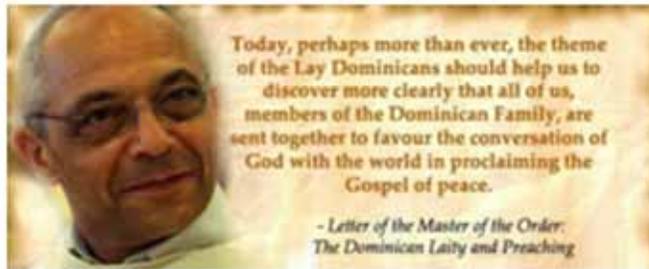


*[Prayer composed by the members of the International Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities (ICLDF) for the Jubilee Novena year 2014:
« The Dominican Laity and Preaching »]*



O God our Father, we thank you most sincerely for your love and your goodness for blessing us with the foundation of our Order. We praise you for the countless lives that have been touched in the past 800 years of the Order's existence. We are grateful for the service and example of our forebears who sacrificed all that was possible within their reach to spread the good news of salvation and preach the gospel.

As we celebrate the 800th anniversary, we ask you, loving Father, to fill us with zeal, to keep aflame in us the spirit of service and love of our founders. Heal those among us who are wounded, give comfort to the afflicted, courage to the aged, mercy to those who are suffering, wisdom to the Master of the Order, the Provincials, our officers in the various Fraternities and all Dominican Communities. Help us, your sons and daughters, to be a prophetic voice. Let us, the young and the old, dream and see visions of your glory.

May your love continue to bind our hearts together. Help us to continually bear witness to the risen Lord in all we do, think, or say. Let our lives and all we engage in bring glory to your Holy Name. We make our prayers through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Preachers, *pray for us.* St. Dominic, *pray for us.*

St. Catherine of Siena, *pray for us.* All Saints and Blesseds of the Order, *pray for us.*

***“Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams,
your young men shall see visions.”***

~Book of Joel, chapter 3, verse 1

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From the Provincial Promoter's Desk

Fr. Bede Shipps, O.P.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After a few months on the job, meeting people in various chapters, corresponding about matters in different regions, etc., I am moved and grateful about the real efforts and sacrifices so many of our members make, often anonymously, in order to live out holiness, community, and service. We are being greatly blessed.

As we stand on the threshold of the 800th anniversary of the approval of the Order for a universal proclamation of the Gospel, God surely wants to renew us as believers and Dominicans, so that, in the footsteps of Saint Dominic, we may listen to the Lord more attentively, love him with a more genuine and complete love, and more generously give ourselves to the service of Christ and the Church.

Even before we open our mouths, the quality of the reverence and care we show each other is a powerful preaching. The vision of Acts 2, of the Christian community being one mind and heart in God—united in prayer, Eucharist, and the generous sharing of our goods and talents—was dear to the heart of our holy fathers Augustine and Dominic, and is at the core of the Dominican vision.

When the friars of Saint Joseph Province celebrated their Provincial Chapter this summer, they reflected on the need for reconciliation—to put away resentments, gossip, malice, harsh words, bullying, and other destructive things, and to be truly reconciled, forgiving one another and asking forgiveness. It can be very hard to try to start over if we have hurt someone or been hurt by them. But the Lord calls us to a change of heart, to love and pray for even our enemies, and to show to one another the mercy which God, rich in mercy, has so lavishly poured out on us. We must be holy and united if we are to respond to our culture's urgent need for the truth of the Gospel. As Saint Teresa of Avila says, "The world is on fire," and it takes all our heart, soul, and

strength responding to God to bring the message and love of Jesus into our broken world. If any of us (myself included) has an old resentment, an attitude of "She'll never help with that project," "He's too full of himself," "Don't ask me to work with them," etc., this is surely the moment to lay it down.

We must pray for ourselves and for one another to embrace the communal consequences of the Gospel of Mercy. One of our members has recommended the Novena to Our Lady Who Unties All Knots, which joins the Rosary with prayers of repentance, appealing for a change of heart and new courage.

In this month of the Rosary, let's pray together for a profound deepening of the Spirit's work in each of our hearts, and in the hearts of our Fraternity and the whole Dominican Family. Under the mantle of Mary, who loves and protects "her Order," may we come more and more to deserve the words, "See how these Christians love one another."

May God bless all of you and your families.

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Bede



Brother Tonto & Cappa

October 7

*Pray the
Rosary*



Te Deum

On Sunday, August 10, 2014 at St Jude Church in **Mastic Beach, N.Y., Our Lady of Hope Chapter [#206]** celebrated the Rite of Profession with Mr. John Noonan, O.P. (*Bro. Thomas Aquinas*) as he made his Final Promise, Mrs. Miriam Bernier, O.P., who made her Temporary-Promise in the presence of Deacon Thomas J. Gillen, Spiritual Assistant. There was much rejoicing in the church.

