

He Is Risen!!

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By Mrs. Kathy Kendrek, O.P.

The trip of a lifetime is an understatement. I had seen the 800th anniversary pilgrimage trip to Italy in the *eLumen* and thought, that would be nice. I didn't sign up until I felt the nudge. How often do we let the world or our own thoughts, push Our Lord's gentle promptings out of our action. I'm so glad I responded to His promptings. Our group of nine was led by Fr. Joseph Barringer, O.P. I'm still meditating on his homilies from the notes I jotted in my *Magnificat*. Our daily Masses were in humble and grand places: St. Bernard, St. Clement's, Santa Sabina and St. Clement's Chapel in the Vatican with St. Peter's tomb behind the altar grate (the closest chapel to St. Peter in the basilica).

With some free time built into the schedule, visits to holy sites and churches were abundant. We visited St. Mary in Trastevere, St. Cecilia's, Santa Croce of Jerusalem in Rome, St. Ignatius, St. Praxa and St. Dominic's Church in Bologna. Our tour guide arranged a train ride to Bologna, and I still think of this everyday. We prayed at Father Dominic's tomb, got some holy water to bring home to share, visited the bookstore and St. Dominic's chambers where we saw the room and the very spot when he died. A reliquary in his room held his belt, his bull of canonization, pages from his breviary, a piece of the table where the miracle of the bread occurred, the papers founding his order, and his knife.

As if all this wasn't enough, we attended Mass with our family with Fr. Bruno as the celebrant, vespers at St. Mary Sopra Minerva where the body of our sister St. Catherine of Siena is buried under the main altar, and then there was Mass at the Lateran on January 21, 2017. The date of the 8th centenary was upon us and the highlight of our pilgrimage. The excitement was certainly building. Donned in our Sunday best and our large scapulars we joined about 800 Dominican sisters and brothers as we waited for the Lateran's doors to open. It didn't matter where we sat, we were there, with our family and the pope to honor a moment in our history and to embrace it. The Mass was simple yet

profound, the music was beautiful and we raised our prayers of thanksgiving with all those in our family who went before us. I have no words. Before Mass started, we prayed and texted our chapter members and families: "Turn on EWTN, the Mass is about to begin!"

Just before the final blessing, everyone sat, and Fr. Bruno addressed Pope Francis. His words were simple and profound. At the end, he was invited to approach Papa Francesco and their embrace of fraternal charity was a witness to 800 years of preaching. Father Dominic's words that he would be more help to us in heaven than he was on earth were realized for me in that embrace. With pause, thanksgiving and sobs of holy joy were abundant.

We shall be unwrapping our anniversary gifts for a very long time and savoring the fruits of this glorious day. With 800 years of preaching behind us, let us begin year 801. Armed with our weapon and new resolve, let us pray for one another and the salvation of souls. We have work to do!

In our dear Mother Mary,
Mrs. Kathy Kendrek, OP
President, Our Lady of Grace Chapter, Cromwell, CT
Secretary, Provincial Council, Region 1



Pope Francis embracing Father Bruno Cadore, OP, after his address.

Book Review

Strangers in a Strange Land: Living the Catholic Faith in a Post- Christian World

By Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap

Reviewed by Mr. Richard D. Fitzgerald, O.P.

Over the last eight years Catholic health care facilities, universities, and charitable organizations have been threatened with sanctions for not complying with government mandates that are in direct opposition to the basic teachings of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. This political reality is expected to continue into the foreseeable future.

Living out our vocations as Dominicans in this ultra-secular era is our cross, God's gift to us. When we pray the Third Sorrowful Mystery of the Rosary, we ask God to give us the moral courage to preach for the salvation of souls in an aggressively hostile post-Christian society.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput's recent book *Stranger in a Strange Land: Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World* describes how the secular forces of materialism and atheist humanism have undermined and attacked the political, intellectual and cultural stability of American Civilization. The archbishop paints a frightening picture of a nation that is culturally adrift. Families in the economically disadvantaged sections of American society are unraveling. They are ravaged by high divorce rates and a staggering increase in out of wedlock children. A disheartening low percentage of children in the lower strata of society live with both natural parents.

Government institutions have filled the vacuum created by the breakdown of the family

and organized religion. Archbishop Chaput states "the disintegration of marriage, families and communities, and the meaning of all three, leads to a less than human, less forgiving and less intimate form of authority."

