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*Leading
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Dominican Leadership Conference
Annual Meeting
October 17 - 20, 2008 Adrian MI

*Annual
Report*

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Executive Director's Report

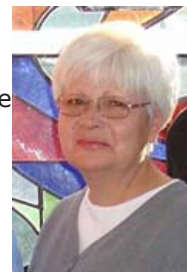
This is the year of the rat in the Chinese Zodiac. So what does that have to do with the DLC and *Leading for Mission*? Well, I happen to be born in the year of the rat so some of the attributes of the rat have influenced the workings of the DLC this year!

Rats like involvement and are very outgoing. The DLC staff has been involved in many projects this year as you will read in the reports from Anne Lythgoe, Margaret Mayce and our partner at the McGreal Center, Janet Welsh. I have made presentations to the Collaborative Novitiate on collaboration and the Dominican Family in the US. I shared with the Dominican Alliance Leadership in Houston and the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael my perspective on the conversations among Dominican women in the US regarding collaboration and reconfiguration. I serve as Vice-President of the the Board of the Catholic Coalition on Preaching (CCOP) and as a member of the Planning Committee for its bi-annual convocation which was held in Louisville, KY in September.

I also serve on the DVUSA Board of Trustees and attended the 3rd Convocation of Dominican Sisters, USA in Chicago in April, inviting participants to purchase some of our Dominican wares. The Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, needed a facilitator to step in at the last minute to be with them in Chapter last spring and I was fortunate to be invited. I am working with and learning from Carol Crepeau, CSJ as we facilitate the Chapter of the New Union.

Rats like belonging to exclusive clubs. During the year I have met with the 20/20 Task Force for Vision 2020 to review and plan our next steps in the conversation. Before the CCOP, I joined the Promoters of Preaching for their annual meeting and assisted the McGreal Center with the initial plans for the very successful *In Our Keeping Conference*.

The NGO Search Committee was successful in hiring a new UN representative in Margaret Mayce, OP (Amityville) and we look forward to working with her as we begin the next ten years of presence there. Thank you Carol Gaeke, OP (Catherine de' Ricci,) DLC Vice President, Monica McGloin, OP (Hope) and Kevin Dance, CP who served on the Search Committee.



Rats love money. Having members download materials for the annual meeting from the private pages on the DLC website has significantly reduced our printing and postage costs. Making use of Skype for staff conversations, and utilizing freeconference.com with the Executive Committee and others is also helpful.

With the assistance of the DLC treasurer, Charlene Moser, OP (Kentucky), we have worked with Fifth Third Bank and Institution Investor Income Fund to carefully monitor our investments. The DLC faces the same concerns as you at this difficult time in the US economy. Marianne Watts, OP (Hope) has assisted the staff in searching for grants with some success. We received a grant from the Sinsinawa Ministry Fund for our volunteer Lauren Vater, who was at the UN until August. We were awarded another grant from Sinsinawa for a volunteer for 2008-2009, but there was not a volunteer in the pool who could fill the position. We have been encouraged to apply again. We received a \$15,000 grant from the Racine Dominican Ministry Fund for the UN work. We keep investigating any leads for grants, so if you know of a possibility please tell us and we'll sniff them out like rats looking for cheese. There was a good response to the April Gift Give-away and we are exploring other creative ways to accrue funding for the DLC, especially outside the family.

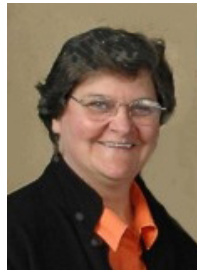
Rats use information for their benefit. What about the future of the DLC? We will surely be smaller in number. What do you need from DLC to be more effective as leaders in the preaching mission? How does and how can DLC support you as leaders in building relationships and collaborating in these chaotic and exciting times? Let's talk about it together.

Rats cherish friends and loved ones. I want to take this opportunity to thank Anne Lythgoe for all she does to preach through Domlife, communications, and her creative ideas and questions. She tells me that her job is to make me look good, but she makes us all look good. I also want to thank the Executive Committee for their support, challenge, encouragement, hard work, and dedication to DLC and to Dominican Life and Mission. Finally, I bid a fond farewell to Eileen Gannon, who has shared her heart and soul as the DLC/NGO for ten years. It has been gift to learn from her and to call her sister and friend.

