our benefactors that make our mission possible. Your support enables us to give ourselves to the preaching of the Gospel for the salvation of souls.”

—Br. Patrick Rooney, O.P.

Br. Patrick Rooney, O.P., and Br. Columban Mary Hall, O.P., stand with Fr. Christopher Fadok, O.P., Prior Provincial, following their Solemn Vows.



Two More Dominicans Make Solemn Profession

Brothers dedicate their lives to preaching for the salvation of souls

Your prayers and generosity over the years have sustained the spiritual, intellectual, and academic formation of our brothers. They have persevered in their studies and formation for several years and we invite you to celebrate with us their lifelong commitment to the Order. Please continue to pray for our brothers as they prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

“I know that God created me to be a Friar Preacher, to be happy in a life lived completely for him. I am immensely grateful to our donors who make our way of life possible, and who have supported me, spiritually and materially, through every step of this journey.”

—Br. Columban Mary Hall, O.P.

“DSPT certainly helped prepare me to serve the Church and the world by equipping me with a comprehensive grasp of Western intellectual history and tradition. I am able to see more of the whole, which will help me—as a teacher—pass on the wisdom of this tradition to the next generation.”

—Alex Rogers,
DSPT Valedictorian,
Class of 2021



Your Support Helps 16 Students Graduate the DSPT to Serve Church and World

The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology graduated 16 lay, religious, and clerical students this year. Some will serve the Church as ordained priests, some as teachers, and others continue in academia.

Your support gives students like Alex a solid Dominican foundation to lead the Church as the next generation of professors, teachers, and leaders! Please keep him and the other graduates in your prayers.



Fr. Christopher Fadok, O.P., is appointed as Vicar to the Dominican Nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery



This year, the Master of the Order appointed the Very Rev. Christopher Fadok, O.P., to serve as the Vicar to the Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery, Menlo Park. He will assist the monastery leadership, make fraternal visits, and support the spiritual needs of the nuns who are celebrating the anniversary of

their monastery. For 100 years, they have been praying for the preachers of the Gospel in the Western United States. Thank you for your prayers for our entire Dominican family.



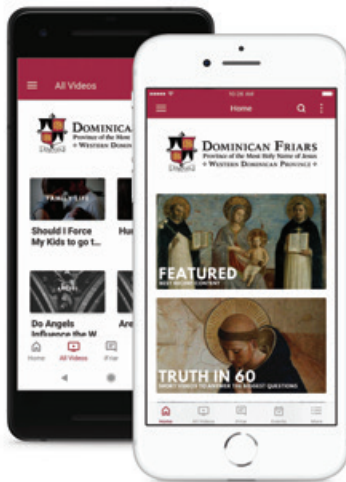
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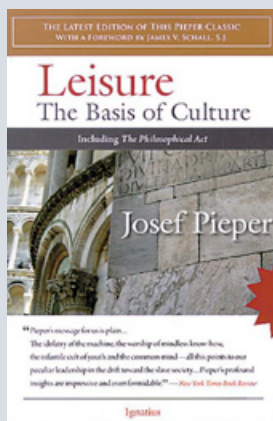
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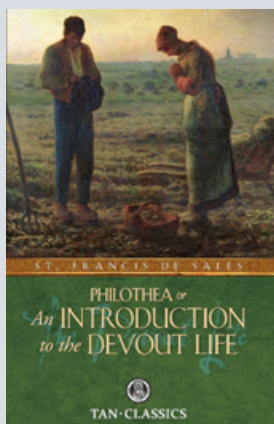
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Leisure: The Basis of Culture



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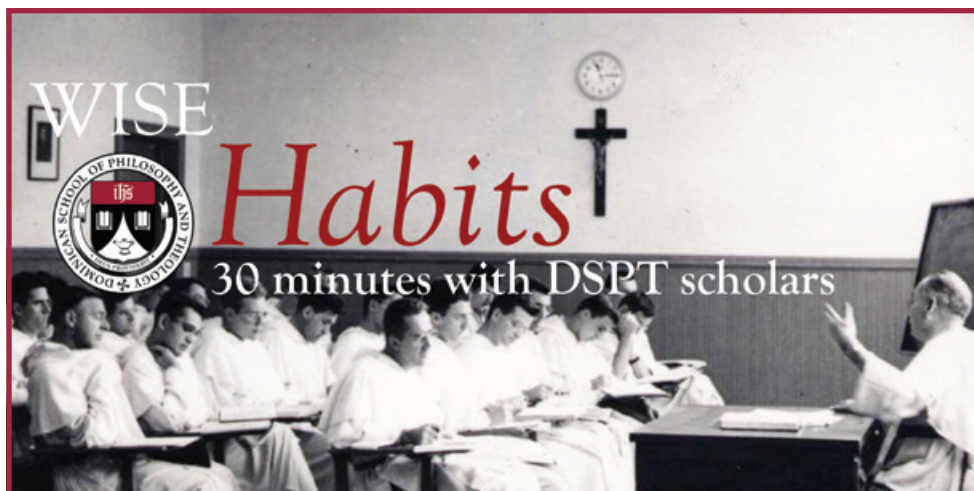