Additionally, a growing number of people from every section of American society believe that Christianity is a barrier to true human freedom. There exists a deep resentment against traditional Christian values in the United States. Archbishop Chaput believes there is only one solution to the cultural and political chaos that is tearing our country apart. Citizens of the United States must recognize the evil in our society and turn back to God.

He challenges all Catholics and people of faith to ask themselves seven questions:

- Do I really know God?
- Do I really love him?
- Do I seek him out?
- Do I study his word?
- Do I listen for his voice?
- Do I give my heart to him?
- Do I really believe he is there?

As Dominicans, through our prayer and study, we prepare ourselves every day to grapple with these important questions and their eternal consequences.

Archbishop Chaput's book will help us to meet the challenges facing Catholics in the United States today. Additionally, it will fortify all Dominicans in our mission to preach for the salvation of souls.

SUB TUUM

(3rd Century; Oldest Known Prayer to Mary)

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. *Amen.*

**Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic
St. Mary's Chapter**

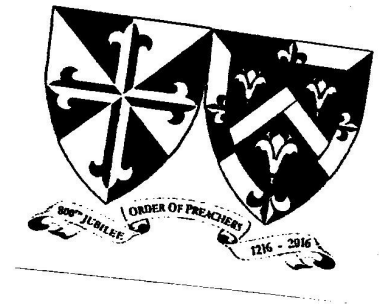


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June 23 – 25, 2017

(Arrival 6:00PM Friday – Ends 3:00PM Sunday)

Immaculata Retreat House
289 Windham Road Rte. 32
Willimantic, CT 06226



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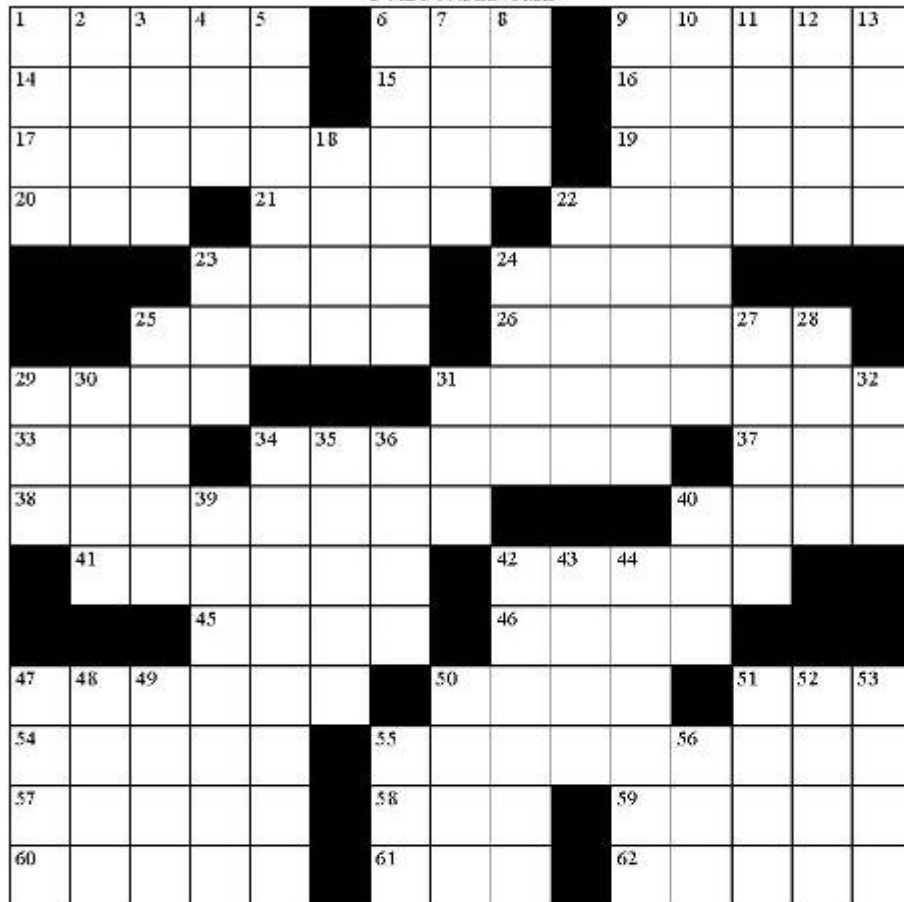
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A IS FOR AQUINAS

