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## Provincial Mission Statement

Called to a deeper relationship of love and service to God, we are members of the Dominican Order, who commit to live the Dominican charism as lay people. In collaboration with the Dominican Family, we work to promote social justice and peace in society. Supported by prayer, study, community and ministry, we fulfill our vocation to proclaim the Gospel wherever we, as individuals, live and work.

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## CENTRAL PROVINCE TEAMS UP WITH MCGREAL CENTER TO HOUSE ARCHIVES

At the Provincial Council this past October, Archivist Jill O'Brien reported to the Council about a new partnership with the Mary Nona McGreal Center for Dominican Historical Studies, located at Dominican University in River Forest, IL.

Our partnership allows us to begin collecting a larger share of our historical record, and to preserve that imprint for generations to come. Perhaps Lay Dominicans of the 22nd century will wonder how we operated at the beginning of the 21st. We certainly are fascinated by the scarce jewels we have received from previous generations. Formation, reading lists, correspondences, and on and on.

And so with generosity to our ancestors who built up this Lay Dominican Family, and with hope that we might be helpful to our brothers and sisters yet unborn, the Central Province Lay Dominicans will begin creating, collecting, and preserving all historical documents that might show a little about who we were, what we did, and why we did it.

Such an effort doesn't work if only a few Lay Dominicans of the Province decide to get involved. This is a Province-wide endeavor to preserve our heritage. There was a strong consensus at the Provincial Council among all present delegates that efforts would be made at the chapter and individual levels to join this initiative.

We urge you too. What types of documents may be of interest to the Archives are listed in a special section on page 2.



Former President Karen Sabourin participates in the Dominican Archivists and Historians Conference called "In our Keeping" last June. Jill O'Brien, Provincial Archivist in the Central Province, gave a summary of the event in her report to the Provincial Council in October, 2012.

# CENTRAL PROVINCE TO BEGIN “LAY DOMINICAN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT”

“The Lay Dominican Oral History Project” (LDOH) is a great way to lay the groundwork for the new Archives at the McGreal Center. This project is like taking a snapshot of hundreds of Lay Dominicans right now, in 2013, and a fun way to get our Archives started in the right direction!



Ms. Jill O'Brien, O.P.,  
Central Province Archivist

The Project consists of a series of interviews with contemporary Lay Dominicans, including you! That interview may take place on camera, voice recording, scripted out, or even done by yourself in the privacy of your own home.

The long series of questions is structured to get you thinking about what Dominican life has meant to you personally. The first questions are about you and your family, where you come from, to get a firm foundation for each participant. Then the interview progresses into directed questions specifically relating to life as a Lay Dominican in 2013.

Each chapter is urged to select one member to become the organizer and orchestrator of the LDOH within their chapter, scheduling and leading interviews. With a champion of the LDOH in each chapter, we are assured of swift progress and ultimate success in creating a strong footprint of who we are for future generations.

Some example questions from the interview:

8. What attracted you to the Order and how did you discover your call to be a Lay Dominican? How old were you when you joined? In what year did you join?

15. How have you grown and changed through affiliation with the Lay Dominicans? How have the elements of Dominican practice (prayer, study, community, and ministry) influenced you, others, and your spiritual life?

18. What would you want to share with future Lay Dominicans about your experience as a member?

*For more information, visit the Province's website at [www.laydominicancentral.org](http://www.laydominicancentral.org) and click on the members' info page.*

# CALL FOR DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES!

The Provincial Council began the conversation of what types of materials would be included in the new Lay Dominican Central Province Archives, located at the McGreal Center for Dominican Historical Studies.

Every chapter and group should make the effort to protect our Dominican heritage for future generations. We urge you to begin collecting materials that may be included in our Archives. Your Chapter Delegate may bring these materials to the 2013 Provincial Council meeting this coming October.

Things you might begin saving:

*Formation Programs*

*Reading Lists*

*Ceremonials or Liturgy Guides*

*Historically– Important Correspondences*

*Recruitment & Open House Documents*

*Flyers*

*Retreat Programs*

*Study and Discussion Guides*

*Newspaper Clippings*

*Parish Bulletin Notices*



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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, WINTER 2013*

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

As we once again go through the Lenten season, most of spend some time more specifically reflecting on our lives: striving to change ourselves during this season and praying with renewed energy for forgiveness for the past and help for the future.

