



# MISSION WEST

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

## ADORO TE DEVOTE!

Devoutly, I Adore You!

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## DID YOU KNOW?

When Pope Urban IV instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264, he asked St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Bonaventure to compose the Office and Mass for the Feast. The day came to present their compositions to Pope Urban IV, and St. Thomas Aquinas presented his composition first. As St. Bonaventure listened in awe of Aquinas' beautiful work, he tore his own manuscript into pieces. When the time came to present his work, St. Bonaventure humbly acknowledged that Aquinas' work was more worthy of the Feast.

*Saint Thomas Aquinas Submitting His Office of Corpus Christi to Pope Urban IV, Taddeo di Bartolo (1403)*

## THE QUOTABLE DOMINICAN

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, O.P.

1901-1925

Patron Saint of Builders

Feast Day: July 4

*“I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles, ... because Jesus Christ has promised to those who feed themselves with the most Holy Eucharist, eternal life and the necessary graces to obtain it.”*

—Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, in a letter to the members of “Catholic Youth” of Pollone, July 29, 1923



At age 12, Bl. Pier Giorgio began receiving the Eucharist daily, calling it his “appointment with the Lord.” He kept this appointment devotedly until he received his final Eucharist on July 3, 1925, the day before he died.



## From the Vicar Provincial for Advancement



Dear Friends in Christ and St. Dominic,

A recent poll of Catholics revealed some shocking results: almost 70% of those who self-identify as Catholics believe that the Eucharist is a mere symbol of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and not His true Body and Blood. The numbers get a little better for Catholics who go to Mass every Sunday, although even there, the numbers are still shocking: 37% of those of us who go to Mass every Sunday believe the Eucharist is merely a symbol. Simply put, this is a disaster.

In the Gospel of St. John, our blessed Lord says that He will give us His flesh to eat, to the consternation of those standing by. Instead of saying “I am speaking to you in parables,” as He does in other parts of the Gospel, our Lord reiterates, “Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His Blood, you have no life in you.” Many people walked away from Him due to this “hard teaching.”

The Catholic Church has always boldly and consistently proclaimed the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. All the early Christians who came immediately after the time of the Apostles speak to this Real Presence. This teaching of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist existed from the beginning—on the lips of our Lord Himself!

In the Eucharist, we become what we eat. We become more like Christ—and this world badly needs Christ-like people. It is the frequent reception of the Eucharist, supplemented by visits to the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration, that is the surest way to heaven.

In this issue of *Mission West*, you’ll find some reflections on Priesthood and the Eucharist as the Western Dominicans join our U.S. Bishops in promoting the Eucharistic Revival! You’ll hear from our newest priest, Fr. Patrick Rooney. You’ll see where we are being re-deployed to help preach the Word more effectively. You’ll also read about the five men who recently made Solemn Vows (until death)—pledging their entire lives to preaching Truth!

Thank you so much for your support of our Friars in our efforts. May we all continue to center our lives around the Eucharist here below, until we get home to heaven!

In Christ and St. Dominic,

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

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Cover Photo: Fr. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P., kneels before our Eucharistic Lord at a young adult adoration night at the Prince of Peace Newman Center at the University of Washington.  
Photo credit: Vito Zago.

# Five More Dominicans Make Solemn Profession

Brothers have committed themselves to preach the Gospel until death

Br. Elias Guadalupe  
Ford, O.P.



“I am always overwhelmed by the generosity of donors like yourselves, especially for us brothers in formation. Some of you, I have never even met. But your Christ-like example of generosity is truly an inspiration for me to be generous in the gifts I am given to serve the Gospel and announce the light of Christ in this dark world. So, for your gifts—both material help and spiritual inspiration—I thank you!”

Br. Antony Augustine  
Cherian, O.P.



“Making Solemn Profession is a significant milestone in our initial formation as Dominicans. Throughout the process, many people—priests, brothers, teachers—help form us and leave their imprint on us. All of you who have been supporting us through your financial support, especially your spiritual support, have been an important part of this process. Your prayers have left their mark on us!”

