Partnering in the Mission:
A Celebration of 125 years

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“I Call You Friends”… John 15:15

The last issue of the Good News included information about the history of the Dominican Order, now 801 years old, and Dominican efforts to plant, nurture, and bring to fruition seeds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You are our partners in this mission.

In Dominican circles we frequently refer to what we call the pillars, or foundation stones of Dominican spirituality. We use words like study, prayer, community and ministry or preaching to capture the core features of our life and mission. Recently, an author and friend who is a Dominican friar, Don Goergen, OP, wrote an article titled “The Pillars Revisited” for the July-August 2007 edition of the journal Spirituality. His effort is to reframe the traditional pillars in a fresh way. He chooses the term friendship to describe the pillar we commonly call community.

The Dominican tradition at its beginning finds friendship at the core of the mission embarked upon by St. Dominic and Bishop Diego de Acebes of Osma, Spain. They co-founded the convent of Prouilhe, France, the first example of Dominican life and mission, called the holy or sacred preaching. We are sure that the preaching emerged out of their relationship as they traveled together on the road and as they witnessed the heretical Cathars in the South of France. Others too, exemplify the importance of friendship that has been the lifeblood of the Order and its mission. We can mention the friendship between Diana (d. 1236) and Dominic, and between Diana and Jordan of Saxony (d.1237), whose correspondence shows the depth of their love for each other. Renowned is the friendship between the 14th century St. Catherine of Siena and Raymond of Capua. More might be said if we had evidence of the unwritten relationships among the friars and sisters through the years.

We speak of a Dominican Family in our day as much as we do of a Dominican Order. Our spirituality is not about an individual, but about a common project, a collaborative venture, whether those involved are friars, nuns, sisters or lay people. We are not just preachers, not just friars or sisters; we are family. The Rhineland mystics, Eckhart, Tauler and Suso had their “Friends of God.” In the depths of Dominican spirituality, relationships spring up. The spirit of Dominic was a relational spirit, a spirit of friendship, of brotherhood and sisterhood.

When Anton de Montesinos (d.1530) delivered the landmark first preaching of the friars on the rights of the indigenous of Hispaniola (1511) in what to them was a new world, it was a communal preaching, to which the prior Pedro de Cordoba gave testimony when it was challenged. It was not Montesinos’ sermon, not his alone, although he had been chosen by the community to deliver it. Dominican spirituality is communal; the project a common one. Community is at the core of who we are, the common life essential.

We welcome you once more to the Dominican Family that we cherish. We are grateful for your presence among us as we share deeply in the common mission as friends and partners in the holy
The Anniversary Year Begins

A Celebration of 125 years

On Sunday, September 30, 2007 over 1000 partners in the Dominican mission gathered at St. Agnes Academy to open the year-long celebration of this joyous and remarkable milestone. We celebrate not only our history and legacy, but the many people who support and share in the Dominican charism, and through their daily lives, achieve the mission of St. Dominic—to preach the Gospel message wherever they may go.

Special thanks to the members of the Community Planning Committee who worked tirelessly to organize this wonderful event:

Liturgy: Arthur Buckley, Deb Clark, OP; Mike Comeaux; Eleanor Cresap, OP; Adrian Dover, OP; Anna Marie Flusche, OP; Julie Greig, OP; Sara Montgomery; Martin Nguyen; Most Rev. Vincent Rizzotto; Ceil Roeger, OP

Reception: Eileen Antill; Elaine Eichelberger; Yolande Eugere; Frances Garza; Burney Helsnits; Kitty Inman; Gayle McMorrow; Mary Moratto; Donna Pollard, OP; Mary Linda Portner; Barbara Russell; Susan Inman Russell; Cherry Steinwender; Susan Stromatt

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Study Series

An Evening with Timothy Radcliffe, OP

On Saturday, November 10, 2007, the 125th Anniversary Dominican Study Series began with world-renowned author, lecturer and Dominican priest, Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP. Over 600 friends and partners gathered at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church to hear him speak about his award-winning book, What is the Point of Being a Christian? This speaker series is offered to call each of us to continue to explore, discuss and renew ourselves toward living the Gospel message in today’s modern world. (See back cover for more information on the Dominican Speaker Series.)

Many, many thanks to members of the Study Committee: Fran Boddeker, OP; Carol Cardenas; Dave & Patty Kinzelman; Carol Mayes, OP; Marygrace Peters, OP; Skip Reeder; Frank Rynd; Lavergne Schwender, OP; Mary Schultz; Sharon Shippes Fr. Juan Torres, OP
Recently, several of us were asked the question -
What does it mean to preach?

