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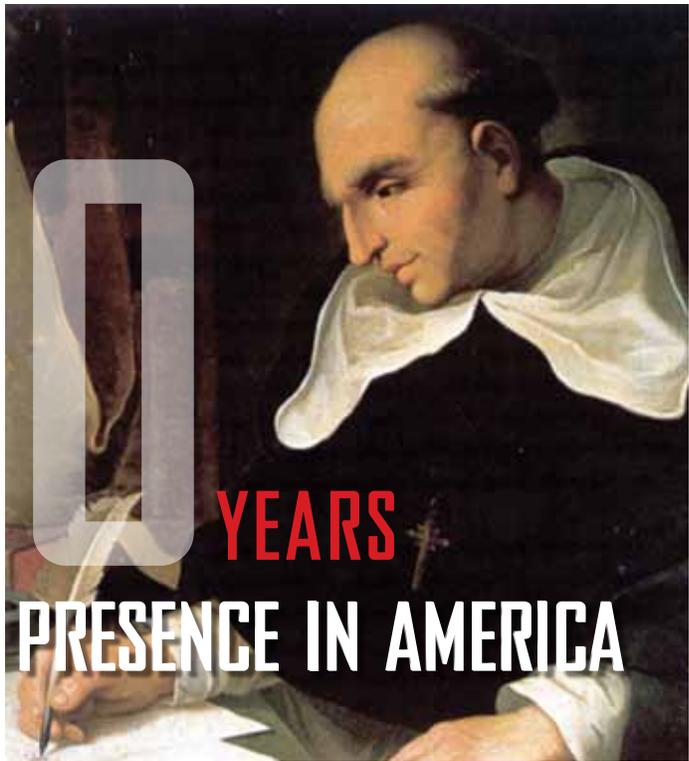
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*“When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus.”*  
~ St. Rose of Lima

# 500 YEARS OF DOMINICAN PRESENCE IN AMERICA



Bartolomé De Las Casas

By Fr. David Orique, O.P.

**F**ive hundred Years. Five centuries. A half a millennium. In September 1510, four Dominican friars arrived in the “New World” on the island of Hispaniola (today divided between the nations of Haiti and the Dominican Republic) and into a hemisphere that later would be called America. This first community, composed of three priests — Pedro de Córdoba, Antón de Montesinos, and Bernardo de Santo Domingo, as well as one lay brother — Domingo de Villamayor, who came to proclaim the Gospel message to both indigenous inhabitants and Spanish settlers. Yet, after more than a year of observing conquest atrocities while serving the spiritual needs of those on the island, these Dominicans’ peaceful evangelization efforts confronted a violent reality of cruel abuse by their fellow Europeans. As a result, they were prompted into prophetic action.

In December of 1511, during the Mass of the First Sunday of Advent, friar Antón delivered his now-famous community-formulated denunciatory homily directed at the Spaniards who committed injustices against the Indigenous — they were being exploited physically and demoralized spiritually. As Dominicans have throughout the centuries, the four confronted the challenges of the moment with well-informed actions and careful words. Because of the physical abuse and the failure to evangelize, Montesinos, quoting John the Baptist proclaimed “I am a voice crying out in the wilderness.” He asked: “Are these Indigenous not human?”

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## From the Provincial...

### DEAR FRIENDS,

In January I was elected by the delegates of the 24th Provincial Chapter to lead the Western Dominican Province as the Prior Provincial. I am honored my fellow Dominicans believe I possess the gifts to undertake this role. I am also deeply humbled that God has offered me this wonderful opportunity to serve Him and to more deeply fulfill my vows.

One of my chief responsibilities as Prior Provincial is to serve you, the faithful, who seek spiritual guidance from our Dominican friars throughout our Province. Currently we administer 18 parishes and Newman Centers in seven western states with a combined census of approximately 20,000 registered parishioners. Through our Western Dominican Preaching Office we reach thousands of additional faithful through our efforts at diocesan parishes throughout the Province. Many more thousands are served through our mission sites in Mexico, Guatemala, Kenya, and Lithuania. Finally, we serve untold numbers of people through various ministry sites.

