

"Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare."

Lay Dominicans are promised members of a Catholic Religious Order of friars, nuns, sisters, laity, and associates that is 800 years old--the Order of Preachers. We Live our lives accordingly: *to praise, to bless, to preach*, in a unique manner. By means, the Dominicans, call, the Four Pillars: *Prayer, Study, Community, and Apostolate*. Lay Dominicans share in the charism of the Order of Preachers: preaching the Gospels for the salvation of souls and the attainment of personal holiness. We live by a Rule. We take our Dominican spirituality seriously.

Prayer

We bless and praise Our Lord in private and in community. Daily recitation of the Liturgy of Hours unites us with the Universal Church throughout the day. Our lives are centered on the Eucharistic celebration of the Mass, and we would not be Dominican if we did not hold in esteem the Rosary of Our Lady. We encourage Lectio Divina, the prayerful study of Sacred Scripture that nourishes our being and our vocation. Adoration, meditation, and contemplation are tools that we use to know and follow Jesus.

Study

"Contemplare et contemplata aliis tradare."

To contemplate and to share the fruits of our contemplation. We commit to life-long study, searching for truth, *Veritas*. We study both alone and in community, not only Sacred Scripture, but writings of the saints, the Fathers of the Church, encyclicals of the Popes and other documents of the Church. We touch on theology. We read--Saint Paul, Saint Thomas Aquinas, and Chesterton to name a few. How can one explain the faith--if one doesn't know it?

Community

Dominicans have a strong sense of community. Lay Dominicans living in the world see community as essential. So much so, that it is written in our Rule; that we come together at least monthly in community for Morning Prayer, Mass, a brief business meeting and a lesson. There is always time for coffee, cake and chat.

Apostolate

Saint Joseph Province, of which we are apart of, defines an apostolate as, *"the work we do for Christ and the salvation of souls."* Being a Lay Dominican is not an apostolate but may open a vision of a life of possibilities: to become *"a living beatitude"* to those in need.

These *Four pillars* give the Order of Preachers a distinctive mark and sets us apart from other religious orders and communities.

Duc in altum!

Vatican Council II encouraged the laity to live more fully the life of the Church: *"the people of God."* Saint John Paul II exhorts *"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."*

Our Lady of Victory Group, Lay Dominicans invite you to put out into the deep. Come and see.

Lay Dominicans

Members of the Fraternities of St. Dominic are lay men and women who are fully incorporated members of the *Order of Preachers* and live out their Dominican vocation in the world. Lay Dominicans, who in the past have been called Third Order or Dominican Tertiaries, have existed almost as long as the Dominican Order itself. The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic was founded with their own rule in 1285 and was officially recognized by the Church on the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas in 1286.

Lay Dominicans "are accordingly distinguished both by their own spirituality and by their service to God and neighbor in the Church. As members of the Order, they participate in its apostolic mission through prayer, study and preaching according to the state proper to the laity." (*The Rule of the Lay Fraternity #4*).

Lay Dominicans come from every background, joining the Dominican charism to their state of life in the world. In this unique Dominican way, they live out their special vocation "to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will." (*Lumen Gentium 31*)



You've undoubtedly heard of these Dominicans ...

- St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church
- Bl. John of Fiesole ("Fra Angelico"), Sacred Artist
- St. Pius V, Pope

But, have you heard of these LAY Dominicans ... ?

- St. Catharine of Siena, Doctor of the Church
- Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, Man of the Beatitudes
- Bl. Margaret of Castello, Patroness of the Unwanted

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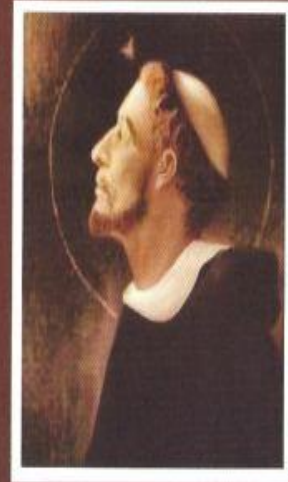


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Answer the call

as a

Lay Dominican

PRAYER STUDY

COMMUNITY APOSTOLATE