Mary Ellen O'Grady, OP (Sinsinawa)
Executive Director

Communications Office

Each year the Communications Office supports the mission and goals of the DLC through its collaboration with the Dominican Communicators Network, the NGO Office in New York and the Justice Promoters. This year, the office was particularly active in providing support to the Iraq Coordinating Committee's efforts in advocacy on behalf of Iraqi Refugees. Artwork and networking with Catholic Relief Services for the Iraq Action Days in Washington with subsequent reporting through our website, Dominican Life | USA (www.domlife.org) are concrete examples, as well as reporting on the Intercontinental Seminar on Immigration in Juarez, Mexico.



Several projects illustrate ways in which the Communications Office has served DLC member congregations: the office facilitated a three-day meeting of Cluster Communicators as they prepared recommendations for the new congregation's communications needs; developed web pages for the Eucharistic Missionaries of St. Dominic and Las Casas; and created a PowerPoint for the Mission San Jose Dominican's Chapter on global realities and the preaching charism.

The OPCOMNET Communicators will return to the UN this January for part of their annual meeting, January 29-February 1st. They are anxious to meet our new representative, Margaret Mayce, OP.

More and more, **DomLife.org** is becoming an extension of the DLC to network and connect congregations and provinces. This year, the site generated over 53,000 page views per month and more than 5 million hits in the year. There are about 5,000 subscribers to the bimonthly email updates.

This spring, a student in the Service Learning Program at Dominican University, Sonia Pinela, worked with me on DomLife.org to renovate the book section. The Dominican Alliance Vocation Directors are working to provide content for a renovated *Becoming Dominican* section and the hope is that they will be responsible to update content and make the pages more meaningful and timely. This is a pilot project that may expand to other vocation directors as well. The renovation will include pages on all dimensions of the Dominican Family and utilize content management software to accomplish its goals.

DomLife.org also initiated PayPal donations in its second annual appeal for donations. The results were good, in that people who are likely to donate using an online method did so, but we did not see any significant increase in the amount of donations overall. I attribute this to the tightening economic realities we all face.

The Editorial Board met in March and offered some useful suggestions for content and fund raising, but it is difficult to carve out time to pursue any new funding avenues.

My hope is that the provinces would utilize the site more often to share their news and information with the rest of the Dominican Family, but my sense is that there is a significant difference between the news content that is typical of DomLife.org and the interests of our friars. We continue to look for opportunities to publish the news of the provinces as well as the laity and nuns.

Where is the office heading in the future? There are new technologies we are exploring that offer the possibility for wiser use of resources including Skype and Flash Meeting for conference calls that reduce travel and increase personal interaction. I believe technology will continue to complicate, and at the same time, simplify our work. As DLC member congregations contract and resources diminish we can become more efficient but we cannot really expand into new arenas without creative ways to utilize other resource persons. There are lots of new things we could do, but it is a challenge to find the time to explore them.

Thank you for a very productive year and an exciting year ahead.

Anne Lythgoe, OP (Catherine de' Ricci)
Communications Coordinator

NGO Representative to the United Nations/NY

A rearview mirror comes in handy when on a journey. Looking ahead is essential; looking back helps. Dominicans have been at the United Nations in New York for ten years, and have worked within the NGO community to voice concerns, to advocate, to plan, and to engender a spirit of hope. We have focused on the Millennium Development Goals and our Family in Iraq; on issues involving women and children, on HIV/AIDS and migration.



And now, as we begin our second decade and continue to build upon the work accomplished in these venues, we look to strengthen both our international connections as well as our own justice networking here at home. A number of years ago, the theme of the annual meeting of the DLC was *The Globalization of Hope*. We were given the opportunity to hear first-hand the experiences of our Dominican brothers and sisters from Africa, Europe, South and Central America.....and were inspired not just by their accomplishments despite great odds, but more so by their indomitable spirits, which filled us all with a renewed sense of hope and vigor for mission.