So, if we are a "Dominican" family, you can see that we are quite an extended family. Our family, like any family, faces challenges and with your prayers I will do my best to address these challenges for the greater glory of the Church and for God.

Among my most present challenges is to bring to a conclusion the Lighting the Way Campaign. In the years since the Province acquired the property and renovated the facilities at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, we have raised over half of the \$9 million dollars required for this effort. A portion of each dollar, 20%, is directed toward the ongoing operations of the School which results in our Dominican brothers receiving their theological training and degrees prior to final vows. This, in a nutshell, is where the Dominican priests who serve you in your church come from. When given the opportunity, I ask your prayerful consideration of supporting this campaign.

Vocations are another challenge. We have seen an increase in vocations in our other Dominican Provinces and among some orders of Dominican sisters not related to our Province. It is clear to me God is constantly offering His invitation to serve to men and women and, perhaps the times call for more people to respond. Every Dominican prays daily that people open their hearts and minds to His invitation.

I feel especially honored I am in a position of service as Dominican worldwide turn their thoughts toward the 800th anniversary of the founding of our Order by St. Dominic. This will occur in 2016 so; part of my time will be spent in joyful preparation. Many amongst you may be asked to assist in a volunteer capacity as we move toward that happy celebration. I pray you will join us in this task.

In closing, I ask for your prayers and your continued support of the many works or the Dominicans that touch your lives and the lives of those yearning for God's Word.

In His love,

Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P.  
*Prior Provincial*



## 24th Provincial Chapter Elects Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P., Prior Provincial

THE 24TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF THE WESTERN DOMINICAN PROVINCE HAS ELECTED Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P., to be the 16th Prior Provincial of the Province which encompasses 10 states. He will have both temporal and spiritual responsibility for the 150 priests and brothers of the Dominican community serving in 18 parishes and Newman Centers as well as independent ministries throughout the region and those in foreign countries. As Provincial he will also have responsibility for the spiritual guidance of approximately 20,000 families registered in Dominican parishes as well as thousands of individuals in missions and mission sites in Mexico, Guatemala, Kenya, and Eastern Europe.

Fr. Padrez was born in Nogales, Arizona in 1963. He grew up in that community and eventually attended the University of Arizona where he was active in the Newman Center run by the Dominicans. Through exposure to the work and spirituality of the Dominicans, Fr. Padrez was open to God's invitation to enter the order in 1987. He is a graduate of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. Fr. Padrez was ordained in 1995. He has served in many capacities throughout the Western Dominican Province including: Holy Rosary Church in Antioch, CA, the Newman Center at the University of California at San Diego, the Director of Vocations, the Socius of the Province, and Vicar to the Provincial.

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## NEW DOMINICAN LEADERSHIP

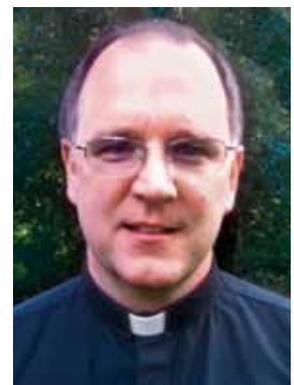
### Fr. Joseph Sergott, O.P., Chosen to Serve as Socius and Vicar to the Provincial

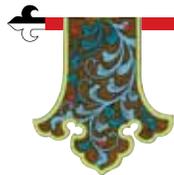
FR. JOSEPH SERGOTT, O.P., HAS BEEN NAMED BY THE 24TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER TO the office of Socius of the Western Dominican Province and the Vicar to the Provincial. In essence, he is serving as the number two official of the Province.

Having served as a Pastor and Associate Pastor at Dominican parishes and as Director and Associate Director at various Newman Centers, Prior to the Novitiate, and Vicar Provincial of the Province, Fr. Joseph is well versed in administration and the needs of ministry sites.

Fr. Joseph was born and raised in Livonia, Michigan and moved to Los Angeles when he was 19 years old. He worked for Hughes Aircraft as a microwave technician. While there, he built and tested antennae sections of commercial satellites. In 1988 Fr. Joseph entered the Dominican Order and received his B.A. in Philosophy, a M. Div and an M.A. in Theology at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. He was ordained a priest in 1996.

