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## TENTH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

*The S.H.O.P. Association celebrates ten years presence  
in Fanjeaux*



*The S.H.O.P. house is situated at number 3 rue du Bourguet Nau, Fanjeaux. In this photograph it is the last house on the left, just opposite the 14th century Dominican convent*

Over the Ascension week-end, the board members of the Association of Sister Historians of the Order of Preachers (Sr Mary O'Driscoll op, Cabra, Ireland, President, Sr Patricia Dougherty op, San Rafael, USA, Secretary, and Sr Barbara Beaumont op, Fatima, Portugal, Treasurer) met at their headquarters in Fanjeaux - the village with so many Dominican memories. This meeting was scheduled to mark the tenth anniversary of the association's beginnings, to review past achievements, but more importantly to reflect on options for the future.

**STUDY THE HISTORY OF DOMINICAN WOMEN : FOLLOW S.H.O.P.  
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[www.domuni.eu](http://www.domuni.eu)

## **ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS**

### **Creation of a Library :**

The aim has been to bring together printed materials devoted to the history of Dominican women - nuns, apostolic sisters, secular institutes and lay Dominicans. Surprisingly, several thousands of volumes have already been catalogued: it is surprising how much is out there once you start to search. Many languages are featured, including Japanese, Greek and Russian.

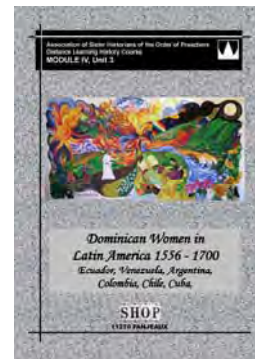
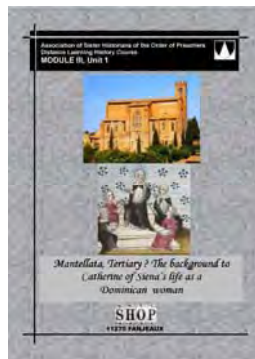
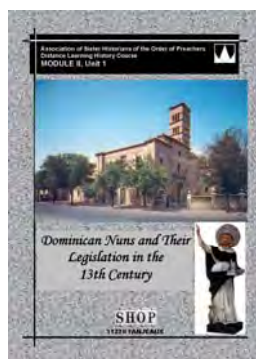



*A Corner of the Sister Historians' Library at Fanjeaux*

### **Distance Learning Courses:**

Created at Fanjeaux and distributed on line to increase awareness of the history of Dominican women and to serve as a tool in formation. Four courses are already completed in the three official languages of the Order and are now distributed through a partnership with the on-line Dominican university DOMUNI, see [www.domuni.org](http://www.domuni.org)

- *Prouilhe and the Beginnings of the Order*
- *The Development and Expansion of Dominican nuns*
- *Catherine of Siena, a Dominican woman*
- *The Beginnings of Dominican religious life for women in Latin America*



**Publishing:** 4 titles to date under the  imprint:

*Il était une fois (le Monastère Marie Médiatrice à Herne) ; Studies and reflections for the 800th Anniversary of the founding of the Monastery of Prouilhe; Les Dominicaines racontent leur histoire; Keeping faith with the Preachers—Pages from the history of Dominican Sisters.*

### Consultancy

**Hospitality** for researchers and interested members of the Dominican family.

**Lectures and talks by invitation**, often for groups of pilgrims visiting Fanjeaux.

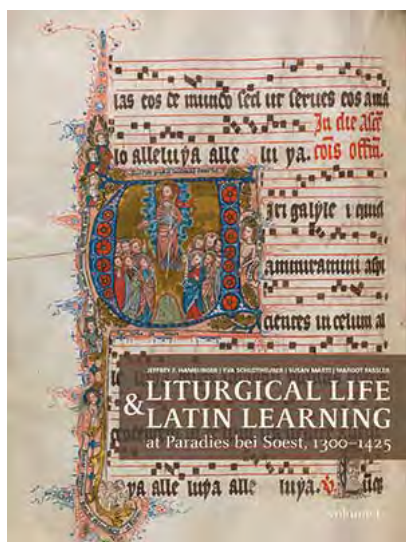


*A group of sisters visiting the SHOP library*



*Australian pilgrims, House of St Dominic*

## BOOK NEWS



It is always a pleasure to announce a major publishing event in the field of the history of Dominican women. These two volumes produced earlier this year by the Aschendorff Verlag are certainly a monumental achievement—you have only to pick them up to feel their weight, in itself a reflection of the scholarship that they enclose. They present a detailed study of the liturgical manuscripts of the Dominican nuns of the Monastery of Soest (who has heard of that these days?). Situated in the north of Germany, its full title was, appropriately enough ‘Paradise Monastery’. The presence of the word ‘learning’ in the title of the book is significant—these Dominican nuns knew what they were about : they were not just copyists.

The first volume is largely text, and the second consists exclusively of colour plates, so the reader has every opportunity to grasp the full significance of both the liturgical content and the artistic merit of these manuscripts. These books are expensive, but represent a serious investment for any library. The editor, Jeffrey Hamburger, had already produced a first volume devoted to ‘Pages from Paradise’.

*Liturgical Life and Latin Learning at Paradies bei Soest 1300-1425*

Ed. Jeffrey Hamburger,

Aschendorff Verlag, 2017, 2 volumes, 178 €



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It is easy! Send us a note of your name and address (by e-mail or by post) and send 20€ (by post - cash or cheque - or by bank transfer). You will then receive our newsletter regularly and be informed of publications and events. You can also make use of the facilities—accommodation and library — at Fanjeaux.

All donations are most gratefully received — they go towards acquiring new books for the library devoted to the history of Dominican women.

The Association of Sister Historians of the Order of Preachers is defined in its statutes as: “a resource for documentation, communication and formation at the service of Dominican women, religious and lay, through the study of their histories.”



During their week-end meeting at Fanjeaux SHOP board members Sisters (left to right) Barbara, Mary and Patricia made a pilgrimage to Sorèze where Fr Henri-Dominique Lacordaire, that passionate historian of the Dominican Order, is buried.

This photograph was taken in what was formerly the Abbey School's cobbler's shop, where thousands of pairs of boots were made for the students over the centuries. Today it is a hostelry, and this larger than life size wall painting, inspired by the classic portrait that hangs in the Louvre, Paris, is the work of a contemporary Polish artist.

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- *Or just coming to help hold the fort and spend some time in Fanjeaux!*

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