Br. Nathaniel Maria  
Mayne, O.P.



“It has been a long journey, and it is only the beginning! I would not have been able to be formed and thrive in Dominican life without your financial and spiritual support. Without you, I would not have been able to have the formation to become the Dominican I am now. You have enabled me to wholly consecrate myself to God to preach the Gospel. For this, I am forever grateful.”



Br. John Peter  
Anderson, O.P.



Br. Matthew  
Wanner, O.P.



“By founding the first convent of Dominican nuns, St. Dominic clearly indicated that holy preaching is a shared work. All who provide materially and/or spiritually for us friars participate in our ministry. This cooperation within our Dominican family manifests to me God’s providence. To know I am in another’s prayers, to know that another helps me meet the material needs of my life and ministry—this reminds me I am not working alone, this quickens my love.”

“I am immensely grateful for those who support us through financial and spiritual contributions. Without these, our way of life could not continue. When preparing to profess final vows, I did not worry about how we would maintain our consecrated mission. I felt supported and confident that the Lord would continue to attract his intimate friends to join us in the work He desires to cultivate through time. Thank you for your noble efforts. May the Lord magnify every contribution that we receive one hundredfold.”





# Fr. Patrick Rooney, O.P., Ordained to the Priesthood

Before his ordination, Fr. Patrick reflected on his formation as a Dominican



Watch Fr. Patrick's ordination video here!



I would like to express my deep gratitude to those who have contributed spiritually and financially to my formation leading up to priestly ordination. Over the years, I have realized the significance of our mission as dependent upon the generosity of others. The most authentic preaching of the Gospel is one in which the preachers themselves are not self-sufficient; rather, they must live the Gospel that they preach by trusting profoundly in God's providence and in the generosity of others (cf. Luke 9:1-4). Thanks be to God that so many people have given generously to our formation as preachers!

Dominican life contains both joys and challenges. Indeed, every way of life contains its own joys and challenges. But during my time as a Dominican, I have come to appreciate both the abundance of the joys and the surprising

meaningfulness of the obstacles. I have found that the joys and the challenges of Dominican life tend to be formative and life-giving. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways, and I am looking forward to giving back what I can in service to the people of God. As a priest, I will be blessed to be an instrument (however unworthy) through which the Lord brings grace and healing to his people.

My first assignment will be at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco. I have many good memories of St. Dominic's from when I lived there as a novice in 2015,

and it will be a joy for me to be back again. I do not yet have any major plans for my first year at St. Dominic's; indeed, I think it is a good idea for any incoming priest to observe first and then to act later. However, I am looking forward to the things that I know I will be doing, e.g., saying Mass, hearing confessions, etc. I am especially looking forward to preaching sermons on a regular basis. I pray that the Holy Spirit will use the words of my preaching to move the hearts of the listeners toward a deeper love for the Lord. I myself have been inspired by the tremendous faith and zeal that I have seen in so many lay people. So let us continue to encourage one another. Please pray for me, and know that you are all in my prayers as well.



Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., of Oakland, stands with the newly ordained Fr. Patrick Rooney, O.P., and the newly ordained deacon Rev. Br. Columban Mary Hall, O.P. Thanks to your friendship, these young men are following in the footsteps of St. Dominic!



Fr. Patrick celebrates with his family after his ordination.

## Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P. to Serve as Director of Vocations

**D**o you love Jesus? Do you love His Church? Do you love Truth? If you answered “yes” to all three questions, you might just be called to be a Dominican.

After nearly three years serving St. Raymond’s Parish in Menlo Park, CA, I am now beginning as Vocation Director for our Western Dominican Province. During my time at St. Raymond’s, I have learned what it means to be part of a parish family. I arrived as Brother John, soon became Deacon John, and now—with the help of their patience, kindness, and encouragement—I have become Father John. Thank you, St. Raymond’s, for being a shining example of what it means to be a Dominican parish. I will be forever grateful for spending my first two years of priesthood with such a loving family.