Perhaps the defining answer is found in the response of Mary Brenda, OP, currently running a health center in Kenya, Africa, a joint mission with the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word: “If everything in our life as Dominicans is centered toward witnessing and preaching the Gospel, it seems to me that it could be simply said preaching is our single purpose. If that is true, then a daily question that I have begun to ask myself is – Am I “on purpose”? When I look around I see many of my Sisters and partners in preaching who are in fact preaching on purpose, I am inspired and encouraged to keep living my life on purpose.” Enjoy these other reflections from six Dominican women, as they contemplate the everyday purpose in their preaching.

Power of Preaching

When I entered the convent 50-plus years ago, I did it with the thought that I could serve God best in religious life, and that in joining the Dominicans, we could do more together than I could ever do by myself. That has proven to be true.

Timothy Radcliffe writes, “When I joined the Order I learned to say ‘we Dominicans.’ I can say that we Dominicans arrived in Oxford in 1221 even though I was not born until several centuries later. I can also say that we are now founding a university in Ethiopia, although not one English Dominican is yet involved.”

In like manner, we Houston Dominicans can say, “We have a mission in Kenya,” because St. Mary Brenda is the director of a health clinic there. We say, “We have been in Guatemala for 40 years,” because Srs. Miriam Oliveros and Theresa Macey continue the work of education to the children and young people there. We can say, “We are at the United Nations,” because St. Eileen Cannon (Sparkill, NY) represents us there.

There is a keen sense of recognition when Dominicans meet each other and when we work with our friends who are partnering with us in mission. We are all imbued with a common spirit passed down from St. Dominic over the last 800 years. It is a heritage located in a common life of study, prayer / contemplation, and preaching / teaching. Wherever our network reaches…whether sister, brother, lay, religious, student, partner…we can all say, “I am Dominican. I am Order of Preachers.”

From Ann Nirhaus, OP, Internal Communications, Dominican Sisters of Houston

“Service First” is our motto here at Ben Taub Hospital! Sometimes I think that it helps me to see my ministry as preaching, although there is no pulpit. My encounter with the patients brings great blessings to me. When I enter a room and see the person in the bed I think how blessed I am. In conversation with the patients I learn more about Jesus and His sufferings and I count my blessings. I am able to bring care to those in need.

Carol Mayes
Director – Dominican Spirituality Center
Dominican Sisters of Houston

As I go out each day and incorporate these standards, I know that my ministry is preaching by my example and actions to others.

Judy Marie Greig, OP
Staff Chaplain, Ben Taub Hospital

To be a Dominican is to be a preacher. This has been true since the beginning of the Order founded by St. Dominic. He saw a tremendous need of the people for honest preaching and so began a mission that continues to this day. In many ways, we can preach as Dominic did. He simply traveled the countryside and spoke with compassion to all he encountered. We are to do the same. All of us daily meet those who are in need of attentive listening and honest response. At times, we are privileged to share the sacred moments of people’s lives, as at weddings and funerals, but also the ordinary times of parties and work projects. The way we engage with others is a form of preaching. Our words will be authentic if our lives witness to the truths we proclaim. Most of us will not be preaching from the pulpit but we can preach to the cashier at McDonald’s, the checker at Randall’s, the parking attendant, etc. by the respect and attention we give them. Preaching does not have to be from the pulpit to be holy in spirit.

From Mary Brenda, OP
Director, St. Bakhita Mission
Nairobi, Kenya

The word FIRST describes what we do and how we do it:

• Friendliness: Introduce yourself and offer assistance.
• Integrity: Do what you say you will do.
• Responsibility: Be accountable.
• Satisfaction: Give everyone prompt service.
• Teamwork: Encourage co-workers and recognize them for a job well done.

Jubilarians Emily Bordages OP, Kitty Carter OP, Jane Meyer OP, and Donna Pollard OP renewing their vows on Founders’ Day September 29, 2007
Preaching is prayer at its finest. It is the honest confrontation with and reflection of the word, and the subsequent sharing of that encounter. It is the embodiment of one’s whole being - not just what is said, done, believed or modeled, but most importantly it’s who one is at the very depths of one’s being. Preaching requires study, sensitivity, acute listening skills and the ability to make critical connections between the word and everyday life.

Over the years, preaching has become so intertwined with who I am, that’s it’s hard to talk about, unless it’s in a relational capacity. Preaching requires a loving intimacy and familiarity – a preacher is united with the one she is preaching about in both word and deed. Preaching is integral to our ministry and mission together as the St. Pius X High School community.

I find that students often learn and remember more about who the teacher is a person, than what he or she taught. That is, students remember when a teacher was present - who preached by example as they touched them in a special way.