Please keep Fr. Joseph in your prayers for success in his work in serving the needs of the faithful throughout the Western Dominican Province.





## From St. Albert's Priory and Chapter Report

By Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

### ST. ALBERT PRIORY IS NOT ONLY HOME

to the young men preparing for ministry in the Western Dominican Province, the Priory also serves as a gathering space for important Dominican events throughout the year. Since our friends received the last issue of *Mission West*, the community has hosted a Province Assembly, the Dominican School's annual Alemany Dinner, a week-long training program of the Dominican Institute for Student Ministry (DISM), and, most recently, the Western Dominican Provincial Chapter.

Each of these events is important, in its own way, because each draws together the Dominicans who serve you, our friends, and equips us the better to preach and serve you in our ministries. Of these events, however, none is more important than the Chapter, because this is the gathering at which we choose the leadership that will provide the vision of the Western Dominican Province for the next four years.

We Dominicans are justly proud of our democratic heritage. Early in our

history our founders abandoned the monastic practice of choosing leaders for lifetime service. Instead — to allow our brothers the greatest opportunity to embrace our preaching charism — superiors were chosen for limited terms, then freed from their “internal” ministry to return to active preaching. These customs are enshrined in the laws that govern our Dominican lives, and legend says Thomas Jefferson had a copy of our Constitutions when he attended the Continental Congress.

Whether Dominican custom actually affected American governance may be debated, but what cannot be argued is the importance of the Provincial Chapter in Dominican life. Thus, on January 3, twenty-one delegates, chosen from among the members of the Western Province, arrived at St. Albert's to begin a retreat, and to beg God's guidance as we considered whom we should choose for our next Prior Provincial.

After three days of prayer we began listening to reports given by various officials of the Western

Province — including our Development Director, Fr. Jerome Cudden, who praised the generosity of all our friends who play so vital and necessary a role in the many good works we have embraced. You were never far from our thoughts, and each day, as we gathered for prayers and Mass, we remembered you, your needs, and your intentions.

On Saturday, January 8, we elected Fr. Mark Padrez to guide us through the next four years of our Dominican history. The Western Province faces many challenges, and we are confident our new Prior Provincial has the strength of character and the fortitude to help us meet them. You who have had the privilege of meeting him know he also possesses a wealth of charm and sincerity. You will see a great deal of Fr. Mark in the coming four years, and he will encourage you to keep doing what you have done — and done so well — for so long: to pray for us, our students, and our ministries, and to give as generously as you can to support our work among God's people in the western United States.

### DELEGATES TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF THE WESTERN DOMINICAN PROVINCE.

All rows are listed from left to right. Bottom row: Fr. Peter Rogers, O.P.; Fr. Bryan Kromholtz, O.P.; Fr. Sergius Propst, O.P.; Fr. Vincent Benoit, O.P.; Fr. Augustine Thompson, O.P.; Fr. Gregory Tatum, O.P.; Second row from bottom: Fr. Edward Krasevac, O.P.; Fr. Michael Fones, O.P.; Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.; Fr. Emmerich Vogt, O.P.; Third row from bottom: Fr. Allen Duston, O.P.; Fr. Gerald Buckley, O.P.; Fr. Daniel Syverstad, O.P.; Fr. Mark Padrez, O.P.; Fourth row from bottom: Fr. Dennis Reilly, O.P. and Fr. David Farrugia, O.P.; Top row: Fr. Michael Carey, O.P.; Fr. Michael Morris, O.P.; Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P.; Fr. Patrick LaBelle, O.P.; Fr. Robert Christian, O.P.



# NEWS IN PHILANTHROPY AND STEWARDSHIP



## DEAR FRIENDS,

This year marks the third year I have visited parishes and Newman Centers throughout the Western Dominican Province on behalf of the Dominican Student Formation Appeal (formerly known as the Rosary Sunday Appeal). I continue to be humbled and grateful for your generosity in supporting the Dominican brothers while they prepare to become the next generation of Dominican priests. I know every dollar donated represents a sacrifice of some kind. This sharing of your earthly treasure for the greater glory of God is a lesson we take to heart. Please allow me to share a letter I received that tells me we are communicating this lesson to the children in our Dominican schools. It was accompanied with a check for \$45.91.