I would like to make a proposal to all our groups and chapters that we do this not only individually, but communally during this year of Faith. This is neither original nor unique. It was proposed to us in the past and I think it is now a good time in our history to reemphasize it. We emphasize the four-fold basis of our life, commonly known as the pillars: prayer, study, community and mission/apostolate/preaching. This proposal has to do with the latter two.

My proposal is not a complicated one, but perhaps a difficult one. It grows out of my observation that most of us have, over the last few decades, seen a real growth in our understanding and practice of study and liturgical and devotional prayer in our groups and in our province. I think it would be good for us now to more specifically examine ourselves in our understanding and living out of community and mission.

We are called to mission by our basic constitutions: (Apostolic Mission) They follow the example of Saint Dominic, Saint Catherine of Siena and our forbears who illumined the life of the Order and the Church, and strengthened by their fraternal communion, bear witness above all to their own faith, listen to the needs of their contemporaries, and serve the truth. They pay careful attention to the principal goals of the church's present-day apostolate, driven in a special way to show real compassion to all who are troubled, to defend liberty and to promote justice and peace. Inspired by the charism of the Order, they are mindful that apostolic activity comes out of an abundance of contemplation. (<http://frat.op.org/>)

My proposal is that we spend some time during this Lenten season or plan to spend some some time during this year in some serious communal self-examination of where we are in terms of 'corporate' identity and purpose. I think starting with an examination of our individual identity and purpose in the context of our Dominican life is a comfortable place for most of us. We have a good idea of what we

consider our 'preaching' to be. The question is, "How does this or how can this fit into a vision of mission or preaching for our group or chapter?" Many of us spend some time in sharing our vision. Perhaps it's time to move past this level and to develop some commonality of vision. Some have already done this in notable ways and could perhaps share their process and success with the rest of us.

How do we 'bear witness' as individual communities and as a province? We have a provincial mission statement. Do we strive to live up to it? Does my group/chapter have a mission statement? Do we each have a rationale for existence? We are the members of the Order best positioned for reaching out into the community. Do we spend much energy and and planning on how to do this? Are we just internally focused by default? Are we examples of unity and understanding in our own gatherings?

My own chapter, at my suggestion, is having a day of 'active contemplation' to examine some of these questions – a sort of communal examination of conscience. We hope we can achieve a better understanding of each other and how our individual visions can somehow fuse into a common vision of how we can better become a communal witness to and sharer of the Word. I strongly encourage all to work on these two aspects of our life during the year. We take time to plan and discuss our common prayer and study. We should take equal time planning and discussion our communal life and apostolic purpose which are just as important. If you'd like a more detailed ideas on how to proceed, just contact me.

Your brother,  
Joseph

## WHO ARE WE

A Note from our  
Provincial Formation Committee Chair,  
Mr. Terry McSweeney, O.P.

A question was raised at our recent Provincial Council: Are we a contemplative active Order or an active contemplative Order? In other words what are we primarily? The answer is that we are an active contemplative Order. St. Thomas Aquinas gave us a motto: *Contemplari et contemplata aliis tradere*; Contemplate and pass on to others the fruits of our contemplation. So contemplation must be our essence and come before our action. As Lay Dominicans it is incumbent that we spend time each day in some form of contemplation to be Dominicans. Consult Unit 3 of the Candidacy II Formation Program for a full explanation of Contemplation. ([laydominicancentral.org](http://laydominicancentral.org))

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

## Colorado

### Denver, St. Dominic Chapter

The chapter is in discussion about hosting a special event for the March 2nd World Day of Prayer.

### Wheat Ridge, Vietnamese LD Chapter

In November, the Chapter donated \$500.00 for the disaster Sandy through The Archdiocese Fund

## Illinois

### Chicago, Bl Fra Angelico Group

As of November, 2012, the group was invited by the Springfield Sisters of St. Dominic to hold our meetings in their convent at 4518 N. Lowell Ave. Chicago, moving the group from Norridge, IL to Chicago.

### Oak Park, Bishop Edward Dominic Fenwick Group

A brand new group in a place rich with beautiful Dominican history, Mr. Joseph Komadina, OP, the Provincial President, will join us on Sunday, February 24th, St. Dominic Chapel, for the members' celebration of their Reception into the Order of Preachers by temporary promises.