The agenda here at the UN in New York interfaces compellingly with the work of our brother, Olivier Poquillon, OP, at the UN Commission on Human Rights, in Geneva, as well as with our sisters, Toni Harris, OP, with the International Commission for Justice and Peace, and with Maria Fabiola Veslasquez Maya, OP (Presentation) with DSI. Toni and Fabiola see in concrete terms, "on the ground," so to speak, the importance of the issues addressed in both New York and in Geneva. Enhancing the lines of communication among us, by putting a human face on the critical issues of our times, can only serve to strengthen the bonds we share as an international Family.

And here at home, the experience of many of us this past August in Juarez, Mexico, at the Dominican Family's First Continental Conference on Migration, will continue to deepen our sense of solidarity with our Latin American brothers and sisters, as we face the challenge to network more effectively for the sake of the mission.

And so, building on the ten years of graced presence that Eileen Gannon, OP has established here, how can we not but look ahead with a sense of deep gratitude and great hope! In the words of former Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjold: For all that has been, thanks.....For all that will be, YES!

Margaret Mayce, OP (Amityville)
NGO Representative to the United Nations/New York

McGreal Center for Dominican Historical Studies

2007-2008: A time to count our blessings! Many able hands transformed a biology lab into a welcoming research center. Mary McNulty, OP (Sinsinawa) the new research assistant, replaced Judy Miller, OP, who became Curator for the Mazzuchelli Collection, Sinsinawa Mound.



A part time archivist joined the staff, assisted by graduate and undergraduate students.

A team of scholars continue to work on Project OPUS, Volume II. The team includes members of Adrian, Caldwell, Hope, Houston, Kentucky, the Lay Fraternity of New York, Nashville, San Rafael, St Albert the Great, St. Martin De Porres, St. Mary's New Orleans, Sinsinawa, Sparkill, Springfield and Racine.

The McGreal Advisory Board met twice this year.

The ***In Our Keeping Conference*** (June 12-15, 2008) attracted 40 members of the Dominican Family from the US, Europe and the Philippines. Speakers included Barbara Beaumont, OP (Monastere de Marie-Mediatrice, Herne, Belgium) Peggy Thompson of Syracuse University, Liesl Orenic of Dominican University and Ceil Murray, OP (Hope).

The Center acquired the Parable Conference of Life and Mission Collection and the OPUS notes of Marie Joseph Ryan, OP (Grand Rapids).

In the next three years we will publish *Volume II of The Order of Preachers in the United States: A Family History*; do research for Volume III and offer the 2010 ***In Our Keeping Conference***.

The highlight of the year occurred when Carlos A. Azpiroz Costa, OP named Mary Nona McGreal, OP (Sinsinawa) an honorary member of the Historical Commission of the Order. She is the first woman to receive this honor.

Thank you so much for your steadfast support and generosity.

Janet Welsh, OP (Sinsinawa)
Interim Director

DSI Solidarity Fund Report

July 31, 2008

History of Contributions

Calendar Year	# of Congregations	Contributions
2001	20	\$335,000
2002	13	\$ 78,482
2003	17	\$ 82,208
2004	16	\$113,005
2005	14	\$112,663
2006	8	\$ 74,897
2007	12	\$ 71,170
2008	16	\$ 84,261

Total Contributions as of 7/31/08 **\$951,686**

Contributions Analysis for Year 2008 Total Contributions \$84,261

Source: Total of 16 Congregations	Range of Contributions
2 congregations	\$13,000 to \$41,000
8 congregations	\$ 1,000 to \$ 5,000
6 congregations	\$ 100 to \$ 500

Distribution Analysis for years 2002 to 2007

Total Principal Invested, as of:		Distributions based on 10% of the total Principal for:	
Calendar Year	Amount	Calendar Years	Amount
12/01	\$335,000	2002	\$ 33,500
10/02	\$425,000	2003	\$ 42,500
10/03	\$495,690	2004	\$ 49,500
10/04	\$559,190	2005	\$ 55,900
8/05	\$657,105	2006	\$ 65,700
8/06	\$702,789	2007	\$ 70,300
8/07	\$769,031	2008	\$ 40,000*
8/08	\$876,313 (Cost Basis)	2009	\$ 43,800

*Projected distribution for Fiscal Year 2008 and thereafter based on 5% of Principal

Total Distributions (37.6% of total contributions) \$357,400
Total Principal Invested (62.4% of total contributions) \$594,286

