

Why Be a Lay Dominican

By: Mrs. Faith Flaherty, O.P.



Why be a Lay Dominican when I can become a Lay Cistercian, Secular Franciscan, Carmelite, or a Benedictine Oblate?¹ Even Alcoholics Anonymous offers a Spiritual AA.

The answer is certainly personal, but the definitive response would be because of the spirituality and charism to which each individual has been called in their vocation. Think of the Lay Dominicans that have been called to martyrdom:

St. TÔMA Nguyen Van De — one of the Vietnamese martyrs, died in 1839

St. Marina of Omura—burned alive in 1634 in Nagasaki, Japan

St. Gaspar Koteda—beheaded in 1601

Think of the many more Lay Dominican catechists, prison volunteers, chaplains and lay ministers of the Eucharist, who proclaim in word and deed the message of the Gospel, with no acknowledgement nor gratitude.

Who would do this thankless work bringing salvation to the masses, especially with no or little success? Would a member of Alcoholics Anonymous be willing to be martyred? Maybe the lay members of some of the religious orders would, but their approach would differ from that of the Lay Dominican.

When a man or woman is called to be a member of the Lay Fraternities of Saint Dominic, they would have been attracted by a community of fraternity. And this community is extended to a bigger regional area, even to their nation. It's even bigger than the national community. It is international. It is belonging to a religious order that dates back more than 800 years, founded by Saint Dominic.

This religious order, officially named the Order of Preachers, looks upon all its members as one family.² The Dominicans have a long history of accomplishments. They serve God in many extraordinary ways.



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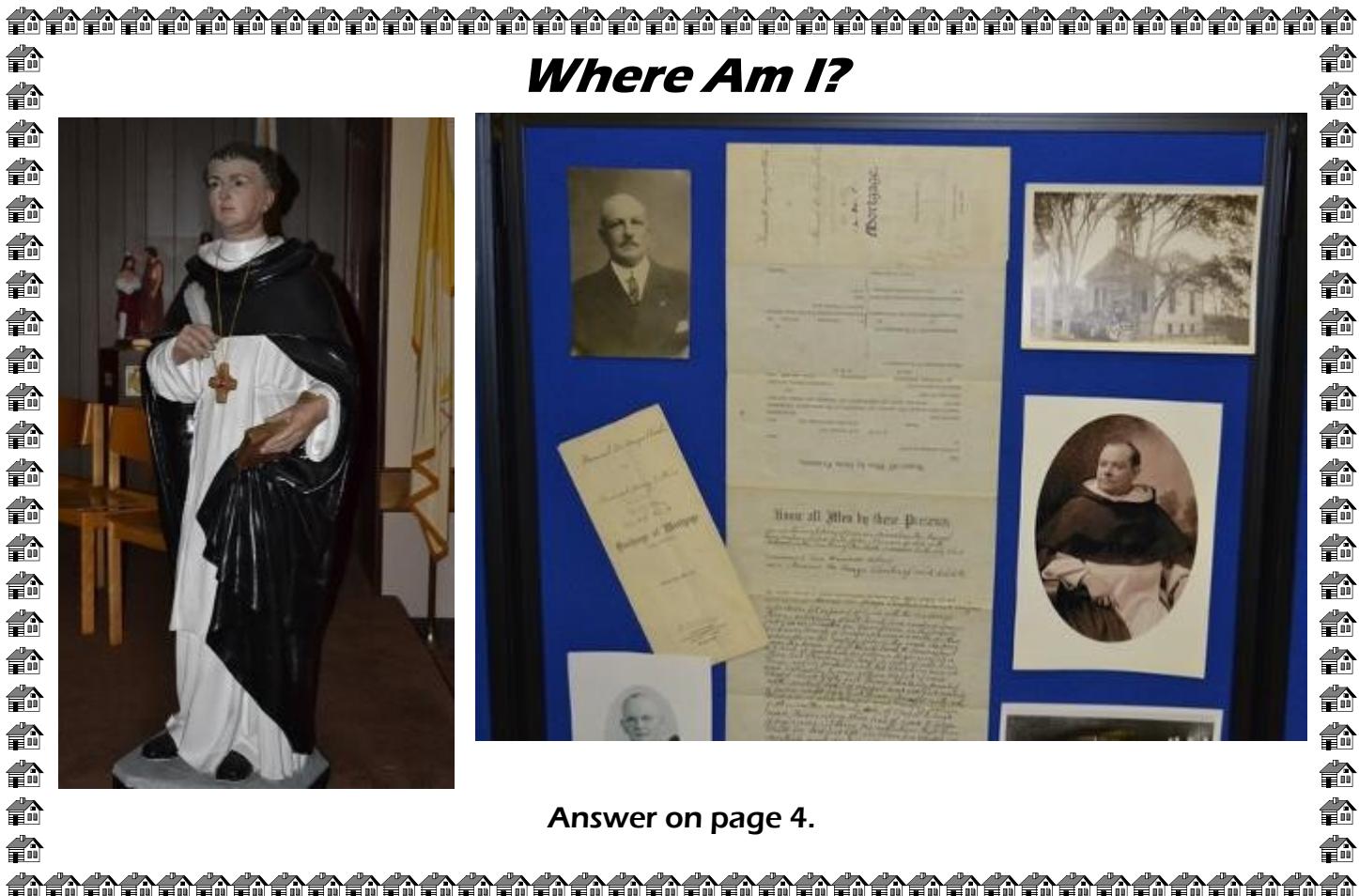
"To contemplate
and share the
fruits of
contemplation."
-Dominican
Motto