## Iowa

### Dubuque, St. Rose of Lima

In January, the group decided to send \$25 donation to St. Rose of Lima Church in Newtown, CT

## Michigan

### Ann Arbor, Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

Present at the group's January meeting, Former President Karen Sabourin introduced Michael Andrews, O.P., who has agreed to become the group's Formation Director. Michael is from East Lansing, and extended an invitation to the group to attend Vespers at St. Thomas of Aquinas parish in East Lansing, with a talk afterward, on the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, January 28th. Karen said there would regularly be joint activities planned between the Michigan Lay Dominican groups.

### Grand Rapids, Rosary Chapter

During the next few months, new Initiate, Diana Vredevelde, will be reading and summarizing the documents of Vatican II. This month, she presented Apostolicam Actuositatem (Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity) and Inter Mirifica (Decree on the Media of Social Communications).

## Missouri

### St. Louis, Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapter

The chapter is in talks about solidifying a March day of reflection. Stay tuned for more information as they solidify their plans!

On January 6th, the chapter joined the Friars for Evening Prayer and witnessed the temporary promises

of Jacob Torbeck and the permanent promises of Sebastian Mahfood and Joseph Bradley. Brother Raymond Bryce, an Aquinas Institute student, preached. A reception for the newly professed followed attended by their family members, chapter members, and friars.

## Wisconsin

### Madison, Blessed Sacrament Pro-Chapter

The chapter's next Come and See event will occur April 27, 2013.

### Milwaukee, Queen of the Rosary Chapter

Obituary Notice: Winnifred M. (Winnie) Lyon Dahle, a 61-year professed member of the Lay Dominicans, Queen of the Rosary Chapter, Milwaukee, WI, was born to eternal life on January 6, 2013. She was professed in 1952 at the Monastery of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Milwaukee, WI. Winnie and her sister, Esther Lyon Byrne, were early members of the Queen of the Rosary Chapter, who long sustained the chapter. Esther preceded her sister in death on Sept. 28, 2010. Winnie was a teacher for many years at St. Aloysius Catholic School and Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic School. She devoted a great deal of time to planning the liturgy at St. Aloysius Church, was a foster mother to 16 infants and loved music, singing and conversation. She will be deeply missed by her fellow Lay Dominicans.

**A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** The "News from around the Province" feature depends on your participation. As editor, I have now seen how negligent many of our chapters have become on sending in their meeting minutes, or leaving their minutes so vague that there is nothing newsworthy in them. This feature is possibly the most important, as it carries the very same purpose as the *Challenge* itself, to keep us unified as a provincial family. I urge you to get involved, send in those minutes, make them detailed, and participate in this great Province's growth and blossoming. – Mr. Jonathan Stahl, O.P., *Challenge* Editor

# A PROGRESS REPORT

BY JONATHAN STAHL, EDITOR,  
ST. MARY MAGDALENE PRO-CHAPTER  
WEST LAFAYETTE, IN

With several new chapters blossoming, and a new *Challenge* newsletter, perhaps it's time to reflect on where we are as the Lay Dominicans of the Central Province. In this secularized culture that is obliterating every mention of God from the public square and misrepresenting and ridiculing the Catholic Church at every turn, we can see well why our Holy Father has called for a Year of Faith. We can see well why hundreds of bishops, theologians, and scholars met in Rome last October to talk seriously about how to go about this "New Evangelization."

Dominicans, and we Lay Dominicans in particular, have a vital role to play in the Church of our age. Where moral relativism reigns, VERITAS is the victim. We live in a generation that is desperate for good preaching. Not many of them go to Mass to hear our brave priests' sermons; they don't read theological books by Scott Hahn or Hans Urs von Balthasar; and they certainly aren't reading any encyclicals.

We, the laity, have a very critical role to play in evangelizing those that aren't looking to be evangelized. In our workplaces, among our closest family and friends, everywhere we go—our neighbor is crying out to us. If we are silent, they will go on believing whatever their cable documentaries purporting to be "history" tell them about the Catholic Church. If we are silent, they will never hear the VERITAS of who we are, who sent us, and what the Church of our time can offer this secular culture.