God bless,

Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P.  
Director of Development

October 20, 2010

Dear Western Dominican Province Leaders,

We are the second grade students from St. Dominic School in Benicia. As we continue to learn more about Our Lord and prepare to receive our Sacraments this year, we are choosing to serve others, as Jesus did, in different ways. We chose to do extra chores in our homes in order to earn a few coins or dollars. We have collected that money and are sending it to you for the Dominican Student Formation Appeal! We get so excited when Fr. Michael, Fr. LaSalle, and Fr. John Marie come to visit us in our classroom and we love to see Fr. Vic at Mass. We want you to have this money to help the new brothers become priests and maybe get to see them too! Thank you for helping men to become Dominican priests!

Faithfully Yours,

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Sophia Gwennie Robbie  
James Dylan Ryan Keith Lucas Maddie  
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Mary Daniel Jessica Amanda  
Christopher Zachary Kara  
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“Don’t they have rational souls?” “Are they not our brothers and sisters?” This assertion of both the humanity and the fraternity of the Indigenous of America were rooted in these Dominicans’ excellent training.

This notable, timely and well-crafted homily was the beginning of a long history of Dominican impact in America. These pioneering friars, along with countless others to follow, were trained in the best theology, philosophy, and law of the time in Salamanca, Spain — the finest place for advanced studies during the era of the opening of the New World. Their studies, steeped in the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, provided them with valuable “tools” to undertake the essential message of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ — a message that asserts the dignity of all people. With their in-depth training, these Dominicans met head-on the most serious challenge of their time — the encountering and taking the Gospel to a land and people previously unknown to Europeans.

#### BARTOLOMÉ DE LAS CASAS

Among those inspired and trained by these early Dominicans in America and in Salamanca was Bartolomé de Las Casas. Las Casas was stirred by the message of these first Dominicans to embrace the Gospel in an original and important way — a way that proclaimed directly the Good News with peaceful and persuasive means for the salvation

of souls; a way that confronted boldly the violent and coercive methods for the exploitation of bodies employed by many of the conquerors and colonizers. Central to the Dominican approach to evangelization was appealing to the non-Christian Indigenous in ways to attract their wills and persuade their intellects. Drawing from this inspiration, Las Casas wrote and promoted his “The Only Way to Draw all People to a Living Faith,” the first modern statement on evangelization. In fact, his “Only Way” became a model for the evangelization efforts of others to follow.

Unfortunately, in Las Casas’ time (not unlike our own) there were those who opposed peaceful and persuasive methods, and, instead, employed institutional force to rule and ideological strictness to regulate. Even so, Las Casas and the other intellectually broadly formed individuals, who believed in these efforts methods, moved forward to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to fight against the injustices of their time, many of which are all-too similar today.

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dedicated proclamation  
of the Gospel...”*

#### DOMINICANS TODAY IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

As in the time of the arrival of the first Dominicans in America, each age faces rapid changes and daunting challenges. Today, the world is increasingly complex — technologically, socially, politically, culturally, and environmentally. As a result, novel realities confront timeless verities. These new situations prompt different

## Walk for Life Draws Huge Dominican Response

San Francisco Walk for Life co-founder, Dolores Meehan, poses with Dominican priests, brothers, and sisters who were among the estimated 30,000 or more participants in the annual event.



ways of understanding the horizon of global conditions. As a result, Christians of this age are responsible for formulating and providing theological and philosophical responses that assert and protect the dignity of every man, woman, and child as well as declare the value of creation as a gift from the Creator to all people.

Throughout the world, prayerful Dominican friars and sisters, united with committed laypeople, continue the tradition of dedicated proclamation of the Gospel after systematic formation in the rich and important thought of many who came before them. Central to this Christian formation is the assertion that God Incarnated — the Second Person of the Triune God, who came to dwell among us in the person of Jesus Christ — is a God of life and love.