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Links of Interest

Webinars on Catholic Culture:
<https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/about/>

Fr. Dominic Izzo's Vocation Story:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INeKaAj-pZQ>

Photos of Dominicans from around the world:
https://heckyeahorderofpreachers.tumblr.com/archive#_=_
N.B. the site is looking for a Moderator.

Free Online Course on Mercy:
https://courses.oblatesusa.org/register/celebrating-mercy/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=newsfeed&utm_campaign=celebratingmercy&utm_content=knightscolumbus

Te Deum

On Sunday, June 25, 2017 - Four gentlemen in the **Immaculate Heart Chapter #304 of Buffalo N.Y.**, made their Final Promises. From left to right are: Mrs. Mary Ann Miller, O.P. - President, Mr. Gregory Caya, O.P., Mr. Nick Schicker, O.P., Rev. Father Bernard Confer, O.P., Mr. Gregory Schoemann, O.P., Mr. Jon Trabucco, O.P., and Mrs. Sylvia Rinelli, O.P., Formation Director. The group celebrated the advancements with cake and fellowship.



The picture below shows the celebratory cake - with their names, and our Chapter's Motto.



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. Kathleen A. Gabryelski, O.P.

Religious Name: *Miriam of the Forgotten Wounds of Jesus Crucified*

Chapter: Our Lady of Prouille, #407

Location: Willow Grove, Penna.

Final Promise: July 29, 1995

Date of Death: May 20, 2017

Name: Mrs. Ann Fischer, O.P.

Religious Name: *Elizabeth*

Chapter: St. Catherine of Siena, #204

Location: Staten Island, N.Y.

Final Promise: October 19, 1976

Date of Death: June 26, 2017

Please remember our sisters, Kathleen and Ann, 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.



*Sorrowful Mother,
pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
Holy Father Dominic,
pray for us.*

Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks. *1 Thess 5:17-18*

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They are constantly learning. It has been said that Lay Dominicans have a newspaper in one hand and a Bible in the other. They interpret the newspaper with a biblical scholarship lens. Lay Dominicans are out in the world and are very conscious of what is secular influenced, and are critical in their reading.