So let us rise up, brothers and sisters. Let us take up this great torch, and carry our Dominican vocation into the new millennium. Our neighbors need us—the Church needs us. Let's get to work. —js

## Liturgical Calendar of the Order of Preachers

### FEBRUARY

- 2 [Presentation of the Lord]
- 3 Bl. Peter Cambiani of Ruffia, friar, priest and martyr  
Bl. Anthony Pavonio, friar, priest and martyr  
Bl. Bartholomew of Cerverio, friar, priest and martyr
- 4 St. Catherine de Ricci, sister and virgin
- 7 Anniversary of Deceased Fathers and Mothers
- 12 Bl. Reginald of Orléans, friar and priest
- 13 Bl. Jordan of Saxony, friar, priest & Master of the Order
- 13 Ash Wednesday
- 16 Bl. Nicholas Paglia, friar and priest
- 18 Bl. John of Fiesole (Fra Angelico), friar and priest
- 19 Bl. Alvarez of Zamora (or of Cordoba), friar and priest
- 20 Bl. Christopher of Milan, friar and priest
- 24 Bl. Constantius Servoli of Fabriano, friar and priest  
Bl. Ascension of the Heart of Jesus Nichol Goñi, virgin.

### MARCH

- 24 Palm Sunday
- 29 Good Friday
- 30 Easter Vigil
- 31 Easter Sunday

### APRIL

- 10 Bl. Anthony Neyrot, friar, priest and martyr
- 13 Bl. Margaret of Città di Castello, lay Dominican & virgin
- 14 Bl. Peter Gonzalez ("Saint Elmo"), friar and priest
- 17 Bl. Clara Gambacorta, nun and widow  
Bl. Maria Mancini, nun and widow
- 19 Bl. Isnard of Chiampo, friar and priest  
Bl. Sibyllina Biscossi, lay Dominican and virgin
- 20 St. Agnes of Montepulciano, nun and virgin
- 19 Conversion of St Augustine, bishop  
& doctor of the Church
- 25 Easter Sunday occurs no later than this.
- 27 Bl. Osanna of Kotor, lay Dominican and virgin
- 28 St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, priest  
& Dominican tertiary
- 29 St. Catherine of Siena, lay Dominican, virgin  
& Doctor of the Church
- 30 St. Pius V, friar and pope

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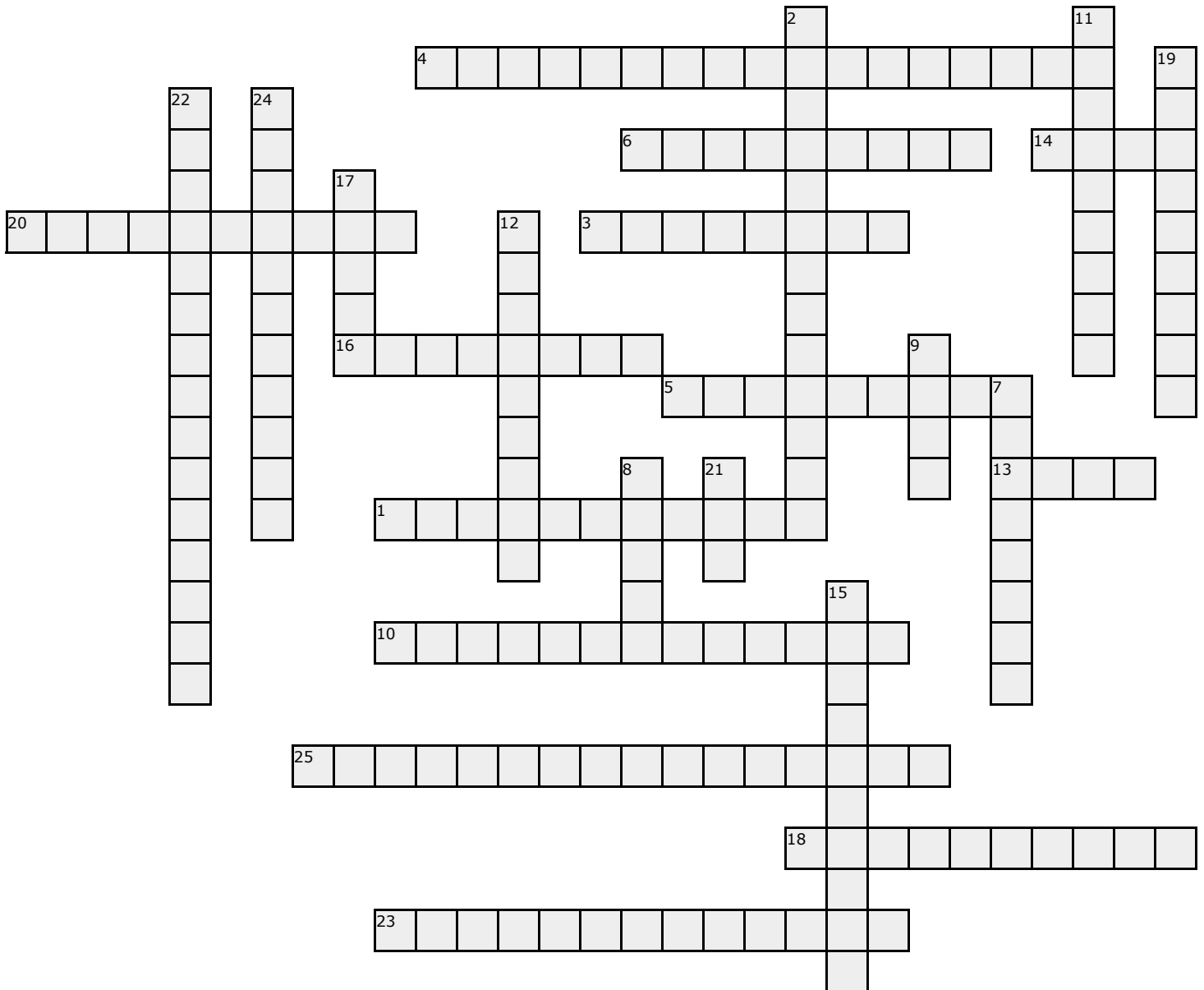
As the *Challenge* Newsletter grows, and as the Province itself grows, more help is needed in distributing our official quarterly newsletter to the masses. This is our way of communicating with each other, keeping up with each other, and holding the bonds of our Lay Dominican Family firmly together.

