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Our Lady of the Rosary



Caravaggio (Italian, 1571- 1610), ca. 1607 "Madonna of the Rosary"
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Wednesday Catechesis The Mystery of the Eucharist

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

We will continue our catechesis on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, particularly the Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC) on the Liturgy.

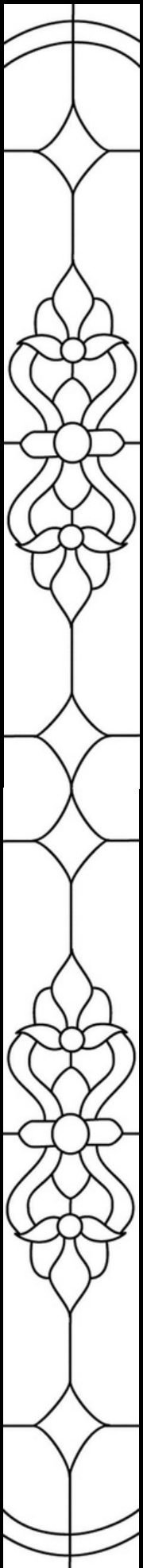
When Saint Augustine wanted to explain the mystery of the Body of Christ to those who were newly baptized, he took up the passage from Saint Paul that we have just heard: “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.” (1 Cor 12:27). He adds: “It is your own mystery that you receive. To what you are, you respond: Amen, and your response is like your signature. You are told, ‘The Body of Christ,’ and you reply, ‘Amen.’ Be therefore members of the Body of Christ, so that your Amen may be true. [...] Be what you see, and receive what you are” (Sermon 272: PL 38, 1247).

Immediately after recalling Jesus’ Last Supper, the Constitution on the Liturgy speaks of the Eucharist in these Augustinian terms. For Christians, taking part at the Lord’s table means being “instructed by God’s word and ... nourished ... [giving] thanks to God” (cf. SC, 48). It is by receiving Him in His Word and in the Eucharist that we become what we receive. We become the Body whose Head is the risen Christ, seated

at the right hand of the Father (cf. Col 1:18), who prepares a place for us in heaven (cf. Jn 14:3). Thus, the Eucharist is the sacrament of the Kingdom that is to come. It is the Bread for the journey that leads us to our heavenly homeland, until that blessed day when “God will be all in all” (1 Cor 15:28).

The liturgical assembly offers the Sacrifice “not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him” (SC, 48). From this perspective, the Eucharist is the form of the spiritual sacrifice of Christians (cf. Heb 13:16; Rom 12:1), as the path to union with God and with one another. By participating in it, they learn “to offer themselves; through Christ the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other” (ibid.). Thus, by incorporating us into Christ, the Eucharist teaches us to adopt the very style of life of the Lord Jesus, which was marked by the free gift of Himself. This gift draws us into the dynamic of unity, offering a powerful antidote to the forces of division that undermine our world, our communities, our families, and our hearts (cf. SC, 47).

Dear brothers and sisters, when we participate in the Eucharist, we are invited to listen to the Word of God and to be nourished at the Lord’s table, where He offers Himself to the



Father. These two parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, “are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship” (SC, 56).

With regard to the Word of God, it is important to remember that it is not merely a matter of acquiring intellectual knowledge of the Scriptures, but of receiving the Word that is “living and effective” (Heb 4:12), spoken by God to everyone and at the same time to each individual. This Word nourishes and sustains us together with the Eucharistic Bread and leads us from the decay of sin to new life in Christ. “The Eucharist opens us to an understanding of Scripture, just as Scripture for its part illumines and explains the mystery of the Eucharist.” (Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, 55).

The Second Vatican Council called for the treasures of the Bible to be opened more abundantly, so that a richer fare from the table of God’s Word might be provided for the faithful (cf. SC, 51). The liturgical reform translated this request into the treasure that is the Lectionary, the book that gathers all the biblical readings for liturgical celebrations. This richness has been drawn from the purest source of the living Tradition, which combines fidelity with tradition; with openness to legitimate progress (cf. SC, 23).

The beginning of Chapter II of the Constitution on the Liturgy is woven

with references to the great river of Tradition, that continues from the Fathers of the Church down to us. I will quote from it: “At the Last Supper, on the night when He was betrayed, our Saviour instituted the eucharistic sacrifice of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is eaten, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.” (SC, 47).

Dear brothers and sisters, let us draw with faith from this source of divine life and allow ourselves to be transformed by the mystery we celebrate.