Pedro J. Saavedra



60 Sows
61 Checker of the id
62 Obliterate

DOWN

1 1.5 volt battery
2 Famous penguin
3 Trucks
4 Greek letter
5 Ontological arguer
6 Emaciated
7 Yearn deeply
8 Mimic
9 The Neo-Platonist
10 Furthermore
11 What did you say?
12 Star Fleet officer
13 Long fish
18 Snare
22 Shun
23 Place
24 Augury
25 Western state capital
27 Brabant, for example
28 Melody
29 Big sandwich
30 Steep, rugged rock
31 Confederate general (initials)
32 Consume
34 The Commentator
35 Clod of turf
36 ____ I say, not as I
39 Scoffed
40 Jack and Bobby's brother
42 Thomas' hometown
43 Kiss
44 Roncesvalles or Antietam
47 High cards
48 Gammy
49 Dull blue
50 Boast
51 Sicilian volcano
52 Dark beers
53 Shake
55 Exist
56 Boatman's tool

ACROSS

1 Main artery
6 Mineral spring
9 Humiliate
14 Pertaining to bees
15 Hide of a small beast
16 Locale
17 The Theologian
19 "That ____ you know and ..."
20 Samson's jawbone provider
21 Sea eagle
22 One berry in a cluster
23 Scheme
24 Hebrew name
25 Uneven surface
26 Spanish coin
29 Bobby Burns, for one
31 Make certain twice
33 Swiss canton
34 Extra ones
37 Intelligence agency
38 Instrument similar to a cello
40 Demonstrative pronoun
41 Swiss city
42 Where Thomas began his education
45 Passionate love
46 Campus feature
47 The Mentor
50 Type of sculpture
51 Loan to Mark Anthony
54 African capital
55 The Philosopher
57 Show moderator
58 Hurried
59 Back streets

The above puzzle originally appeared in April 2008. Answers are on page 10

Letter From the Editor to the Readers

Guidelines for Article Submission

First, I'd like to thank all of you who read *eLumen*. We have now reached 2200 subscribers. Wow! It's overwhelming. I'm also very thankful to God through whom all things are possible.

Perhaps, you have noticed in the past issues that *eLumen* has added a articles by guest writers. We are happy to include them. We will accept submissions from anyone who can add desirable content to *eLumen*.

However, we must have some simple, common sense rules:

Please submit your articles, news, etc., electronically in a Microsoft Word or rich text formatted file.

Please sign your name in "Lay Dominicanese," i.e. Mrs. Faith Flaherty, O.P., Our Lady of Mercy Chapter, Norfolk, MA, Region One.

Please proof your own work for grammar, style, cohesion, and spelling. *eLumen* has no proof readers.

Please, please send photos (preferably digital) as an attachment to your submission.

The cut off date for any given month is the 15th for inclusion in the next issue.

Just because your submission didn't get in one month, does not mean that it won't be in the following month. I'll try to keep you informed. I may save your work for a more appropriate purpose. Also, space is always a factor—we are a newsletter.

If you don't hear from me about the status of your submission, feel free to give me a "what's up?" email.

Many email accounts have size limits...so submissions should be around 250 words, unless the additional length is

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FOOD FOR THE SOUL: POETRY & PROSE

Spiritual Direction

By Anonymous

*In the priory where silence reigned,
From the French doors shadows fell.
I felt God's presence in the dusk.
A habit of crosses, the friar wore so well.*

*The crosses flickered across the white,
As you bent your ear to me.
"Where two or three are gathered..."
We whispered praises in the night.*

*Father, listen! in the hour
you bless.
On the long table, the shadows press.*



*And I under the Pompeii frieze,
Felt only comfort and peace so true,
With the cross pattern on moonlit white.
And I prayed for you.*

(from The Pillars, Poetry from the 1st Annual OPrize for Poetry, ed. Robert Curtis, OPL (Chandler, AZ: School-Boy Publications, 2005))