St Louis Bertrand Chapter [#606], Louisville, KY, celebrated the Rite of Reception on August 24, 2014, during their Holy Hour for three new members: Kathleen George, Sharyn Dunkin and Katherine Casabella. On that same day, within the Mass, three members made their Temporary Promises: Mrs. Paula Walz, O.P., Mrs. Bernice Borgmeier, O.P., and Mrs. Diana VanHorn, O.P. We are so blessed to have them with us. (See the photo at right.)



Front Row: Fr. Edward Gorman, O.P., Mrs. Kathy George, O.P.; Mrs. Sharyn Dunkin, O.P.; Mrs. Katherine Casabella, O.P.; Ms. Georgia Marrillia, O.P. (Form. Dir.)
Back Row: Mrs. Deborah Kenney, O.P. (Pres.); Mrs. Paula Walz, O.P.; Mrs. Bernice Borgmeier, O.P.; Mrs. Diana VanHorn, O.P.

On September 18, 2014, **Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter, [#203]New York, N.Y.,** held its Promise Day. Christopher Candela, Kelvin Caraballo, and Lauren Ely were received in the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer. Making First Promises were John D'Onofrio, John Stehn, and Cynthia Smith.



Pictured Left to Right: Front Row-- Ms. Cynthia Smith, O.P., Ms. Lauren Ely, O.P., Mr. Kelvin Caraballo, O.P. **Back Row--** Mr. Christopher Candela, O.P., Mrs. Irene Gifford, O.P., Dr. Robert F. Cuervo, O.P., Fr. Walter C. Wagner, O.P., Mr. John Stehn, O.P., Mr. John D'Onofrio, O.P.

Ms. Kathleen Lizzio, O.P., and Ms. Louise Schmidt, O.P., were honored for the 50th Anniversary of their Life Promises. Dr. Robert F. Cuervo, O.P., presided, and Fr. Walter C. Wagner, O.P., Pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer, was the celebrant. Mrs. Irene Gifford, O.P., Region 2 President, also attended.

Let us pray for our newly received, those making Temporary Promises and congratulate our anniversary celebrants for this faithfulness to their Dominican vocation.

**THE DOMINICAN FAMILY
IN DIALOGUE AS MISSION**
REMEMBERING CHRYS McVEY OP

Edited
Prakash Anthony Lohale OP
Kevin Toomey OP



This book is a memorial collection of some of the insightful and challenging thoughts of Father Chrys McVey, O.P., who lived for more than 40 years as an American Dominican missionary priest in Pakistan. Chrys died suddenly in 2009. His theology and thinking about the culture and politics of that complex and burgeoning nation, and their implications more widely, developed slowly, as he matured spiritually and as a writer.

The book is edited by: fr Prakash Anthony Lohale, the Socius of the Master of the Order for Apostolic Life. He hails from the Province of India but currently lives at

Santa Sabina, Rome. And fr Kevin Toomey, the former Socius of the Master of the Order for Asia-Pacific Region. He is currently the editor of the magazine, *Tui Motu* published in Dunedin, New Zealand. He is from the Province of Australia.

These brothers were friends and admirers of Chrys, as much for his warmth and generosity of spirit, as well as for his intelligence and huge courage.

This book was launched by the Master of the Order, Bruno Cadore, O.P., on 13 August, 2014 during the joint conference by JRD and JPCC on 'Dialogue as a way of Preaching' from 11 to 16 August, Surabaya, Indonesia. This was preceded by a special video 'Chrys McVey Memorial' premiered specially for this occasion.

You can get copies of the [book online by clicking here](#). You can also get copies by contacting fr Prakash directly - prakashop@gmail.com.

Check out this video on YouTube: Chrys McVey Memorial <http://youtu.be/CAMERKm5vrA>

<http://www.op.org/en/content/dominican-family-dialogue-mission-remembering-chrys-mcvey-op>

[Preview YouTube video Chrys McVey Memorial](#)

I thank you in Christ and in St. Dominic,

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Contemplare Corner

Monthly Musings for Spiritual Edification

By Mr. Harold Koenig, O.P.
St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter,
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Ornery Time III

the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? (Job 38:7)

God challenges Job. He describes creation's riotous beauty and exuberance as coming in an outburst of merry noise. The strong beauty of his declamation enraptures us and drives Job to quiet humility.

The wild ox, the ostrich, the eager war horse ("When the trumpet sounds, he says 'Aha!'") are thrown in Job's teeth. Their own splendor testifies to the far greater splendor of the Creator. They all, and the stars from which they are made, come to be in song and triumph.

But Job is broken, almost; his children dead; his wealth vanished; his body painful, repulsive. Will the plumes of distant ostriches mend his grief? Can even star song and angel shout mend our torn hearts? The wild ass and the lions are far away, but our "ordinary time" is drear and close, and the tears in our eyes obscure the altar's green vesture.

and after the fire a still small voice. (1 Ki 19:12)

It may be that beyond the roar of distant lion or the wild ass's bray, behind the storehouses of rain and hail, of light and dark, there is something which our ears must learn to hear. Perhaps our sorrows help to teach us to listen for the inaudibly deep bourdon of Love from which all the music in the cosmos derives its song.