General Audience, June 24, 2026,
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Letter from the Master of the Order

As Fishers and Shepherds

St. Dominic understood the Order as a continuation of that same apostolic life and mission. Significantly, he convoked and celebrated the first General Chapters in 1220 and 1221 on the solemnity of Pentecost. By gathering on this feast, the friars entrusted their deliberations to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sought communion in discernment, and affirmed that governance in the Order is a spiritual act, not merely an administrative one. Dominic's choice was intentional: it rooted the Order's identity in an apostolic, outward-looking, and Spirit-led vision. In this light, General Chapters are not simply assemblies, but privileged moments of communal discernment, governance, and renewal; indeed "pentecosts" in their own way, renewed again and again in the life of the Order. My successor will have the privilege of leading the Order when the Church marks the great jubilee of the Redemption and Pentecost in 2033. Yet I wish to invite you, even now, to reflect on how we might prepare for that day, and to consider what we are called to offer the Church as we journey together toward that momentous event of grace.

— fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner III, OP
Master of the Order

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From the Provincial Promotor

“Peace Be With You!”

Fr. Maximilian Maria Jaskowak, O.P.

My dear brothers and sisters in St. Dominic,

“Peace be with you!”

We can only surmise as to the quality and perfection of peace, of light, and of love that dwelt in the Heart of Jesus on the Day of the Resurrection. We know, however, that **this same peace, this same light, and this same love**, is often invoked by priests of the New Covenant in the communication of Christ’s sacred mysteries! For instance, recall how, approximately sixteen months ago, on the central balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, the Holy Father addressed the world for the first time. With arms outstretched, our newly elected Pontiff appealed to the peace of the Risen Jesus and cried out: **“Peace be with you!”**

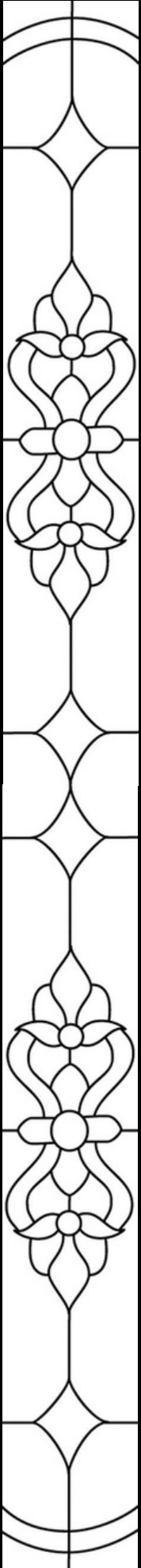
As I address my brothers and sisters of the Dominican Lay Fraternities (of the Province of St. Joseph) for the first time, I can think of no other greeting more suitable for the occasion than that of peace. So again, as your fellow brother in St. Dominic, I invoke that peace upon you, a peace that God alone can give, saying, **“Peace be with you!”**

This greeting is especially apt for us Dominicans, who have, in the mysterious providence of God, received a pledge of this peace. In that wonderfully potent essay **“On the Dominican Soul”** by the French

Dominican, Fr. Michele-Marie Philipon, O.P., we read:

While engaged in the difficult combats of the Church Militant, the Dominican soul remains joyful. “The religion of the Father Dominic,” said God to St. Catherine of Siena, “is joyful and lightsome.” Above the trials of redemption, joy pervades the Dominican soul, the inadmissible joy of God. The secret of this Dominican joy lies in the **peaceful certitude** that God is infinitely happy in the society of the Three Divine Persons, even if men refuse to know him and receive him. At the summit of the souls of the saints, joy always flourished together with an **unalterable peace**. God is God, and what possible difference can anything else make? The joy of a soul is measured by its love. The Apostles went away joyful because they had been judged worthy to suffer for Christ, whom they loved above everything else. On the roads of Languedoc, the sharper the rocks became, the more St. Dominic sang. Raised up by the same spirit of heroic strength fortified with love, the Dominican soul remains fixed in an ever-singing joy.

As Philipon observes, one of the many interior marks of the Dominican soul (and by extension, is revealing of a Dominican vocation) is precisely this: a **peaceful certitude** that God is God, and that God is



always directing and ordering all things to the good! Even amid mounting troubles, unfounded persecutions, and the many other vicissitudes of life, the Dominican soul should never become disturbed or disquieted, **for the sons and daughters of St. Dominic are meant to be men and women of tranquility and peace.** A Dominican imbibes the confidence of St. Paul, who always lived with his peace intact, “I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:38-39). The twentieth-century Servant of God, Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez, writes on the sublime peace that follows from spiritual joy in his celebrated work, *The Sanctifier*. “Peace,” he says, “is the complement and perfection of joy. It not only delivers the soul from the fretful trouble of exterior things, but calms the inner fluctuations of its desires and marvelously disposes and unifies its affections. Thus, it gives our heart a single object for its triumphant love, which then has complete mastery over our being” (cf. 229-31). I can think of no better way to explain the joy that is more commonly ascribed to Dominican life today!