It takes at least five years of study before a Lay Dominican can make their final solemn promises. By that time, they know that they will never know everything. Hence, Lay Dominicans constantly have "on-going" formation. Reading is their favorite past time. They love to learn.

However, before study, Lay Dominicans pray. Prayer is so important that Saint Dominic established a convent of contemplative nuns before the friars. The nuns prayed for the success of Saint Dominic's mission. Lay Dominicans follow a daily prayer schedule and take time for contemplation. Contemplation, Saint Thomas Aquinas said, is preparation for sharing our fruits.

Sharing the fruits of contemplation, drive Lay Dominicans towards an apostolate. All Dominicans are called to spread the Good News. Jesus Himself commands His disciples to go out and preach the good news. Whatever work each Dominican engages in, whether individually, or as a chapter, is considered an apostolate of preaching. Due to the Lay Dominican's prayer and study, they are driven to action.

The Lay Fraternities of Saint Dominic have a special vocation. Their spirituality gives them the ability to reach people and places that priests and other religious cannot reach. The Lay Dominicans especially are called to go out

and preach like Saint Dominic did to the Albigensian innkeeper.

Certainly one can serve God as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, or a Lay Carmelite, Franciscan, etc., but the Lay Dominican has a specific call to a vocation of love of the Truth. This love stirs the Lay Fraternities of Saint Dominic to pray for understanding the Truth. This Truth drives the Fraternities to preach the Truth in all situations. Serving God as a Lay Dominican is a life centered in saving souls and thereby saving their own.

Thanks for the contributions of Mr. Michael Murphy, O.P., Mrs. Virginia Wacker, O.P., Mrs. Ann Devine, O.P., Mrs. Irene Gifford, O.P.

Notes:

- 1 Augustinians—www.augustinian.org
Benedictines—www.osb.org
Carmelites—www.carmelnet.org
Dominicans—<http://www.fraternitiesop.com/>
Franciscans—www.nafra-sfo.org
Marists—www.maristlaity.org
Mercedarians—www.orderofmercy.org
Minims—www.minimi.it
Norbertines—www.premontre.org
Servites—www.servite.org
Trinitarians—www.trinitarianhistory.org
Posted in [Lay Witness Archive](#), November/December 2004 by Michael Wick.

- 2 All members of the Order of Preachers, whether a priest, cooperative brother, student brother, apostolic sister, nun, or laity, may add the suffix, O.P., to their name.

Where Am I? Answer

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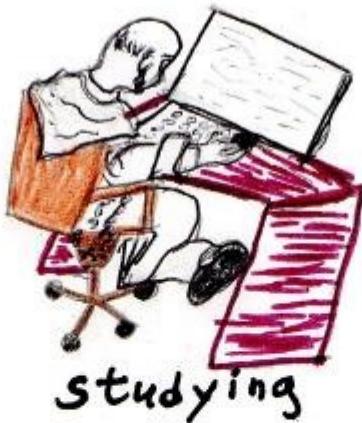


Saint
Dominic's
Church,
Swansea,
Mass.