The tasks would include printing and mailing the *Challenge* to our directory of Lay Dominicans who do not have an email address to receive the *Challenge* electronically. We do urge all Lay Dominicans of the Province to let us know if they have an email, and

would be willing to receive the *Challenge* electronically instead of in the mail. The full-color copy emailed to you is much nicer, and easy to print yourself at home.

This is a great chance to get involved with the leadership of the Province and become an important part of our mission. If you are able to volunteer for this great task to serve your Province as the new *Challenge* Distribution Manager, please contact Mr. Joe Komadina, O.P., President of the Central Province Lay Dominicans, by calling him at 314-645-3949, or by emailing him at [mrjkomadinaop@hotmail.com](mailto:mrjkomadinaop@hotmail.com).

# STUDY WITH A SMILE...



## Across:

1. PRESENT MASTER OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS
3. THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST WHICH CATHERINE WERE GIVEN
4. SUBJECT OF THE SYNOD THAT WAS HELD IN ROME IN OCTOBER OF 2012
5. CANTICLE WE CHANT DURING MORNING PRAYER
6. 50TH ANNIVERSARY THAT WAS CELEBRATED AS THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF FAITH
10. DOMINICAN FRIAR WHO SAID CONTEMPLATA ALIIS TRADERE
13. THEOLOGICAL VIRTUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF DEUS CARITAS EST
14. WHERE STS. DOMINIC AND FRANCIS MET
16. NAME OF THE WHITE GARMENT ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER WEAR
18. TO PREACH IN LATIN
20. MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL EDITED BY FR. PETER JOHN CAMERON, O.P.
23. FRA ANGELICO'S REAL NAME
25. ONLY OFFICE THAT MAY BE SAID AT ANY TIME OF DAY

## Down:

2. OUR COLORS
7. THE DEVOTION PROMOTED BY BL JOHN OF VERCELLI
8. NAME OF THE BLACK GARMENT DOMINICAN FRIARS WEAR
9. NUMBER OF POSTURES OF PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST DOMINIC
11. DOMINICAN ARCHBISHOP OF FLORENCE AND FRIEND OF FRA ANGELICO IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAN MARCO
12. ANCIENT RULE WHICH DOMINIC ADOPTED FOR HIS ORDER
15. MASTER RENAISSANCE PAINTER, DOMINICAN FRIAR, AND THE REASON FRASSATI TOOK THE NAME GIROLAMO UPON HIS RECEPTION INTO THE ORDER
17. UNIVERSITY AT WHICH ALBERT THE GREAT MET HIS STUDENT, THOMAS AQUINAS
19. POPE WHO SIGNED THE BULL OF CANONIZATION OF ST DOMINIC IN 1234
21. THE POSTURE WE ASSUME WHEN WE SAY THE WORDS GLORIA PATRI...
22. DOMINICAN DESIGNER OF THE TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY AND SURELY THE NEXT DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, RIGHT?
24. AUTHOR OF DOMINICAN BIOGRAPHIES LAY SIEGE TO HEAVEN AND THE QUIET LIGHT

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## **2013 PROVINCIAL DUES NOTICE**

Dear Lay Dominican Sisters and Brothers,

The start of the new calendar year marks the beginning of our annual collection of provincial membership dues. Fund Drive contributions and provincial membership dues finance our operating budget. We need and appreciate your dues payment to support our work that benefits you.