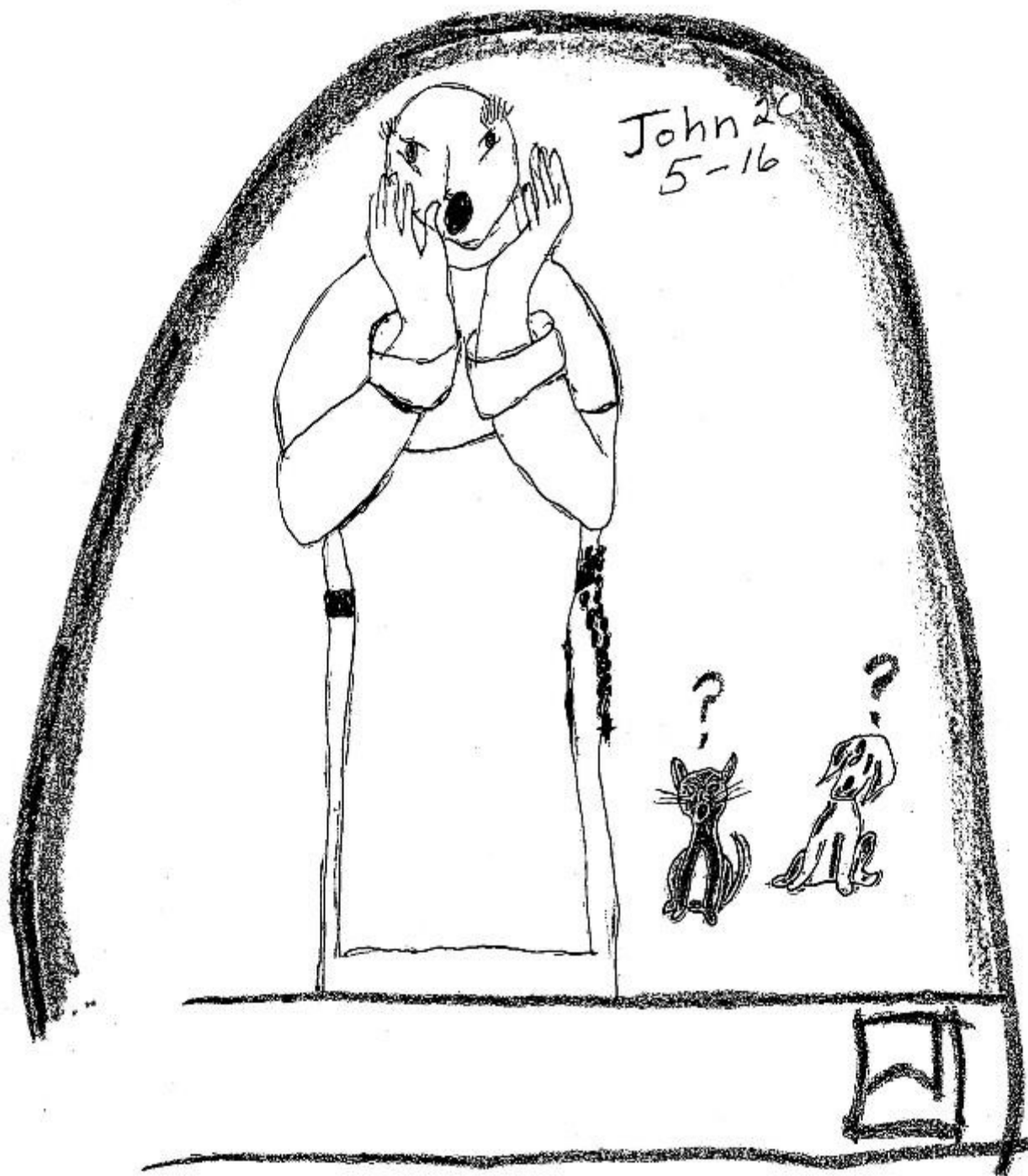
OP MOMENT TRIVIA

Who was the Dominican who renounced his faith?

- John Tetzyl
- Kim Loo Bae
- Anthony Neyrot
- Ambrose Mann

See page 8 for answer.

Brother Tonto, Capa and Canis



***Fr. Bruno Cadore's Comments to Pope Francis
at the 8th Centenary Closing Mass of the Order of Preachers
at St. John Lateran Basilica, Rome, Italy – January 21, 2017***

Fr. Bruno, Master of the Order, personally thanks Pope Francis for today's celebration.