Brother Tonto, Cappa and Canis' Nine Ways of Prayer



sleeping



studying



praying



eating



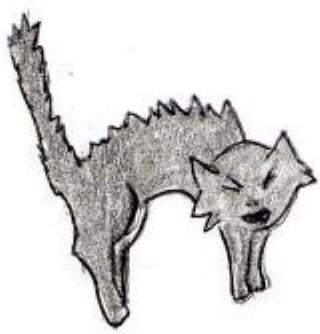
walking



purring



dreaming



stretching



being

OP MOMENT TRIVIA**Pop Quiz on Saint Dominic's Feast Day**

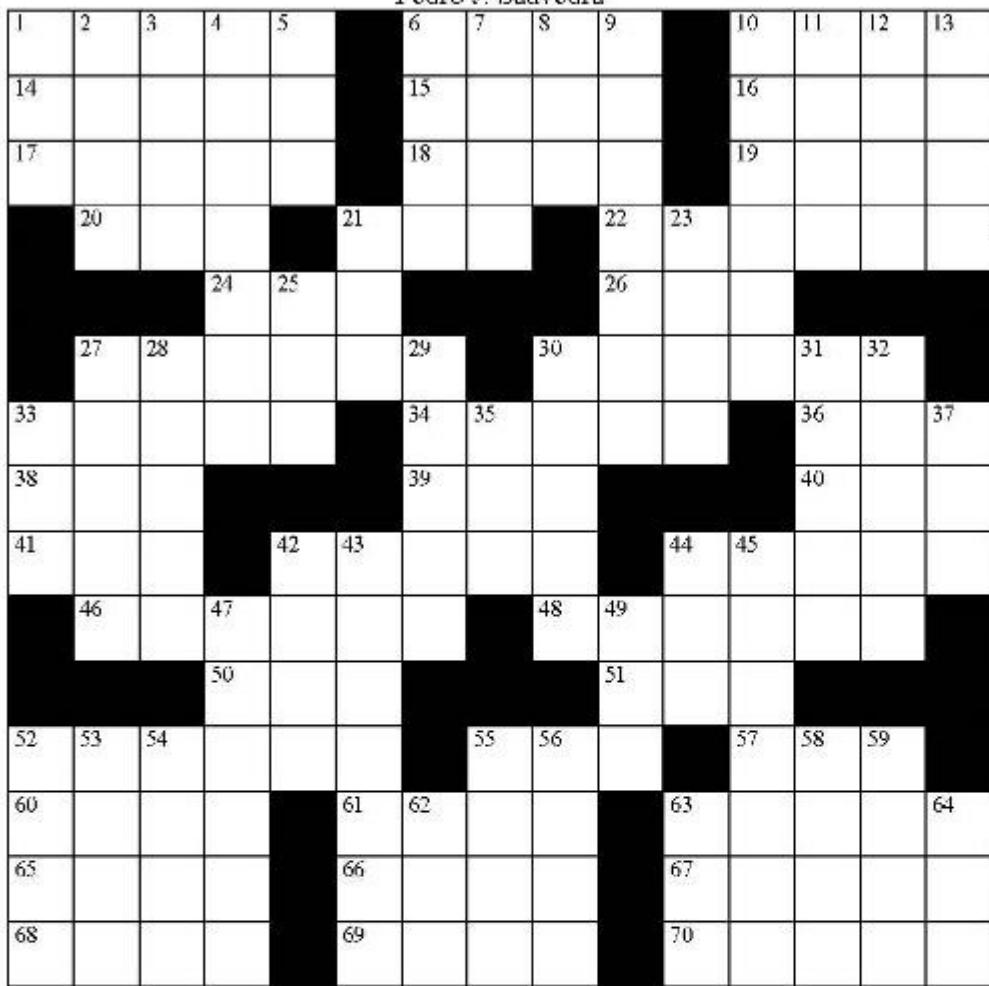
Match column A with a name from column B