Dues are **\$33** for individual members or **\$43** for husband/wife or sibling members. Provincial dues are apportioned with \$5 for the quarterly *Challenge* newsletter subscription; \$5 for the Lay Dominican Provincial Council meeting; \$3 for the worldwide Lay Dominican office in Santa Sabina, Rome; and the remainder for the dues account of our operating budget. Please take a moment to write your dues check while it is on your mind. Make checks payable to LAY DOMINICANS.

**CHAPTER MEMBERS**, please submit your provincial dues to your chapter treasurer, who will collect all of your chapter members' provincial dues and submit them to the province. It is important to note that once received into the Order, members are asked to pay provincial dues. Thank you, treasurers, for your vigilance in reminding members and collecting provincial dues.

**ALL OTHER MEMBERS**, please mail your dues payment directly to the Lay Dominican Office; P.O. Box 085451; Racine, WI 53408-5451.

If you are on a fixed income, please pay what you can. Even paying \$5 for the *Challenge* newsletter subscription is helpful.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request.

Yours in St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena,

Mrs. Mary Lee Odders, O.P., Provincial Treasurer

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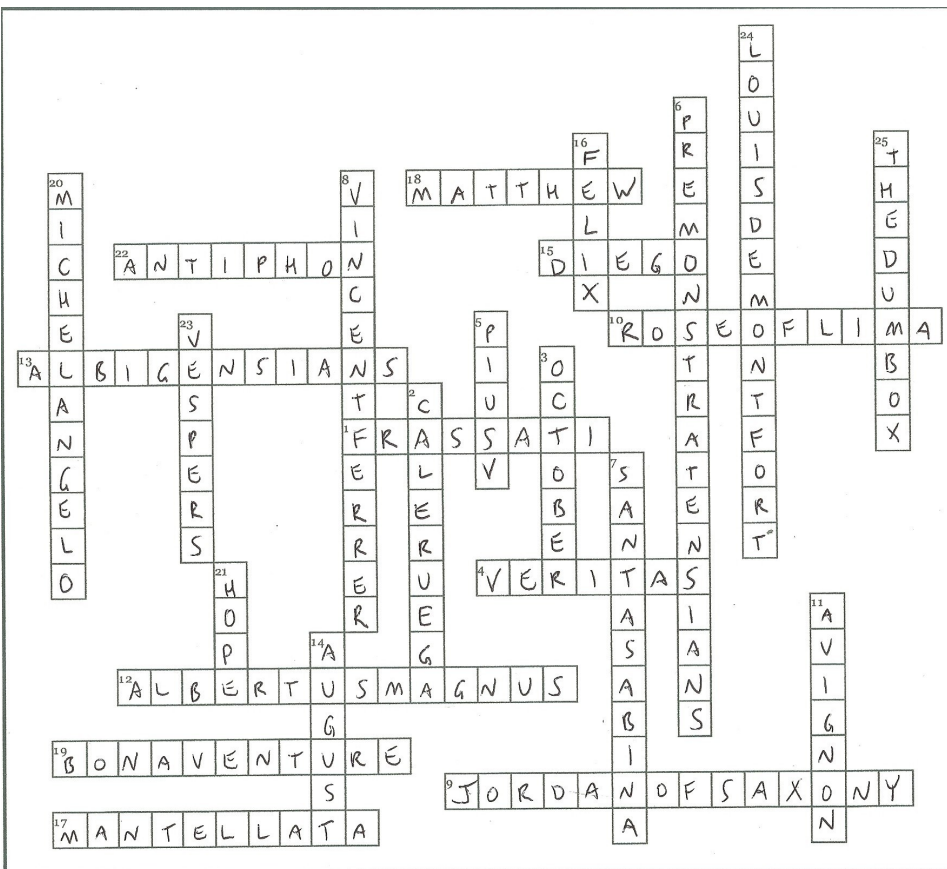
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