REGION	Percentage	AMOUNT GIVEN	EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES/ PROJECTS
Africa	49%	53,900	Computers for communication, networking; Assistance with travel to DSA in Rwanda, May 2008; Meetings of DSA Coordinating Council;
Latin America & Caribbean	19%	20,900	Assistance with travel to DSI Assembly, Rome, 2007; First meeting ever of Sister JP promoters for the zones of CODALC (four regions of LA&C)
Asia-Pacific	19%	20,900	Assistance with travel to DSI Assembly, Rome, 2007; Visits by AP Regional DSI Coordinating Council Member to Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Australia, India
Eastern Europe	7%	7,700	Preaching courses for young Dominican Sisters
Contingencies	6%	6,600	Various special requests

The essential principle that guides the use of the DSI SF is "COLLABORATION." The DSI SF makes possible collaboration and coordination that would otherwise be impossible in many regions of the world. Whether it is support for the efforts of the DSI Coordinating Council Member in the region, intercongregational OP formation courses, justice and peace efforts, or other collaborative projects, the DSI SF is a key element for the building of relationships among Dominican Sisters of the world.

Fiscal Year 2009

Projections for DSI Solidarity Fund Distributions: As of 7/31/08 the total Principal Investment at **market value was \$842,470**. Recommendation was made that 5% of either the Cost or Market Value be distributed as grants each year.



Affiliate Reports

Dominican High School Preaching Conference Celebrating Our 10th Anniversary

The first Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference was held at Queen of Peace High School in Burbank, IL in June of 1999. Thirty-nine students from many of the Dominican high schools across the United States participated in this ground breaking event. During the summers to follow, several hundred young people from most of our Dominican schools in the United States and Puerto Rico have attended.

Once again, the young people who attended this 10th anniversary conference responded to the themes of this event with enthusiasm and unbridled energy. With action plans in hand, the young people returned to their school communities eager to make a difference.

Sr. Pat Brady, OP (Adrian) was honored for her ten years of service to this program and for her leadership in founding the conference. Sr. Pat announced that she would be confidently "passing the torch" of leadership to Sr. Mary Soher, OP (Adrian) who will direct the DHS conference in 2009. Sr. Mary has participated in this program as a mentor since its beginning.

Pat Brady, OP (Adrian) Executive Director

Dominican Association of Secondary Schools (DASS)

The Dominican Association of Secondary Schools (DASS) continues to be supported by more than 25 member schools. The November, 2007 Convocation which was once again held at St. Mary of the Lakes Conference Center in Mundelein, IL brought faculty members from many of these schools together for a weekend exploring "Our Continuing Search for Truth."

Plans are well underway for our Annual Meeting of member schools to be held at St. Mary's Dominican High School in New Orleans on November 14, 2008. A major focus of this gathering will be leadership succession in our Dominican schools and in the DASS organization. Prior to the official meeting, Cynthia Thomas, President of St. Mary's Dominican High School has arranged a special early bird service experience focusing on post-Katrina efforts in New Orleans. A field trip, prayer, reflection, and sharing will focus on the faith and courage of committed school leaders who provided the impetus for community renewal.

The fourth biennial DASS Convocation will be hosted next fall by Mt. St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell, NJ. Representatives from Dominican schools in the area are serving as members of the planning committee for the event.

Pat Brady, OP (Adrian) Executive Director

Dominican Institute for the Arts

Strategic Plan: DIA board members have developed a Strategic Plan which is a comprehensive overview of our organization for the next four years. We have invested our best thinking and insights to present the membership of the DIA a plan of action. Among the issues are developing our membership by reaching out to new groups such as the volunteers and college preachers as well as inviting our counterparts in Central/South America.

Website: Our new website at: www.diarts.org is like visiting a Dominican art museum with some refreshing poetry and thoughtful musings.

Members to Mexico: For a week this past May, four of our DIA members joined the Dominican Artists of Central and South America in Mexico.

Next year's Annual Gathering will be at Convent Station, New Jersey from July 15 - 18, 2009. Our keynote speaker will be musician and theologian, Kathleen Deignan, CSD.