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Apostle of Prisons | a. Mary Joseph Rogers |
| 2. Angel of the Apocalypse | b. Fr. Vladimir Vladimirovich
Abrikosov & Anna Catherine
Ivanovna |
| 3. Fra Angelico | c. Cosette Heimann |
| 4. Awarded Nobel Peace Prize | d. Fr. M. Jean-Joseph Lataste, O.P. |
| 5. Martyred in the Irish Rebellion | e. Bl. Ambrose Sanseoni of Siena |
| 6. Known as a miracle worker | f. St. Vincent Ferrer |
| 7. Martyred in Vietnam | g. St. Thomas Aquinas |
| 8. The “sweetest and most spiritual
of contemplatives” | h. Blessed Innocent V |
| 9. Our Lady appeared to her in
Laus, France | i. Bartoleme de las Casas |
| 10. Angelic Doctor | j. Bl. Benoite Rencurel |
| 11. Apostle of the Rosary | k. Fr. Dominique George Pire, O.P. |
| 12. Built a church in Montepulciano | l. Agnes of Montepulciano |
| 13. Founded Maryknoll Sisters of
St. Dominic | m. Bl. Bartolo Longo |
| 14. Patron Saint of Happy Marriages | n. Fr. Bede Jarrett, O.P. |
| 15. Father of anti-imperialism and
anti-racism | o. Bl. Bonvenuta Bojani, vop |
| 16. Third-Order Russian priest and his wife
who started a Dominican community | p. Bl. Terence Albert O'Brien, O.P. |
| 17. First Dominican to study at Oxford
since the Reformation | q. Bl. Anthony Della Chiesa, O.P. |
| 18. Died 5 months after being elected pope | r. St. Augustin Schoeffler, O.P. |
| 19. President of Province of St. Joseph | s. John de Fiesole |
| 20. Born deformed; the first time the
child said the name of Jesus all
deformity left him. | t. Zedislava Berka |

See page 8 for answers.

Holy Dominicans

Pedro J. Saavedra



ACROSS

- 1 Smallest
- 6 Western hemisphere city of Dominican saints
- 10 Free from bias
- 14 North Pole resident
- 15 Averroes, for one
- 16 Relaxation
- 17 Speak
- 18 Yearn deeply
- 19 Before McNally
- 20 Plant juice
- 21 More in Madrid
- 22 Shaped as musical instrument
- 24 Sew
- 26 Gray general
- 27 Blessed Augustine Fangi's birthplace
- 30 Last name of the saint with the

broom.

- 33 Contour feather
- 34 Lizard
- 36 Edge
- 38 Find the sum of
- 39 Former coin of France
- 40 Sum charged
- 41 Title of a Knight
- 42 Regions
- 44 Frosting
- 46 Another saint from 6 Across
- 48 Peter Martyr's hometown
- 50 Mischievous child
- 51 Unit of loudness
- 52 Symbol
- 55 Globe
- 57 Home of Dominican stain glass artist
- 60 Melody

61 Destroy

63 Love affair

65 Tear apart

66 Monetary unit of Cambodia

67 Manila hemp plant

68 New Zealand parrot

69 Otherwise

70 Useful when you sneeze

DOWN

- 1 Baton Rouge school
- 2 Consumes
- 3 Rectangular pier
- 4 Blessed who taught at Pavia
- 5 Sailor
- 6 Mrs. Benincasa
- 7 Greek goddess of the rainbow
- 8 Adult male
- 9 Blessed Andrew from France
- 10 Saint Vincent from Valencia
- 11 1.5 volt battery
- 12 Common contraction
- 13 Advise
- 21 XLI times L
- 23 Arouse
- 25 Guido's high note
- 27 Darken
- 28 Chief of the Vedic gods
- 29 Donkeys
- 30 Dominican Pope
- 31 Like a magical creature
- 32 Catherine's home
- 33 Step in ballet
- 35 Hawaiian acacia
- 37 Fastener
- 42 Piedmontese blessed
- 43 Ecstatic joy
- 44 Wrath
- 45 Blessed from Rieti
- 47 Large homopterous insect
- 49 Flow back
- 52 Blessed from Modena
- 53 Extent of space
- 54 Gravitate
- 55 Lyric poems
- 56 Acting part
- 58 Something lent
- 59 Filth
- 62 Naught
- 63 Exclamation of surprise
- 64 Penyafort to his friends

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| 1. D | 11. M |
| 2. F | 12. L |
| 3. S | 13. A |
| 4. K | 14. C |
| 5. P | 15. I |
| 6. Q | 16. B |
| 7. R | 17. N |
| 8. O | 18. H |
| 9. J | 19. T |
| 10. G | 20. E |



Assumption
of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary into
Heaven
August 15



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