"Holy Father, at the end of this celebration, I am happy to express to you, in the name of all here, the daughters and sons of St. Dominic, our most profound gratitude for having welcomed our invitation to celebrate the Eucharist to conclude our Jubilee 800th anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order. On January 21st 1217, Pope Honorius wrote to the Order of Preachers and to their prior Dominic. Among the things he said, he exhorted them confirmed then and encouraged them to preach always and to carry this out in a worthy way. Last summer, for our general chapter, you reminded us to be preachers and contemplatives of the Word and to let us be evangelized in order to evangelize. And you reminded us to evangelize means to proceed in this world as through a holy land and to root these words and to see the thirst for God in our contemporaries, a Word that frees and confirms of God's tenderness to search for the authenticity of our proclamation of the Gospel and our witness of charity and our compassion for the living Body of Christ. We have tried to echo your words in the last few days of our Jubilee Year during which representatives of the entire Dominican family have worked to individuate new paths for the mission of the order. In

service of the Church and imploring your apostolic blessing, we desire to renew to you, our most profound communion and the joy of evangelization and we dare to ask you to confirm us on these paths of preaching which St. Dominic, 8 centuries ago called us to do this work of evangelizing, entrusting ourselves to the intercession of Mary the Mother, St. Dominic and St. Francis. We ask their intercession and we assure you our fervent prayers for your person, for your ministry and at the same time we are assured of your prayers. Thank you.

De Profundis

One of the Dominican Family traditions is our regular prayers for our dead. Please have a Mass celebrated for all the deceased members of the Dominican Laity in the Province of St. Joseph, U.S.A., and in particular for those listed below.

Name: Mrs. Mildred Wollaver, O.P.

Religious Name: *Rose of Lima*

Chapter: St. Catherine of Siena #401

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Final Promise: August 8, 2009

Date of Death: March 19, 2017

Please remember our sister, Mildred, who died in Christ with the hope of rising with Him. Please pray one Rosary for all our deceased members.

Send the names and dates of members who have died to your Regional Editor, so that they can be included in our continued prayers for the dead.

AROUND THE PROVINCE . . . news you can use

Region 1 **Spring Meeting**

Saturday June 3, 2017

Location: St. Julia's, Weston, MA

Registration: 9:00 am

Contact: Mr. Roman Gorski, O.P.
(978) 263-4505

Region 4 **Spring Meeting**

Saturday April 22, 2017

Hosted By: St. Catherine of Siena
Chapter #409
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Registration and Continental Breakfast: 9:00 to 10:00am

Cost: \$15.00 due by: April 15, 2017

Send check to:

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27 Dayton Ave.
Toms River, NJ 08753

ERRATA

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neglected to cite the author of the poem,
On Saint Dominic. The author of this poem
is Mr. John C. Priestley II, O.P.

Pray Without Ceasing

OP Moment Trivia

Answer: c.

Blessed Anthony Neyrot is the only Dominican to have renounced his faith, come back and die as a martyr.

Anthony was received into the Order by St. Antoninus, who influenced him greatly. Later while en route to Naples, his ship was captured and taken to Tunis. There Anthony was put in prison and starved. To save himself, Anthony agreed to renounce the faith. He embraced Islam and even translated the Qur'an. He also married.

Then Anthony found out that Antoninus had died. This news affected him deeply. It caused him to reflect on Antoninus's lessons. He regretted renouncing Christianity and resolved to make up for it. He went to the palace of the emir dressed in his Dominican habit and preached. He told everyone about the mistake he had made and regretting it. Anthony would not stop preaching the Truth. Eventually he was stoned to death.

Links of Interest

By Dr. Marie George, O.P.

I'm a "Green Thomist." I recommend to my fellow lay Dominicans both the Green Thomism website

(<https://greenthomism.wordpress.com/>)

and the Catholic Rural Life site

(<https://catholicrurallife.org/>).

Two audios of recent talks I've given on the environment can be found at the following sites: "It's Hard Being Green: The Catholic Environmentalist,"

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/catholic-diocese-arlington/id361369990?mt=2>

"Aquinas on God's Love of Material Creatures as the Basis of Environmental Ethics,"
<https://soundcloud.com/thomasaquinascollege/aquinas-on-gods-love-of-material-creatures-as-the-basis-of-environmental-ethics>

The first talk is directed to a general audience; the second talk to those with a strong background in philosophy.

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Chapter information on Receptions, Promises or special occasions, should list the date, the place, the presider, the names of the people involved (in Lay Dominicanese) and, if a special celebration, a short piece about the person being honored.

Send pictures!

That's basically it. You are encouraged to send your work. I just ask that you kindly follow the easy guidelines.

In Dominic,
Faith

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