Now, I begin the joyful adventure of seeking souls to join us in our Dominican life. So exciting! When I was a little kid growing up in Montana, I was always inviting my friends over to visit our house. My mom made the best breakfasts, my dad had so many amazing stories to tell, and my older brother was one of my

heroes. Now, as Vocation Director, I cannot wait to make new friends and invite them over to visit our Western Dominican Province. Fr. Dominic makes the best breakfasts, Fr. Christopher has so many amazing stories to tell, and Fr. Michael is one of my heroes. But now it’s going to be even better, because I can invite my new friends to actually become part of our family!

But it is only possible with the prayers and support of the people of God. So, thank you for all your prayers and support that has kept our Province healthy with a regular influx of vocations since our founding 173 years ago. Please continue to pray and support us during Rosary Sunday so that we can continue to grow and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls throughout the next 173 years.

In Christ and Holy Father Dominic,  
Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P.



Fr. John has been serving at St. Raymond’s in Menlo Park, CA since his ordination to the diaconate in 2020.

Do you know anyone interested in Dominican life? Invite them to speak with Fr. John and attend our next Come & See on October 20-22!

To contact Fr. John, email [vocations@opwest.org](mailto:vocations@opwest.org) or visit [opwest.org/comeandsee](http://opwest.org/comeandsee).

Future Come & See Dates:  
November 17-19, 2023  
February 9-11, 2024





# The Cloisters Gala 2023

We had a wonderful first gala! We hope you can join us for next year's gala on April 13, 2024.



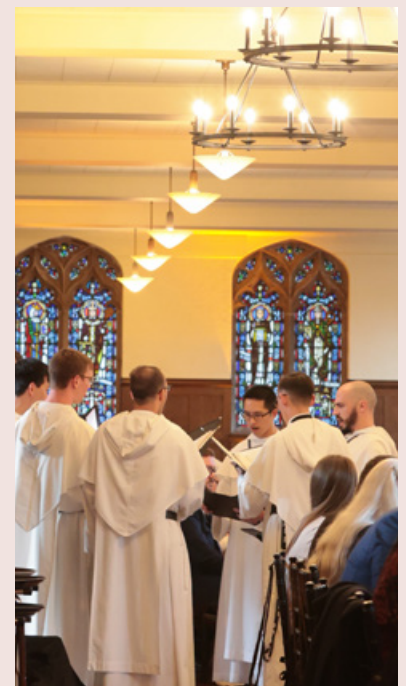
## Dr. Scott Hahn Receives O Lumen Award

It was a joy to present Dr. Scott Hahn with the O Lumen Award. The O Lumen Award is named after the antiphon Dominicans sing in honor of St. Dominic, the 'O lumen ecclesiae' (O Light of the Church). This award is given to those who have been a true light of the Church, have preached the Gospel throughout our nation and beyond, and have advanced the evangelization mission of Christ's Body.



As the author and editor of over forty books, many of which are the staple of the American Catholic home, Dr. Hahn has made immense contributions to the Catholic intellectual tradition. He is the Fr. Michael Scanlan Professor of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. As the Founder and President of the St. Paul Center, Dr. Hahn has dedicated his life to helping Catholics read Scripture from the heart of the Church.

The Dominicans, many of whom have been formed by the writings and lectures of Dr. Hahn, were privileged to honor Dr. Hahn with this award.







### Mrs. Dorothy Portner, DM, Receives Alemany Award



At the Cloisters Gala, Dorothy Portner, friend and collaborator of the Western Dominican Province, was given the Alemany Award in acknowledgment of her major contributions to the Western Dominican Province and the greater Church.



Dorothy and her husband Peer were generous contributors to the Western Dominican Province, as well as the Diocese of Oakland. They have been especially generous to the brothers studying at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology.

We are grateful for Dorothy's deep love for the Lord and for our Province, and for the many ways she has blessed us over the years.