Preaching is our work - our mission - it’s who we are and who we strive to become as members of the St. Pius X High School community. Our tagline says: Teaching Truth. Preaching Justice. Preaching justice often involves taking the risks inherent in preaching and teaching the Gospel, as our Dominican Sisters of Houston Mission Statement reminds us. This is needed more in our world today than ever - it’s not easy, nor should it be! Being good preachers is hard work and a real challenge; yet it’s what we as Dominicans of the Order of Preachers are called to be:

I hope that as we partner together in the next 125 years of Dominican Mission and Ministry together, we can plumb the depths of the Word and fully embrace and embody our call to be true preachers of the Word!

Donna M. Pollard, OP
Head of School
St. Pius X High School

When I think of preaching I draw on St. Francis of Assisi. He said: “Preach always and if necessary use words.” To me this is the heart of Dominican preaching, it is not only what we say but the way we live our lives. Do we reflect Jesus to those around us?

These are the things I try to do:

• Be enthusiastic;
• Have a zest for life that is contagious;
• Have a warm, loving smile for others;
• Have a big hug for whoever needs one;
• Make someone feel included, accepted and welcomed;
• Listen and support someone who needs a compassionate and loving ear; and
• Go out of the way to help someone in need.

When I falter, it is a solid list to return to in order to keep centered.

As the educational and spiritual leader of the school, I think it is important for me to preach the Gospel message to our students. They learn from the simplest examples, many coming from things in ordinary life. When I am asked to give a retreat for a neighboring school community or a reflection to a group in a parish, it is the O.P. after my name that encourages me to say “yes.” I value those moments as a time to reach out to those I would not otherwise know.

Preaching social justice is just part of who I am as a Dominican. And, to preach social justice is to dare to take risks. Sometimes, it is inviting speakers to address the difficult issues of including and respecting the dignity of all people in order to stretch minds and hearts to embrace Catholic social teaching. By my doing this, some listeners are going to be happy and others are not; but it is the right thing to do, even though it is the hard thing to do.

The preparation required for preaching the word often touches my heart and challenges me to look at a topic in a different way as a result of the research. As I was standing on the stage at our jubilee celebration renewing my vows and looking out into the crowd, I was awed at the number of people looking back. I thought, “As a Dominican preacher, I hope I have touched their lives in some small way.”

Jane Meyer, OP
Head of School
St. Agnes Academy

How do I preach? Preaching is done by word and example. I am a teacher so I do both. Not being a formal preacher, my preaching has to be by example. I have to be faith-filled, enthusiastic, positive, healthy, patient and compassionate. My students expect this of me.

Teachers have a profound effect on students - sometimes good, and sometimes not so good. Once, a mother told me to tell her son’s past teacher that he had become a fine doctor. This teacher had told this young man that he would never pass chemistry. This story made me be more encouraging to each student. As Campus Minister I plan all the prayer services, masses and retreats for each grade. Our students play a vital role in all of these ministries. This past jubilee year I heard from students and former students expressing kind and grateful words. When you love your work it is not a job but a gift.

Emily Bordages, OP
Teacher, Kelly High School, Beaumont, Texas

Congratulations to these Dominican Institutions celebrating major milestones. Each has a unique purpose, but all are equal in their commitment to service and fulfillment of mission.

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Guatemala City, Guatemala
Theresa Macvey, OP
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Houston, Texas
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Hands of Anna Marie Flusche, OP
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Norma Hageney, 1929 - 2005
Norma Hageney will be dearly remembered for her friendship, commitment and support. Well known and respected in real estate, Norma practiced her career until she received an unexpected cancer diagnosis in late 2005. She understood what lay ahead for her, and set herself to attending to each detail and to each person – her family members, her friends, her church – all was to be left in order and according to her wishes. As he began Norma’s funeral eulogy at Corpus Christi Church, Rev. Dana Pelotte, S.S.S. acknowledged her certainty that Norma really would have preferred approving it beforehand! Norma was an active parishioner and an astute business professional. She always held in highest esteem the clergy and parish friends, women religious, and her clients. She lovingly raised six children and was blessed with eleven grandchildren: Kathleen and Chuck Mullerweg and their children: Charleen and Matthew; Cindy and Charley Raimond, Sr. and their children: Patricia and Junior; Sandra and Pat O’Donnell and their children: Deirdre, Tom and Colleen; Vivian and Harry Hageney IV and their children: Norma and Megan; Christopher Hageney; Debbie and Colin Hageney, Sr. and their children: Harry V and Colin, Jr. All six children graduated from what was once a Dominican school – Corpus Christi Catholic School. A magnificently caring mother and grandmother, her final words to them were: “Love one another.” Norma Hageney was our very special friend – may she rest in peace. We hold her at heart and in prayer.

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Especially, see the story about the recent meeting of the Dominican Leadership Conference in Louisville. Click on the pictures to see a good shot of Pat Casey, OP making her point during a discussion.

