



MISSION WEST

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



OUR DOMINICAN MISSION

Sent to Serve You and Preach the Gospel



DID YOU KNOW?

St. Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in 1216AD with only 12 friars. Though he died just five years later, the Order had grown rapidly in that time to include eight provinces throughout Europe, 60 priories and over 500 friars.

Map by Rigobert Bonne,
French cartographer, 1771



THE QUOTABLE DOMINICAN St. Dominic

Feast Day: August 8

**“Behold, my children, the heritage I leave you:
Have charity for one another. Guard humility.
Make your treasure out of voluntary poverty.”**

The final words of St. Dominic to his brothers.

Statue of St. Dominic in Mission San Juan Capistrano, CA

from the vicar provincial for advancement



Dear Friends of St. Dominic,

My name is Fr. James Junípero Moore, O.P., and I'm the new Vicar Provincial for Advancement in the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (Western Dominican Province).

My role is simple: to partner with you in advancing the 800-year mission of St. Dominic to preach for the salvation of souls.

A Dominican must live a joy-filled life if he or she is to be an effective evangelist. I must say that being a Dominican is the greatest joy of my life—to preach Truth rooted in Love! It is a great honor for me to get to know and work with you. Why? Because you make our lives possible by strengthening us with your prayers and financial support.

Unfortunately, our world and our country are in a difficult state. The threat of terror has occupied the minds of many of us. Human life is disrespected and innocents are killed.

Yet even in the midst of hatred, anger, and violence, we must radiate the joy of the Gospel. We must win souls for Christ and His Church!

Thanks to you, we have the means to respond to a world in need. Our schools, parishes, campus ministries, missions, media and special apostolates serve tens of thousands of families. These ministries are centers of evangelization that are drawing countless souls back to God.

We also have much excitement over continued growth in vocations. In the past three years alone, 20 fantastic young men have entered formation in our province. With your help, we can train them to evangelize the world.

I look forward to getting to know you as we build the Kingdom of God! Let us spread the message of real mercy—of the love of God—and form the next generation of Saints!

In Christ and St. Dominic,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. James Junípero Moore, O.P." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

P.S. Have you heard about our new 1216 Society? If not, I encourage you to read about it in this newsletter and become a Founding Member before time runs out on December 31st!

Cover Photo: In honor of the 800th Jubilee of the Order of Preachers, Friars from around the Western Province gathered this past June at Mission San Juan Capistrano in California. The friars reflected on the mission of the Order and how best to serve you and preach for the salvation of souls.

A Priest Forever

Your support launches two more Dominicans into a life of preaching

On May 28th, Dominican friars Christopher Brannan, O.P., and Dennis Klein, O.P., were ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Joseph Augustine Di Noia, O.P., Adjunct-Secretary of the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith. As it has been for 800 years, their formation and ordination would not have been possible without God's grace and your generosity.

Fr. Dennis Klein, O.P., will pursue doctoral studies in Fribourg, Switzerland, and Fr. Christopher Brannan, O.P., will serve Holy Family Cathedral in Anchorage, Alaska. Praise God for these faithful men, holy and zealous for the salvation of souls!

Archbishop Di Noia wraps the anointed hands of Fr. Christopher with the Maniurgium, which is later given as a gift to the mother of the newly-ordained.

(Left) Frs. Christopher and Dennis following their ordination Mass, a milestone made possible by your support and God's grace! (Right) As part of his preparation to celebrate Mass and the Sacraments, Fr. Dennis has his hands consecrated with the same sacred chrism used in baptism.



TO OUR CHERISHED BENEFACTORS:

Thank you for giving us the time to invest in our future ministry. I know you have made some incredible sacrifices to make our formation possible, and I pray that these sacrifices are rewarded with rich dividends in your life as well as in our upcoming ministries. —Fr. Dennis Klein, O.P.

A heartfelt moment is shared as Fr. Augustine Hartman, O.P., embraces his newly-ordained Dominican brother, Fr. Dennis Klein, O.P.



TO OUR CHERISHED BENEFACTORS:

I am grateful to God for all of our donors who support our Dominican formation—it is your generosity that makes our studies and training possible. We simply could not exist without your partnership in our mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May He richly reward you for this and the many other ways you contribute to His Kingdom! —Fr. Christopher Brannan, O.P.

Frs. Christopher (left) and Dennis (right) kneel in humility as the Holy Spirit is invoked during the Laying on of Hands.

We made them for you! Check out our latest videos at OPWEST.ORG/VIDEOS



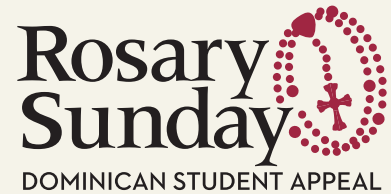
Don't miss out! Get the e-Newsletter!

It's a quick and helpful way to stay up-to-date on the friars, get connected to the latest Dominican activities, videos and news, and enrich your Catholic faith—all at the same time!

Sign-up in a flash at www.opwest.org/signup

**The Rosary Sunday:
Dominican
Student Appeal
is coming in October!**

It's your chance to directly support the religious formation of our 29 fantastic Dominican Student Brothers and Novices. The world needs them and they need you!



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

Ordination photos courtesy of Lorelei Low and Michelle Cardenas. 2015 photo of Fr. Michael Morris, O.P., by Christopher Silva. Donor profile photos courtesy of Bob and Letha Flint.

FRIARS ON THE MOVE

Your place to stay up-to-date on the friars you know and love.