Therefore, as your brother in St. Dominic, **I greet you in the peace of the Risen Jesus.** Our Lord wants us, not only as Christians, but specifically as Dominicans, to be men and women of peace, consoled by our immense confidences in him, secure in his

providence and love. When the world, the flesh, or the devil try to upset you—and they will (James 3:15), turn your gaze upon the Lord Jesus, and be filled with that spiritual joy and serenity our Dominican forebears.

In closing, I thank all of you for greeting me with similar sentiments of peace and good will over the past few weeks. I look forward to walking together, relying always upon the peace, the light, and the love that, even now, dwells within the Heart of Jesus. May Our Lady, Queen of Apostles and of Peace, intercede for us, her children.

“Peace be with you!”

Message from the President

So that you too may have fellowship with us...

What we have seen and heard
we proclaim now to you,
so that you too may have fellowship with
us;
for our fellowship is with the Father and
with his Son, Jesus Christ.
We are writing this so that our joy may be
complete. [1 Jn 1:3–4]

Of course, the author of the First Letter of St. John didn't have access to a website where he could post this sublime treatise on the divinity of Christ to share it with members of his community; rather, it was transmitted from one local Christian group to another around the Eastern Mediterranean and further, hand-copied multiple times, decade after decade, year after year, in order to share what "we proclaim now to you, so that you may have fellowship with us."

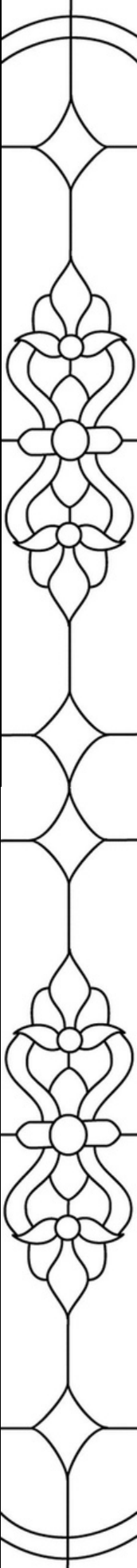
We Lay Dominicans of the Province of St. Joseph do have a website, laydominicans.org with which we support our fellowship as brothers and sisters in the Order of Preachers. I hope that if you are reading this, you are already well familiar with what's available to you at laydominicans.org. Our website has served us well for more than seven years now; in those seven years, it has evolved to become an ever more vital resource. The Members' side of the website is where we turn to share matters of timely interest to us (a calendar of events and other items of news) and to hold at hand information of importance (a copy of our Particular Directory and the panoply of forms we use for fraternity business). The Seekers' side is a chief tool for outreach to the wider world that helps to attract inquirers who are considering a Dominican vocation.

However, this website is being maintained by a very small number of people with the technical skills to do this sort of work, and there is much at the website that is slipping out of date and in need of modification. It is time to invest additional resources so that we can review, maintain and improve our website. If you are a professed member with experience in web design or maintenance, and you have some time and energy to assist us in this area, please contact me

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or our Provincial Communications Director, John Priestley II (provcommdir@laydominicanseast.org); we are interested in constituting a Website Task Force under the aegis of the provincial Communications Committee.

Work on our website is the most critical part of a more comprehensive review of our communications network that the Provincial Executive Committee, together with our Communications Committee, is currently undertaking. Look for more about developments on this initiative in the coming months.

In my last writing to you in these pages back in the spring, we were thanking Fr. Ignatius Schweitzer, O.P., for his years of service to us as Provincial Promoter. In June we learned that Fr. Maximilian Jaskowak, O.P., was appointed as our new Provincial Promoter of the Laity for a three-year term. Fr. Maximilian serves on the faculty at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore and teaches courses on Spiritual Theology, Social Ethics and Medical Ethics; and his research currently centers on priestly spirituality. He is no stranger to working alongside Lay Dominicans, as he is the Religious Assistant for Our Lady Queen of Peace Fraternity in Newark, DE. Over the next years, Fr. Maximilian will join me in



visiting with you at regional meetings around the province. Please join me in welcoming him and regularly add him to your prayers.

Finally, I hope that many of you are making plans to attend the annual Rosary Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on September 26. This event has become a popular addition to our devotional calendar, and a powerful experience that celebrates Dominican spirituality, energizing its attendees with the spiritual power of the rosary. If you go, be sure to stop by our table where we will have materials to share with inquirers about life as a Lay Dominican.