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**Join the DSPT and Fr. Augustine
Thompson, O.P., online to learn about
the surprising history of Dominican
lay brothers.**



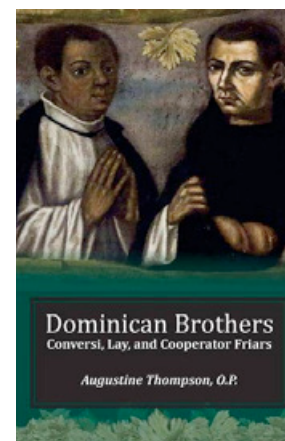
Join us at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology as Fr. Augustine Thompson, O.P., speaks about Dominican Lay Brothers throughout the history of the Order. Fr. Augustine traveled to Poland, Vietnam and many other countries to write a book on Lay Brothers at the request of the Master for the 800th Anniversary

of the Order. In this session of Wise Habits, Fr. Augustine will summarize this history and highlight several remarkable and historically important lay brothers. Learn how their lives and work can inspire all of us today.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021

5:30 PM-6:30 PM PDT

Interested in learning more?
Fr. Augustine's authoritative book
*Dominican Brothers: Conversi,
Lay, and Cooperator Friars*,
captures the rich history of Lay
Brothers and their importance
since the founding of the Order.
It is available for purchase on
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From Dominican Students to Dominican Parents: the Anderson Family

Inspired by Dominican education

Dominican education has always been at the heart of the Anderson family. Margarita and Doug, both graduates of the DSPT, have proudly watched their son Br. John Peter, O.P., follow his vocation with the Dominicans.

When she was in her undergraduate studies, Margarita Anderson laughs, “I lived in Aquinas dorm—and I didn’t know who that was!” When she began graduate studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, she took most of her classes at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. While she was writing her thesis on Saint John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*, she attended a Dominican event where the brothers performed in a live band. There, Doug Anderson, having just completed studying at the Angelicum in Rome, was beginning at the DSPT. Maybe there was something special about the brothers’ live music—the two met at the event and married a few years later!

Margarita said her time at the DSPT inspired her view of education, “The DSPT was wonderful and the very best school. It opened my eyes to see what education could be.” Attending the DSPT was an opportunity to experience the richness of the Catholic tradition and connect with the Dominican family—priests, professors, sisters and brothers. The couple’s time in this community inspired the way they raised their children.

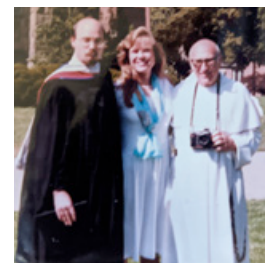
The Andersons decided to homeschool their children to give them a Catholic education and the opportunity to experience the philosophy and theology that so deeply impacted them at the DSPT. Even though they loved their time with the Dominicans, they never assumed that one of their four kids would join the Order.

Margarita laughed, “It is funny that [Br. John Peter] became a Dominican—it never occurred to me that he’d become an OP!” Reflecting on their home life, she said that he was always an easy, thoughtful kid and very smart. She was quick to clarify these virtues were simply the way he was born. Looking back, she says it now seems clear that he always had a vocation to the Order of Preachers. For Br. John Peter, his call to the Dominicans came after attending Thomas Aquinas College and encountering the Order there.

The Andersons said many things came out of their time at the DSPT, “There was a great purpose in our time there!” The formation they received at the school inspired a family life of faith that taught their children to love what is true. The fruit of friendship and education gave birth to vocation, Catholic marriage, teaching, and a family centered on love for Christ. May the whole Dominican family continue to grow through education, friendship, vocation, and love!



The Anderson kids together: Joseph, Nicole, Kristina, and Br. John Peter, O.P



Margarita and Doug Anderson with Fr. Antonio Moreno, O.P., at Doug’s DSPT graduation.



Margarita and Doug Anderson with children Kristina, Joe, and daughter-in-law Mikayla at the simple vows of their son Br. John Peter O.P.

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

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