Dominican	Location / New Assignment
Very Rev. Michael Amabisco, O.P.	St. Albert Priory, Prior
Fr. David Bello, O.P.	Mexicali, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Vicar
Fr. Donald J. Bramble, O.P.	Los Angeles, St. Dominic's Church
Fr. Christopher Brannan, O.P.	Anchorage, Holy Family Cathedral, Vicar
Fr. Jacek Buda, O.P.	Salt Lake, St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center
Fr. Michael Carey, O.P.	St. Mary Magdalen Church, Itinerant Preaching
Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P.	Riverside, St. Andrew Newman Center, Pastor
Fr. Michal Chaberek, O.P.	Los Angeles, St. Dominic Church, Vicar
Fr. Dominic DeLay, O.P.	San Diego, UCSD Newman Center, Director
Fr. John Paul Forté, O.P.	Tucson, St. Thomas More Newman Center, Pastor
Fr. Kieran Healy, O.P.	McKenzie Bridge, St. Benedict Lodge, Director
Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P.	San Francisco, St. Dominic Church, Vicar
Fr. Dennis Klein, O.P.	Fribourg, Switzerland, Doctoral Studies
Fr. Cassian Lewinski, O.P.	Berkeley, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Vicar
Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P.	Anchorage, Holy Family Cathedral, Pastor
Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.	Menlo Park, St. Raymond of Penyafort Church, Vicar
Br. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P.	Benicia, St. Dominic Parish, Residence Year
Fr. Anthony Patalano, O.P.	Los Angeles, Chaplain, Monastery of the Angels
Fr. James Thompson, O.P.	Los Angeles, St. Dominic Church, Vicar



Fr. Michael Morris, O.P., in his early years and again in 2015. Fr. Morris was a dedicated preacher, illuminating the beauty of our Catholic faith through art and the natural world.

The Way of Beauty

On the Passing of Our Brother, Fr. Michael Morris, O.P.

On July 15, Fr. Michael Morris, O.P., passed away after 44 years of faithful service.

Fr. Michael spent his priesthood preaching, teaching and bringing souls to Christ through the beauty of art and the natural world.

He touched countless lives as a Professor of Religion and the Arts at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (Berkeley), as a prominent contributor to the prayer journal *Magnificat*, and as the Director of the Santa Fe Institute for Religion and the Arts.

As Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P., Editor of *Magnificat*, recently remarked:

In all he taught us, in all he preached to us, in all he shared with us, Father Michael so well communicated an insight of Saint John Paul II: “Beauty makes one feel the beginning of... fulfillment, and seems to whisper to us: You will not be unhappy; the desire of your heart will be fulfilled—what is more, it is already being fulfilled.”

...Pope Francis calls for “a renewed esteem for beauty [that serves] as a means of touching the human heart.”...[he] calls this new initiative the *via pulchritudinis*—the “way of beauty,” and he declares that “a formation in the *via pulchritudinis* ought to be part of our effort to pass on the Faith.”

Fr. Michael embraced this Way of Beauty wholeheartedly as he led countless souls to the greatest beauty of all: the love of God.

Please pray for our departed brother, Fr. Michael, and all the faithful departed.

Gifts in memory of Fr. Michael may be made on our website at opwest.org/frmichaelmemorial or by mail.



Join the



Since 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

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A Profile in Generosity: Bob and Letha Flint

Conversion, Service and a Love of Dominic

How did you get involved with the Dominicans?

[Bob] My family and I were involved from the very beginning of the Dominican presence in Anchorage 42 years ago. My boys were altar servers and my family became friends with Fr. LaSalle Hallissey, O.P., when he was a student brother.

[Letha] My first involvement with the Dominicans came after Bob and I were married, and I was asked to play the piano at Mass. I was not a Catholic then, but attended Mass with Bob. God definitely had a plan as I later became Catholic in 2008. I have to thank Fr. John Thomas Mellein, O.P., for his role in my formation. He personally met with me for a year to study *Lumen Gentium* as I prepared to enter the Church.

What's your favorite memory of working with Dominicans?

[Letha] Fr. Justin Gable, O.P., would practice chanting in his office, which was just down the hall from mine. I have told people one of the closest experiences to heaven before you die is having an office next to a singing Dominican! That, and visiting beautiful St. Albert Priory in Oakland, the House of Studies for the

Western Province. It's a wonderful place of renewal.

[Bob] Around 1979, Dominican Fathers Bede Wilks and Augustine Hartman began a sandwich program for the homeless that lasted 18 years. I made sandwiches every Thursday with them. From that group came the beginning of the Brother Francis Shelter. I was privileged to be a part of creating a truly Christian charity that has helped thousands of disabled and battered people for over 30 years due to the ministry of Dominican Fathers Wilks and Hartman.

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

In our crazy world, Dominicans are on the ground and among the people with a message of truth, values, and holiness. They represent a personal commitment to unashamedly proclaiming the Gospel and leading souls to Christ. The Dominicans invite us to proclaim, love, and imitate Christ, to live our truly human vocation, fully alive for the glory of God.

Why do you choose to support the Dominicans?

We appreciate that the Dominicans are a mendicant (beggar) order. Their job is to go out to preach the Gospel. Our job is to provide the funds so they can do that. It's how we can help change the world.

Since they've been able to pursue their mission for 800 years through heresies, wars, and revolutions, we believe they can continue doing it for another 800. No one has shown us an investment that has as much growth and future as that!



Bob and Letha Flint with their daughter Christine. The extended Flint family has been a part of the Dominican parish of Holy Family Cathedral (Anchorage) since the Dominicans arrived in 1974.

Ready to serve and have fun! Bob and Letha volunteer at Friars Fest, an annual fundraiser held at Holy Family Cathedral in Anchorage.



(Left to Right) Fr. Jerome, Bob, Fr. Peter and Fr. John Thomas. Bob serves as a Fellow at our Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, regularly traveling with Letha from Alaska to the school's campus in Berkeley, CA.