Lucianne Siers, OP (Grand Rapids)

Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University

Since July 1, 2004 the Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University has served as a resource and venue for promoting the Catholic and Dominican identity of the University.

Programs and activities of the Center support the university's response to creatively engage in "21st century preaching in the public square." The Center has sponsored a variety of programs for all stakeholders of Ohio Dominican University highlighting issues of importance to church, culture and society.

Last year the CDS initiated a scholarly journal Dominican Studies. **The second volume is now available.** During 2007 - 2008, Interim President Bishop James Griffin inaugurated a Task Force on Mission and Identity to study ways in which the Catholic and Dominican mission of ODU might be better sustained into the future. As a result of this study, Catherine Colby, OP, Director of the CDS was appointed to the position of Vice President for Mission and Identity.

Catherine Colby, OP (Columbus) Director

Volume II of Dominican Studies:

The Intelligent Life: Insights from Catherine of Siena
Suzanne Noffke, OP, Ph.D
Intellectual Life, Inner Knowledge and Experience of Discipleship, Anthony Gittins, CSSp., Ph.D
The Life of Study and the Common Good
Richard Schenk, OP

A limited number of hard copies are available.
Contact Catherine Colby at colbyc@ohiodominican.edu
For an electronic copy visit
www.ohiodominican.edu/about/dominicanstudies

Dominican College Preaching Program

Thirty-five students from Dominican universities or colleges gathered in Miami at Barry University, for the Sixth National *Preaching in Action* Conference. The participating schools included Barry University, FL; Caldwell College, NJ; Dominican College, NY; Dominican University, CA; Dominican University, IL; Edgewood College, WI; Molloy College, NY; Ohio Dominican University, OH; Purdue University, IN; Siena Heights University, MI; St. Louis University, MO; and Tulane University, LA.

A presentation depicting *Dominicans through the Ages* welcomed some of our Dominican Saints to the conference. Joe Kilikevics, OP (St. Albert) highlighted the interfaith mission of the Order by introducing the students to dance and song from a variety of faith traditions. Eileen Gannon, OP (DLC/ Sparkill) Dominican NGO representative at the UN, joined Sister Diana Momeka, OP (Iraq) in a presentation on the situation in Iraq. It was a very moving experience for the students and one that prompted much conversation far into the night.

Margaret Galiardi, OP (Amityville) gave a presentation on the New Cosmology with Sara Fairbanks, OP (Adrian) concluding the week's presentations by giving the students some instruction on the do's and don'ts of pulpit preaching, accentuating the need for contemplative prayer to assist them in speaking the truth to their audience. Nancy Murray, OP (Adrian) Barbara Schwarz, OP (Amityville) Sara Fairbanks, OP, MaDonna Thelen (Sinsinawa Associate) and Mary Fran Fleishacker, OP (Adrian) presented additional break out sessions on preaching through the arts.

At the closing liturgy each student presented their individual action plan which is a vehicle for incorporating what they learned at the conference into their own lives and the life of their college campus. It was moving to witness each student making a commitment to continuing the Holy Preaching.

Next year's conference will be held at Dominican College in Blauvelt from May 19-24, 2009.

Gina Fleming, OP (Amityville)
Director

Dominican Volunteers USA (DVUSA)

DVUSA has been under new leadership since June 2008. Regina Botterill, Executive Director since December 2005, resigned to pursue other mission work. The new team is Anthony Butler, Director and Stefanie Flax (DV '07-'08) as Assistant. Veronica Rodriguez remains as the administrative assistant.

In October 2007, the Board of Trustees instituted a strategic plan to guide the organization through 2010. Our plan calls for continued and new relationships with the Dominican Family, including outreach to Lay Dominicans and partnerships with the Dominican Young Adults. It also calls for increased funding from individual donors and developing relationships with those able to make greater contributions.

DVUSA is also revamping its recruitment efforts for greater efficiency and intentionality. Copies of the plan are available by contacting the office.

2007-2008 volunteers finished their year in Kentucky. In

August, ten women and men were commissioned in Racine as new volunteers. Please see our website (www.dvusa.org) for more on the orientation.