The personal birth, life, death and resurrection of the Son of God in human history points to the significance of asserting the goodness of all human life from conception to natural death. Implicit in this reality is the importance of denouncing and transforming anything that militates against the value of each God-given human life. As did these first Dominicans in America five hundred years ago, injustices, personal and collective that depreciate human life are to be confronted and condemned. Those individual sins that detracted from the life given and those structures of society that against others because of their race, class, gender or orientation are to be denounced.

Today, this message, central to the Christian faith, continues to be taught at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. The training Dominican friars and other religious as well as lay men and women receive follows a long and proud Dominican tradition: “Handing on to others the fruit of one’s contemplation.” So that through prayer and study, the Gospel might be proclaimed in a peaceful and persuasive way, in ways that appeal to the intellect with sound and summoning reasons and to the will with gentle and Christ-like actions.

The effort to appeal thoughtfully to others, especially to an increasingly skeptical and secular society, requires both solid academic formation and strong spiritual development. The work of ministry to others, especially to the most needy physically and hurting spiritually, demands solid formation. At the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, students are trained mentally and spiritually. They are taught to think of ways in which to explore and mine the proud intellectual riches of the Christian tradition, especially Thomism. They are mentored to enter into a life of prayer and service to expand their capacity to hear the Lord calling them into a life of deeper commitment to embrace the Gospel and share it with others.

At the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, the challenge of bringing the Gospel to others, in new ways and in novel contexts continues. Needless to say, this effort to train others in this important work of the Gospel requires the support of many. As such, your prayerful collaboration and active financial contribution to our efforts is essential to propel our efforts forward in the 21st century. May God richly bless you for your generosity to prepare and to send others for the next five hundred years in America and beyond. 🙏

## Legacy Giving

Including the Western Dominican Province in your estate planning can have a profound impact upon the mission of the Order of Preachers and the lives of the faithful for years to come.

Consider the gift of a house in 1215 to St. Dominic by an early follower, Peter Seila\*, who was among the original 16 Dominicans who helped establish the Order of Preachers. The house is still in service to the Church to this day.

It is easy to include the Western Dominican Province in your estate plan if you designate it as a recipient of all or part of any of these financial vehicles:

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CHECKING ACCOUNTS  
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LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES**

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS  
STOCKS OR BONDS  
ANNUITIES**



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*\*For more information about the life of Peter Seila, O.P., visit this site: <http://www.domcentral.org/trad/disciples/36petselia.htm>*

**H**is nose wanders a bit because he was a football star before face masks.

But for 70 years and more, Dominican Father Paul Duffner has never wandered from his mission. At 95, he still aims to bring everyone he meets to Christ.

The priest's confreres and friends gathered to celebrate his 70th anniversary as a priest during the 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Dec. 19, at Holy Rosary Church in inner Northeast Portland, where he has served steadfastly for decades. Archbishop John Vlazny presided.

Father Duffner has ministered as a teacher of young Dominicans, a missionary on horseback in Mexico and a pastor in Portland. He has devoted much of his life to promoting the rosary and helped establish the orthodox charism of Holy Rosary Parish.

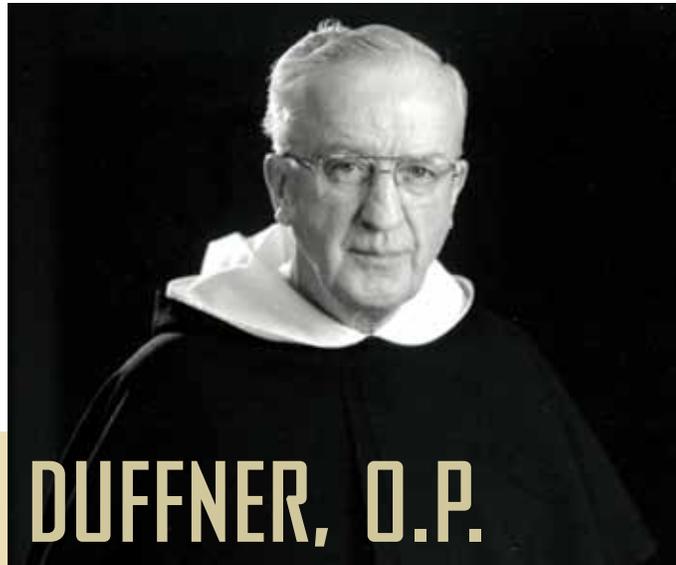
Many Dominicans first met Father Duffner when he served as novicemaster. The job, which no one pursues, is something akin to a spiritual drill sergeant for recruits.