Friar	Assignment
Fr. Raphael Mary Salzillo	St. Albert Priory (Oakland) – Regent of Studies of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Professor at DSPT
Fr. Patrick Rooney	St. Dominic Priory (San Francisco) – Parochial Vicar
Br. Michael James Rivera	St. Dominic Priory (San Francisco) – Assistant to the Vicar Provincial for Advancement
Fr. Anthony Rosevear	St. Dominic Priory (San Francisco) – Interim Director, St. Jude Shrine (until Jan. 2024) January 2024 – Sabbatical
Fr. Kieran Healy	St. Dominic Priory (San Francisco) – Director, St. Jude Shrine (starting January 2024)
Fr. Mark Padrez	St. Benedict Lodge (McKenzie Bridge) – Director (starting January 2024)
Fr. Joseph Sergott	St. Thomas More House (Eugene) – Parochial Administrator; Syndic
Fr. John Winkowitsch	St. Albert Priory (Oakland) – Promoter of Vocations
Fr. Pawel Zybura (Province of Poland)	St. Raymond House (Menlo Park) – Parochial Vicar
Fr. Thomas Aquinas Pickett	St. Dominic Priory (Washington D.C.) – Doctoral Studies
Fr. Michael Augustine Amabisco	St. Catherine of Siena House (Salt Lake City) – Chaplain at Skaggs Catholic Center
Fr. Carl Schlichte	St. Albert Priory (Oakland) – Vicar Provincial for Healthcare
Fr. Andrew Opsahl	St. Dominic House (Benicia) – Pastor
Fr. Garry Cappleman	Fra Angelico House (Las Vegas) – Retired
Fr. Vincent Benoit	Blessed Sacrament Priory (Seattle) – Retired
Fr. Jordan Bradshaw	St. Thomas More House (Eugene) – Director, Dominican Mission Foundation; Promoter of Preaching
Fr. John Marie Bingham	St. Dominic Priory (San Francisco) – Novice Master
Fr. Pius Youn	Holy Family House (Anchorage) – Parochial Vicar
Br. Lupe Gonzalez	Fra Angelico House (Las Vegas) – St. Therese Center
Fr. Patrick O’Neil	St. Albert Priory (Oakland) – Retired
Fr. Justin Gable	St. Albert Priory (Oakland) – Professor, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
Rev. Br. Columban Mary Hall	Holy Family House (Anchorage) – Deacon
Fr. Christopher Wetzol	Holy Rosary Priory (Houston, Southern Province) – Doctoral Studies, University of St. Thomas
Fr. Anthony Patalano	Siena House (Oakland) – Retired
Fr. Roberto Corral	Casa San Juan Macias y San Martin de Porres (Mexicali) – Pastor
Fr. David Bello	Casa San Juan Macias y San Martin de Porres (Mexicali) – Local Superior

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# Tantum Ergo

## A Hymn by St. Thomas Aquinas

### Tantum Ergo Sacramentum

Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail;  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,  
newer rites of grace prevail;  
faith for all defects supplying,  
where the feeble senses fail.  
To the everlasting Father,  
and the Son who reigns on high,  
with the Holy Ghost proceeding  
forth from Each eternally,  
be salvation, honor, blessing,  
might and endless majesty. Amen.

### Latin:

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Præstet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.  
Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et iubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.*



The “Tantum Ergo” is a hymn written by St. Thomas Aquinas, in adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist. The hymn comes from the last two verses of “Pange Lingua,” a hymn Aquinas composed for the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Fra Angelico, *Virgin and Child with St. Thomas Aquinas*, c. 1445.

As we celebrate the Eucharistic revival and the triple jubilee of St. Thomas Aquinas, we invite you to take some time to visit our Lord in Adoration!

### FRIARS ON THE MOVE

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#### Student Brothers

Br. John Vianney Russell

Br. Anselm Dominic LeFave

Br. Jordan Martin

#### Residency Assignment

Prince of Peace Newman Center (Seattle)

St. Dominic Church (Benicia)

Holy Family Old Cathedral (Anchorage)