We are called to listen for that song, and then to preach.

AROUND THE PROVINCE...

news you can use

REGION 2

Regional Meeting

The meeting date has been changed to Saturday, **November 15, 2014**.

Please be sure to come! Elections will be held, and we will have information from the provincial meeting.

Media News

On August 31, 2014, Dr. Robert F. Cuervo, O.P., President of **Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter, New York, N.Y.**, and Ms. Joan Lovett, O.P., Chapter Secretary and Novice Leader, were interviewed on the EWTN program *Sunday Night Prime*, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR. The topic was Lay Dominican Spirituality. The program may be viewed on EWTN's website and on

Pray Without Ceasing

OP MOMENT TRIVIA

By Mrs. Lynn Simpkins, O.P.

Who was the famous Dominican who founded the École Biblique, (the Bible School) in Jerusalem?

- Fr. Wilfred Harrington
- Fr. Marie-Joseph Lagrange
- Fr. Samuel Parsons
- St. Thomas Aquinas

See page 9 for answer.

Preaching on the International Bridge

By Alexandria Faiz

A Catholic theologian from Germany has served as the UN's Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion and belief since 2010. Not surprisingly, this official, Heiner Bielefeldt, Ph.D., recently reported that freedom of religion in Iraq is "being denied in the most gross and systematic way possible—through the attempted extermination of religious minorities." Though twenty UN agencies based in the country have flown in forty-five cargo deliveries, carrying 6,700 metric tons of tents, mattresses, hygiene kits, household kits, water bottles, water disaster response kits, and food donations, the danger to religious minorities, including Catholics, is on vivid display. Civilian casualties have more than doubled between May and June.

This news is far from new. In 2006, *The Catholic Voice* printed an article titled "Iraqi Catholics in U.S. see long struggle ahead." Back then, hope was based upon having more equal representation in the government to slow what was then a shocking death toll. That hope still exists among religious leaders as Iraq begins to redesign its parliament. As part of the international organization's efforts, UN staff members and affiliated NGOs ran various community consultations across Iraq to hear what kind of future its citizens would like to see. The resulting twenty-nine-page report contains laudable goals such as growing employment opportunities, increasing educational programs, and encouraging more diverse political organizations. However, nowhere was religious freedom specifically emphasized. Only one group identified that religious leaders should be consulted more often.

If internal protections for Christians are not erected, then strategic international action can help. Thus far in 2014, twenty-eight UN member States have contributed over \$895 million to the UN's

emergency humanitarian projects in Iraq. (The United States has contributed \$127 million and is only surpassed by Saudi Arabia which donated \$500 million.) As happened earlier in Iraq, hundreds of community consultations will be occurring around the U.S. between October 1 and November 15 to define major, post-2015 priorities and funding targets. Summaries of these local reports will then be sent to the UN Secretary-General, the U.S. Department of State, and U.S. Mission to the UN to guide negotiations in 2015.



Heiner Bielefeldt, Ph.D., Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief
Credit: UN Photo/Paulo Filgueiras

Various consultations are already planned in local areas:
Massachusetts: Boston
Connecticut
Ohio: Columbus
Kentucky
New York: Manhattan, Queens, Rochester, Westchester, Upper Mohawk Valley

Pennsylvania: Philadelphia and Centre County
Washington, D.C., and Georgetown

Results from these advisory groups—which are open to the public—can help fund targeted projects run, for instance, by the UN's Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion and belief. Just like in Iraq, though, hope is based on diverse participation.

Reference Links:

UN Human Rights: ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomReligion/Pages/FreedomReligionIndex.aspx

United Nations in Iraq: uniraq.org

Post-2015 consultations: <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/voicesoffaith>

The Catholic Voice article: <http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org/2006/06-07-03/inthisissue3.htm>

Links of Interest

Win a Douay Rheims Bible:
<http://is.gd/dEzLb3>

Lancaster Lay Dominicans:
<http://lancasterdominicans.wordpress.com/jubilee/>

Dominican Leadership Conference:
http://www.domlife.org/DLC/NGO_UN/Briefing.html

Dominicans at the United Nations:
http://www.domlife.org/2014Stories/files/un_newsletter_summer2014.pdf

Sadlier Catholic Web Magazine:
<http://www.cyberfaith.com/>



**Our Lady of the Rosary,
 pray for us. October 7**

OP MOMENT Trivia

Answer to OP Moment Trivia is "B"

The École Biblique is a school in Jerusalem specializing in archaeology and biblical exegesis. It was founded by Fr. Marie-Joseph Lagrange, O.P., in 1890.

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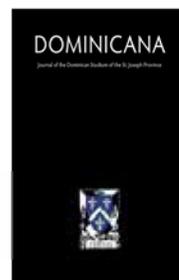
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