Father Gerald Buckley, current superior of the Portland Dominicans, entered in 1951 and soon attended the novitiate in Marin County, Calif. He recalls Father Duffner telling the young men that when they don the white habit, that it is a call for decorum.

The novices, aware that Father Duffner was three-quarters Irish and a quarter German, joked that the German part had won out.

Father Duffner faced a new challenge in 1967 when he accepted the post as missionary in Mexico's Chiapas state near the border with Guatemala.

For eight years he served in the area of about 10,000 square miles, accessible only by horseback or airplane. He later ministered in Alaska.



## FR. PAUL DUFFNER, O.P.

# CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

By Ed Langlois

He was ordained Dec. 21, 1940 at the cathedral in San Francisco by Archbishop John Mitty.

To say he's been steady ever since is an understatement.

Father Duffner arrives each day at 7:30 a.m. at the Rosary Center, a project housed in a humble building across the street from Holy Rosary Church. The center promotes prayer and Marian spirituality and sends rosaries around the world. The priest has been the heart of the place for decades, writing spiritual newsletters that have been compiled in books.

In 1975, Father Duffner came to Portland as pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, a post he filled for six years.

The priest, who still hears confessions every week, would choose his life again. He's been happy, he says, and will keep at the ministry.

"Our task is to preach the word of God and to make that word viable for other people so it can influence their lives," he told the Catholic Sentinel earlier this year.

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# TORCH3M: DOMINICAN MOVIES, MUSIC, & MAGIC

By Fr. Dominic DeLay, O.P.

**FILMMAKER AND SINGER FR. DOMINIC DELAY, O.P., SINGER Fr. John Paul Forte, O.P., and magician Fr. Daniel Rolland, O.P.** comprise Torch3m: Dominican Movies, Music, & Magic. They recently took their creative preaching to the East Coast for the annual conference of the Dominican Institute for the Arts.

Fr. Dominic, who won the organization's Fra Angelico Award last year as an outstanding Dominican artist, led an enthusiastically-received workshop on music in film. Dominic shared insights he's gathered through his experiences as both a musician and filmmaker.

Fr. Dominic and Fr. John Paul shared a version of their Black & White Concert: A Friendship in Song. Beginning with black and white spirituals, Frs. John Paul and Dominic share the music that brought them together and that has brought Americans together for centuries. One of their favorite pieces is the Dominican version of the Salve, Regina sung in counterpoint with Amazing Grace.

Fr. Daniel led a workshop for those who would like to use magic in their teaching or preaching. After reminding them that Saints Don Bosco and Vincent de Paul used magic tricks to gather their audiences, he taught them a few simple tricks. Later, he performed illusions based on gospel stories and the lives of the saints. One of Fr. Daniel's best tricks is the way he involves audience members in a show filled with humor, awe, tears, and challenge.

Many of the Dominican artists at the conference are making plans to bring Torch3m's movies, music, and/or magic to their hometowns. Visit Frs. Dominic, John Paul, and Daniel at [www.torch3m.org](http://www.torch3m.org).



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# ASSOCIATES *of* SAINT DOMINIC

You are cordially invited to join or renew your membership in the **Associates of Saint Dominic**, an honorary society of the Western Dominican Province providing spiritual and financial support for the formation of new priests and retirement security for older priests, as well as sustaining the spiritual guidance offered by the Province to tens of thousands of families in the Western United States.