Anthony Butler, Executive Director

Federation of Dominican Sisters USA

In April 2008, the Federation held its third Convocation, partnering with Voices of Hope to create the first joint event. For the first time, sisters and associates served both on the planning committee and as facilitators and presenters. The gathering brought together over 500 members of the Dominican Family and included representation from Dominican Young Adults and Dominican Volunteers.

The Federation instituted a new project, Funding the Fires, which invited sisters to submit applications for funding for programs which foster our preaching mission. Twenty-four requests, totaling \$22, 289. were received. Fifteen grants, totaling \$12, 200, funded by interest income, were awarded to projects throughout the US and beyond.

Over the next three years, the Federation will continue to adapt to accommodate changes resulting from re-configuration and from wider collaboration and communication among all members of the US Dominican Family.

Federation Coordinating Committee

Francine Schwarzenberger, OP (Great Bend)
Carolyn Wolfbauer, OP (Sparkill)
Margaret Mary Kennedy, OP (Columbus)
Mary Virginia Leach, OP (Mission San Jose)
Michaela Connolly, OP (Blauvelt)

Dominican Associate Directors and Liaisons

The Dominican Associate Directors and Liaisons of the U.S. met from November 2 - 7, 2007 with 21 present representing 15 congregations. Over this past year, several of our Associate Directors have noticed a deepening quality of commitment and a growing confidence in the leadership abilities of our associates. Many associates work in the sponsored ministries of their congregations, serve on Dominican Boards, and minister to the disenfranchised.

In looking ahead to 2011, we anticipate that our organization will be much smaller, as the seven Cluster Congregations become one in 2009 and the Northeast 6 continues to move forward to union. Rather than Associates Directors from 18 Dominican Congregations, we may be representing only eight Congregations. As associates during this time of transition, we need a sense of what our relationship will be with the new realities that are forming. As this emerges, we hope that it will allow for a broader perspective of associate life, as we make new connections and begin to envision collaborative efforts.

Betty Pate, Convener
Co-Promoter for Associates
for the Dominicans of St. Catharine, KY

20/20 Vision for 2020 Task Force

The Task Force is most grateful for the conversation and input received from the DLC members during our 2007 Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY. It helped us focus and create a Vision Kit, which has been piloted during this year. We will share the results from the pilot during the 2008 Annual Meeting and will continue the conversation with you about next steps.

To remind you of the purposes of the task force, we include them here:

1. to be fully aware of the collaboration and reconfiguration efforts currently being undertaken by many US Dominican congregations;
2. to build on the current efforts and experience of clustering, collaborating, and restructuring in which several US Dominican congregations are presently involved: (Avoid as much as possible the reinvention of steps already being taken, the creation of duplicative structures, and the need for some to start over);
3. to connect all those US Dominican congregations who wish "to be at the table" in order to move beyond collaboration to structural reconfiguration;
4. to communicate regularly with both elected leaders and grassroots members of all US Dominican Congregations regarding reconfiguration possibilities.

Task Force Members:

Mary Ann Collins, OP (Blauvelt) – 2010
Anne Kilbride, OP (Columbus) – 2009
Megan McElroy, OP (Grand Rapids) – 2011
Judy Rimbey, OP (Adrian) – 2010
Joan Scanlon, OP (Dominican Alliance/Kentucky) – 2010
Lois Silva, OP (San Rafael) – 2009
Kathleen Anne Tait, OP (Springfield) – 2011
Mary Ellen O'Grady, OP (Sinsinawa) DLC Executive Director

AFFILIATES

Center for Dominican Studies
at Ohio Dominican University

Confederacion de Hermanas Dominicicas
de America Latina y el Caribe (CODALC)

Dominican Associate Directors/Liaisons

Dominican Association of Secondary Schools (DASS)

Dominican College Preaching Program

Dominican High School Preaching Program

Dominican Institute for the Arts

Dominican Sisters International

Dominican Sisters, USA (Federation)

Dominican Volunteers USA

Las Casas:
Dominicans in Ministry with Native Americans, Inc.

Province of St. Dominic -- Montreal, Canada

Siena Center
Dominican University

Las Casas: Dominicans in Ministry with Native Americans, Inc.

As Las Casas strives to continue *Leading for Mission* we are committed to annually inviting Dominicans ministering with Native Americans to apply for grant funds.

