



DOMINICAN LIFE USA

A web crossroads for the Order of Preachers

Photo of the Week: Dominican Sisters of Adrian Welcome New Associates



Dominican Sisters of Houston: Advent Brunch

On December 17, 2016, the Dominican Sisters of Houston gathered for their annual Advent Prayer and brunch. During the gathering each year, it has been custom for the Dominican Sisters to present the “Pauline Gannon Service Recognition Award” to an employee, volunteer or benefactor, however this year they chose to honor every member of the Dominican Family around the globe for the 800th Anniversary year of the Order of Preachers.

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Dominican Institute for the Arts: 2017 Membership

“We know there are more artists in your congregation that we do not have as members. Many do not recognize they are artists though they design cards, logos, dance, are musicians, do photography, etc. They often need the personal encouragement of leadership to realize the gift they are and have. We know you want to promote their work as well. So kindly share this membership information for the Dominican Institute for the Arts.”

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Dominican Institute for the Arts: A Collaborative Opportunity for the Dominican Family

“We know that racism raises its ugly head in our lives in many ways. The Dominican Institute for the Arts seeks to help the Order and LCWR further our work of rooting out Racism. We invite all Dominican Youth, Young Adults and all the Dominican Family as well as those they minister with to submit your personal artwork, videos, poetry, to join with us in one voice for this on our website and beyond.”

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Manchester by the Sea

Manchester by the Sea tells the story of Lee (Casey Affleck), an unhappy apartment building custodian in Boston, who unexpectedly becomes the guardian of his sixteen year old nephew. The film is about family and trying to overcome the trauma of unexpected losses—it “plumbs the depths of human grief and sadness . . .”



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La La Land

La La Land is a musical film about an aspiring actress (Emma Stone) and an aspiring jazz musician. “[I]n Hollywood tradition, the two fall in love” and “[t]hey eventually sing and dance all over Los Angeles.” The film focuses on the couple’s careers, their hopes and dreams, and their future together.



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UN Update: ‘United States Mission to the United Nations Annual Trafficking in Persons Report’

“Each year the United States Mission to the United Nations releases a Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report to re-assess and evaluate the status of human trafficking (both sex trafficking and labor trafficking) worldwide. At this point in time, human trafficking is not only an issue discussed with regularity at the UN, but it is also an issue central to the advocacy of the Catholic Church. For the first time in 70 years, the United States brought the issue of human trafficking into discussions in the United Nations Security Council . . .”

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Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa: ‘Sister Winifred Morgan Publishes

Haiku Collection'

Dominican Sister Winifred Morgan, O.P.'s haiku collection, *Fifty Plus: Haiku*, has recently been published. Sister Winifred is an emerita professor from Edgewood College, Madison, WI. The illustrations were done by Sister Joann Daley, O.P.

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Dominican Sisters of San Rafael: "Dominican Sisters' Housing Plan at San Rafael Convent Draws Opposition"

"The Dominican Sisters are asking the city to allow the nuns to convert part of their San Rafael convent to transitional housing for two women and their children for two years — but the plan is garnering neighborhood opposition."

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Dominican Sisters of Caldwell: St. Catherine of Siena Healthcare Center Named in 2016 List of Best Nursing Homes

St. Catherine of Siena Healthcare Center, operated by the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell, was recently named as one of the best nursing homes in the U.S. News & World Report. "To qualify as a Best Nursing Home this year, facilities had to earn an average of 4.5 stars or better during the 12 months of federal reports ending in October 2016 and had to consistently meet certain performance standards set by U.S. News during the period."

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Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt Honor Orangetown Police Department

On December 16, 2016, the "Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt welcomed Chief Kevin Nulty, Sergeant Michael Boysa, and Captain Donald Butterworth of the Orangetown Police Department to St. Dominic's Convent." The police officers were presented with the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer cards for all at the Orangetown Police Department.

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Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology: Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley Set for July 2017

The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology will host its second "Triennial Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley on the intersection between Philosophy & Theology July 12-15, 2017." This year's theme will be "Person, Soul and Consciousness."

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Aquinas Institute of Theology: Dominican Jubilee Colloquium

In October 2016 the Aquinas Institute of Theology hosted a celebration for the 800th Jubilee of the Order of Preachers in St. Louis, MO. “The goals of the colloquium were to celebrate the Jubilee as a global Order of Preachers and to take a step toward building an international network of relationships to promote preaching in the Roman Catholic Church. Keynote presentations by Fr. Bruno Cadore, O.P., Sr. Sarah Böhmer, O.P., and Mary N. Erika Bolaños, O.P. were open to the public at St. Louis University's Center for Global Citizenship.”

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100 Days of Prayer

If you would like to join others of all faith in “100 Days of Prayer” as our new president will begin his administration, brought to you by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, please go here: <http://dominicansistersconference.org/100-days-of-prayer/>.

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