Please choose a level of membership that reflects both your support of our mission as well as your own personal circumstances. Membership at all levels is welcomed and vital for our shared vision of spreading the Word of God

In gratitude for your participation in the Associates of St. Dominic, we offer various benefits we hope you will treasure. These offerings are symbolic of the appreciation we have for those who express their support of our mission through their time, talent, and treasure.

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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**\$1.00 – \$150.00**

- Remembrance in Dominican prayers 1st Sunday of each month
- Listing in WDP newsletter, Mission West
- Mass and brunch at St. Albert the Great Priory\*

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- Listing in WDP newsletter, Mission West
- Folk art *santos* with Dominican imagery
- Lecture by Dominican scholar\*\*
- Mass and brunch at St. Albert the Great Priory\*

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- Folk art *santos* with Dominican imagery
- Invitation to dinner at St. Albert the Great Priory\*\*
- Lecture by Dominican scholar\*\*
- Mass and brunch at St. Albert the Great Priory\*

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- Listing in WDP newsletter, Mission West
- Folk art *santos* with Dominican imagery
- Guest lodging at St. Albert the Great Priory for Retreat Weekend
- Reception with Retreat Master\*\*\*
- Lecture by Dominican scholar\*\*
- Invitation to dinner at St. Albert the Great Priory\*\*
- Mass and brunch at St. Albert the Great Priory\*
- Memento of retreat weekend

\*Sunday of Retreat Weekend \*\* Saturday of Retreat Weekend

\*\*\* Friday of Retreat Weekend

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*Thank you*

for your consideration of this invitation to join or renew your membership in the **Associates of St. Dominic.**

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# DOMINICAN SAINTS ASSOCIATES



## PRAYER FOR DOMINICAN VOCATIONS

*Lord Jesus, moved by the urgent need of priests, religious, and apostles, and following Thy recommendation to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to work for the salvation of souls, we implore Thee, through the intercession of Thy most holy Mother Mary, Virgin Immaculate and Queen of the most holy Rosary, and also through the intercession of Dominic, the holy Patriarch, to increase the number of Friars Preachers.*

*Obtain for Thy Order faithful followers of its religious traditions, numerous apostles after the heart of their blessed father, Dominic, holy and zealous for the salvation of souls. Amen.*

## ANNUAL RETREAT WEEKEND

*May 13 - 15 2011*



Each year all Associates of Saint Dominic are invited to attend a retreat on the grounds of the Priory of St. Albert the Great in Oakland, California. The retreat master will welcome guests and guide them through both spiritual and social gatherings.

Please refer to the membership levels to determine which retreat weekend benefits apply to you. A limited amount of lodging is available for individuals in men's only and women's only sections of the Priory. No host accommodations are also available at area hotels. Please contact the Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship at (510) 658-8722, Ext. 308 for recommendations.

DETACH AND RETURN

# ASSOCIATES of SAINT DOMINIC REPLY FORM



DETACH AND RETURN

(PLEASE DETACH AND USE THE STANDARD REPLY ENVELOPE FOUND IN MISSION WEST)

**Yes, I/We would like to support the Western Dominican Province in pursuit of its goals of:**

- Educating Dominican Brothers
- Supporting Retired Friars
- Sustaining Province Ministries

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# TRANSITIONS

## ANNIVERSARIES

We offer our prayerful congratulations to the Dominican friars listed below, who in 2011 are reaching milestones in their lives of service as brothers and priests.

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| <b>70</b><br>Fr. Lawrence Banfield, O.P.  | <b>30</b><br>Fr. David Bello, O.P.  |
| <b>55</b><br>Fr. Vincent Lopez, O.P.  | <b>25</b><br>Fr. Anthony Patalano, O.P.   |
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| <b>40</b><br>Fr. Raymond Finerty, O.P.  | <b>10</b><br>Fr. David Orique, O.P.   |
| <b>35</b><br>Fr. Don Bramble, O.P.<br>Fr. Robert Christian, O.P.<br>Fr. Jude Eli, O.P.                                    |   |

## WESTERN DOMINICAN PROVINCE CHAPTER 2011 MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS

At this time, the Dominicans are pleased to announce the most recent appointments to provincial ministries. Additional provincial-level appointments will occur in the near future.