This year we received and responded to six requests. The annual spring newsletter shares the remarkable and inspiring stories of grant recipients. The newsletter is mailed to all DLC members and Donors and is also posted on our website (www.domlife.org/lascasas).

In the midst of challenging times, we have also evaluated and adjusted the frequency of our meetings as well as our board structures so the majority of our service and financial resources can support Dominicans ministering with Native Americans well into the future.

Miggwech ~ Thanks for your help in supporting Dominicans as they minister with and seek justice in the lives of Native Americans.

Diane Poplawski, OP (Racine)
President for the Las Casas Board

Things to keep in mind

Future DATES: DLC Annual Meeting:

October 9-12, 2009
Radisson Hotel, Milwaukee Airport
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

DLC Resources on line:

You can find the DLC Membership Directory, handbook and other materials in a private pages section of the DLC website. To reach them, use the link called PRIVATE PAGES on the home page or in the resource section.

ID: op
PASSWORD: leaders

DLC ListServ

DLC members receive important notices and news announcements through the DLC listserv. DLC never sends unnecessary mail. So when you hear from us, please be sure to read and respond if needed. Want to send a message to everyone in the DLC? Easy! Use your regular email system and send your message to dlc@listserve.com.

This list serve is an announcement only service; you cannot reply to a message sent, you need to send another separate message.

Not sure you are getting mail? Ask Anne Lythgoe, OP for assistance Email: editor@domlife.org.

She will be glad to help you.

Dominican Alliance

In October 2007, the Dominican Alliance celebrated its Tenth Anniversary with a gathering of 250 members. The celebration was an opportunity to honor the founding sisters and to review ten years of collaboration. The enthusiasm of the celebration launched the Alliance into a year of transition which will define our next three years.

In April 2008, the Alliance will bid farewell to seven of its member congregations and welcome a new congregation. The Alliance Leadership group which now has 55 members will have 26 members. In the midst of this sea change, the leadership is committed to its mission of collaboration through the work of its committees. The Communicators, Preachers, Vocation/Formation teams and Justice Promoters will continue to network. We will maintain our Alternative Investments together.

The Kaleidoscope committee which embraces both Federation and Alliance members will continue to link our newer members and the Africa Connections Committee will continue to call us to relationship with the Zambian Dominicans.

Joan Scanlon, OP (Kentucky) Executive Director

Dominican Young Adult Movement

There is a movement afoot and it might be dangerous. Dangerous to the idea that young people are only interested in iPods, iPhones, iTunes and well, anything else that begins with "I". During the weekend of June 19-22, 2008, 19 young adults and their supporters, gathered at Edgewood College to take the next steps in bringing to life Dominican Young Adults USA.

Jan Schlichting, OP (Akron) began the weekend by deepening the group's knowledge of the four pillars of Dominican Life. Terry Rickard, OP, (Blauvelt) highlighted the necessary components of small groups and gave them the tools they will need to begin their formation. Luke LaTour, OP (St. Martin) emphasized the need to know who you are when you preach.

Saturday morning began with formalizing membership. Seventeen young adults made a formal commitment, to be members of DYA/USA. The other Dominicans present promised their support. It was a powerful experience for every one.

The newly elected board's most immediate task is to submit the needed material to the international DYA offices to establish a US chapter. This will allow DYA/USA to participate in the International meeting of Dominican Young Adults which will be held in Portugal, 2009. Regional groups met to discuss the growth of existing DYA chapters.

Other groups met to begin the process of forming new DYA chapters on their campuses. The hope is to have DYA chapters at St. Thomas Aquinas College and Molloy College, Ohio Dominican University, Dominican University, River Forest, IL, Barry University; Purdue University, and St. Louis University.

Kevin Sullivan, DYA President, said, "My hope for DYA in the next year is that the local chapters become more established and begin to grow. Now, we are primarily at Dominican colleges and universities. In the future as members graduate and move, my hope is that they will establish new chapters of DYA. Growth will be nice but is secondary to the four pillars and social justice issues which are central to everyone in the Dominican Family."

For more information visit the website: www.dya-usa.org.

Gina Fleming, OP (Amityville)

Thank you for everything

DLC Executive Committee

Anne Kilbride, OP (Columbus) Past President
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