Congratulations to Mary Magdalen Hane1, OP on receiving “The Doyle Family Excellence in Teaching Award.” She was chosen by a vote of the faculty and staff at Our Lady of Fatima School, Texas City, where she teaches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for students age 3-1/2 years to grade 6.

Maria Geheb OP, 1936 - 2007
Maria, Maria, we’ve all known a girl named Maria, and through the years, we’ve found how wonderful the sound of her name can be. In March of 1955 when her novitiate began, Anne Louise Geheb became known as Sister Maria. Maria trusted God, maybe more than she knew, God trusted Maria with a great deal of pain of various kinds, the latest of course, being cancer. Maria’s trust was evidenced in her uncluttered life. She was not attached to things. When given gifts, she often gave them away to those in need. And following Maria’s lead, I take this time to remember and to offer my thanks to God for the wonderful gift of Sr. Maria. We will miss her.

Annette Duvall, OP
Charleen Morgan, our dear friend and member of the St. Dominic Villa family, passed away on Monday December 10, 2007. She will be truly missed. A tribute to Charleen’s memory will be featured in our next issue of The Good News.

“Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Look What We’re Doing ... For Heavens Sake!

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Pat Casey, OP & Linda Gibler, OP

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Camilla Micheletti, OP; Mamie Mars, her daughter Carrie and grandson

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To our Partners in Mission: Greetings and Thank You from the Dominican Sisters of Houston Advancement Office

As we celebrate this year - the 125th Anniversary of the Dominican Sisters of Houston - we look back on the past year with a deep sense of gratitude for all who have made possible the wonderful celebrations we are sharing today. In the advancement office, our mission is to assist in advancing the mission of the Dominican Sisters through the meaningful involvement and engagement of many stakeholders - thus ensuring the continuation of the Dominican charism for many years to come.

We are proud of the dedicated effort of this past year and the achievements of the more than 100 volunteers who have actively partnered in the Dominican mission by planning and carrying out the 125th Anniversary Celebrations. Throughout this year, from September 30, 2007 to September 28, 2008, a variety of programs have been planned in four series reflecting the four pillars of Dominican Life: prayer, study, community and ministry.

The response to the Anniversary Year has been fantastic and attendance at the events beyond our expectations. Over 1000 partners in mission celebrated at the 125th Opening Liturgy and Reception. And more than 600 persons participated in the first presentation of the Speaker Series with Timothy Radcliffe, OP. The Ministry Planning Committee is preparing a series of Dominican Reunions, and the Prayer Planning Committee will continue the 125th Anniversary Prayer Series, already underway, including Evensong at the new Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. (See Good News back-cover for details of the April 13, 2008 Grand Reunion on the Motherhouse Grounds, and other reunions; also for the June 6, 2008 Evensong for Peace, Justice and Care of Creation and other prayer events.)

As we share with you this issue of the Good News, we are pleased to present our 2006-2007 Annual Report of Gifts, reflecting the generosity shown the Dominican Sisters by many during the past year. This report includes all donors to the Annual Fund, the Guatemalan Mission, the retired sister’s fund and all who have requested honors and memorials from August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007. On a special page inside the Good News are listed the 125th Anniversary Year Sponsors and the 125th Anniversary Honorary Committee.

In each of these ways and in so many more, our many stakeholders have shown their deep affection for the mission and charism of the Dominican Sisters and for sharing in that mission. To each of our partners in this special mission, again we offer deep thanks and appreciation for support. We look forward to your continued support in the weeks, months and years ahead and wish you the very best in the coming new year.

Gratefully,

Barbara Abell, Director of Advancement
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Fran Boddicker, OP, Guatemalan Mission
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| **Supporting Services:**  |                     |
| Management and General   | $ 364,807           |
| Fundraising              | 30,942              |
| **Total Supporting Services** | **$ 395,749**      |
| **Total Expenses**       | **$4,411,320**      |

| **SURPLUS (DEFICIT)**    |                     |
|                          | ($409,845)          |

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You Are Invited to
Celebrate the Dominican Spirit!
125th Anniversary Year Ministry Series

Grand Reunion
on the Motherhouse Grounds
Sunday, April 13, 2008
1:00 to 5:00 pm
6501 Almeda Road  Houston, Texas
Parking at the Archdiocesan St. Dominic Center (Entrance on Holcombe)

Memories Relived • Lessons of Life • Bonds of Friendship

Sabine Area Reunion
Sunday, January 20, 2008
12:00 pm beginning with Noon Mass
St. Anthony’s Basilica
Beaumont, Texas

Taylor Reunion
Thursday, January 31, 2008
10:30 am Mass lunch following
St. Mary Catholic Church
Taylor, Texas

Galveston Reunion
Saturday, March 1, 2008
12:00 pm beginning with Noon Mass
Sacred Heart Church
Galveston, Texas

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