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| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Fr. Dominic DeDomenico, O.P.                | <b>Master of Novices</b><br>Fr. Anthony Rosevear, O.P.              |
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| <b>Master of Students</b><br>Fr. Michael Fones, O.P.            | <b>Director of Bodega Bay</b><br>Fr. Christopher Renz, O.P.         |

# PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN THE GREAT NORTH

By Br. Peter Junipero Hannah, O.P.

**WHEN MY PLANE TOUCHED GROUND IN** August of last summer at Anchorage International Airport, it was my first encounter with that massive expanse of an American state on the far reaches of the North American continent. I had arrived for my “residency year” at Holy Family Cathedral in Anchorage, which Dominicans have staffed since 1974.

When I received the e-mail the previous March from our prior provincial, Fr. Emmerich Vogt, saying “the Holy Spirit, your Student Master and I think it would be good for you to spend your residency year in Alaska...,” my first reaction was shock. Alaska? That’s a ways away, and very cold and potentially very dark. What would I be doing? What sorts of stuff do people even do in Alaska? Does civilization even exist up there?

Well, civilization does exist up here. The state is in many ways a “frontier land” with a host of souls coming and going constantly, arriving from this place and that in the “lower 48”. Some come for jobs. Many trying to flee personal crises. Many to enjoy the natural beauty. And amidst it all there is a stable and proud community of Alaskans, happy to live, work and raise a family in this rugged and spectacular area. In this sense, our Province’s presence in Anchorage is fitting given

what has been a traditional aspect of western Dominican work: a missionary-like task of planting the Gospel in a culture where much is uncertain, varying, and free-wheeling.

When I landed on August 6th, by chance the cathedral’s religious education director of 11 years had decided to move on. Fr. Francis Le, O.P., pastor, and my local superior, selected me to fill the position. Within two weeks I had to assess the needs, order materials, develop a catechist training seminar, organize a calendar for the program, and begin fielding registrations for a large cathedral parish. With the Lord’s help, it was done. I am also teaching 10th grade theology (Church History) at a local Catholic high school three days a week, a job I thoroughly enjoy. All the while I participate in various cathedral ministries offering assistance and sometimes leadership — altar servers, liturgy preparation for bishop visits, RCIA classes, young adult and youth groups.

I am “busy with the things of the Lord” in Anchorage. But this is in the best sense. The peculiar strengths of a Dominican parish are good liturgy, superior catechesis, preaching and teaching the faith. Holy Family Cathedral has developed into somewhat of a bastion of these for hungry Alaskan

Catholics. In an era when knowledge of the faith by your average Catholic (as a recent study has shown) is distressingly low, and in a culture which is increasingly secular, unstable, and frenetic, Dominicans bring: stable community life; the riches of contemplative prayer;



the wells of a deep intellectual tradition; and effective preaching skills. I am glad to be “busy” about these things in Alaska this year, helping to renew the Church for the glory of God and the salvation of his people.

If you feel called to a life with the Dominicans, or if you know someone who is discerning please contact our Director of Vocations Fr. Steve Maekawa, O.P. at: (510) 596-1821 or email: vocations@opwest.org.

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## On the Last Day

The Time of the Resurrection  
of the Dead  
according to Thomas Aquinas



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### New Publication by Fr. Bryan Kromholtz, O.P., Now Available

Fr. Bryan Kromholtz has recently published a book on the general resurrection. In *On the Last Day: The Time of the Resurrection of the Dead* according to Thomas Aquinas, Fr. Kromholtz investigates the question “When will the resurrection of the dead occur?” After an overview of current considerations of this issue, he delves into St. Thomas’ response to this question. The Angelic Doctor consistently taught that the resurrection will occur when Christ returns at the end of the world, for everyone at the same time.

In this, Thomas highlights the theological significance of human persons’ connections with Jesus Christ, with the created world, and with one another. Fr. Kromholtz explains: “Thomas’s attention to these three dimensions — Christ, cosmos, and community — actually anticipates many current concerns. His thinking has a lot to teach us today.”