I remain your brother in St. Dominic,
Danny
(Brother Jordan)



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The Signs of the Times in Historical Perspective

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Introduction:

In October 2016, amid the presidential election, two highly respected historians, Dr. Graham Allison and Dr. Niall Ferguson, published the *Applied History Manifesto*. They called upon the candidates of both political parties to declare that if elected, they would create a White House Council of Historical Advisors similar to the White House Council of Economic Advisers established by President Harry S. Truman. (Allison, Graham and Niall Ferguson, 1)

They stated, "We suggest this Council's charter begin with Thucydides' observation that 'events of future history will be of the same nature-or nearly so-as the history of the past, so long as men are men.' While applied historians will never be clairvoyants with an unclouded crystal ball, we agree with Winston Churchill that "the longer you can look back, the farther you can look forward." They continued, "The next president's charge to this council should be to provide historical perspectives on temporary problems." (Allison, Graham and Niall Ferguson, 4) With this edition of the *eLumen*, I am launching a multi-year series of essays, "The Signs of the Times in Historical Perspective." I have over 3,100 pages of primary source documents, spanning five and a half volumes of the Pastoral Letters of the United States Catholic Bishops, from 1919-1997. They address every major political, economic, social, and cultural issue of the periods in which they were published; they correspond to the issues affecting our nation today. I will also include the writings of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Archbishop John Timothy McNicholas O.P., the lay Dominican Sigrid Undset, who lived in the United States during World War II, as well as those of other prominent Catholic public intel-

lectuals.

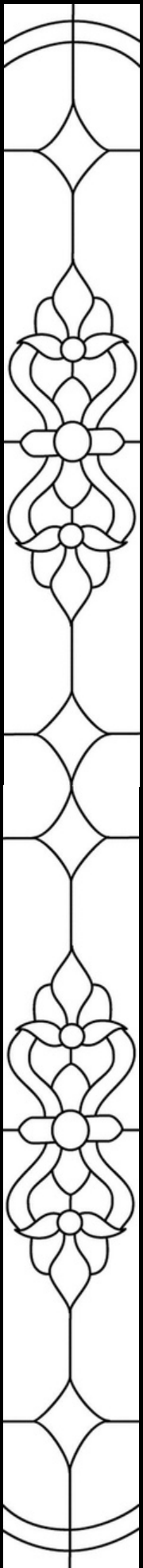
There will be three periods of study: 1919-1963, ending with the death of John F. Kennedy; 1964-1984, when the future Pope Leo XIV left the United States on a mission to Latin America; and 1985-1997. The first two parts of this study will also provide insight into the Church that shaped Pope Leo XIV, his parents, and his siblings.

Modern History's Turning Point, 1917:

During his first administration, Woodrow Wilson sought to prevent the United States from entering the First World War. In his 1916 campaign, he ran on the slogan "He Kept Us Out of War." Unfortunately, Wilson's campaign promise clashed with Germany's strategy for winning the conflict. In early January 1917, the German High Command decided to violate the Sussex pledge, the agreement with the United States not to resume unrestricted submarine warfare. The German diplomatic service issued a communique to the United States stating that it would begin targeting commercial and military vessels it deemed threats to the German war effort. (McClay, 263)

Two months later, the press in the United States published a series of articles describing a German dispatch sent to the Mexican government. This Zimmermann Telegram promised that if the Mexican government allied with Germany and Germany were victorious in the war, Germany would help Mexico regain the territory it had lost to the United States during the Mexican-American War. (McClay, 264) These dual threats pushed the Wilson administration to ask Congress for a declaration of war.

The archbishops of the United States were meeting in our nation's capital when war was declared on Good Friday, April 6, 1917. They sent a diplomatic message



to President Wilson stating: "Our peoples now as ever, will rise as one man to serve the nation. Our priests and consecrated women will once again, as in every former trial of our country, win by their bravery, their heroism and their service new admiration and new approval." To direct these wartime activities of the Church, the American hierarchy established the National War Council. (Nolan, 244)

Pope Benedict XV ascended the throne of St. Peter in September, 1914, a month after the "Guns of August" began their bombardment. From the beginning of his pontificate, he attempted to end the fighting but without any success. Less than a month after the United States entered the war and deeply disheartened by what he referred to as the "suicide of civilized Europe," the Pope called for a novena of Rosaries to Our Lady of Peace. On the eighth day of the novena, May 13, 1917, Our Blessed Mother began her apparitions at Fatima. (Apostoli, 68)

During her July apparition, Our Lady said that the conflict would end, but if the world did not reform and reject its sinful ways, a greater war would ensue, much deadlier than the current one. (Apostoli, 69) Our Blessed Mother continued, "I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and for the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated." (Apostoli, 74) Unfortunately, during the forty-eight hours of November 6 and 7, 1917 (Gregorian calendar), Vladimir Lenin completed a total takeover of the Russian government. He installed the first Communist polity with a vision of world revolution. (Carroll, 99-102) These two nations, the United States

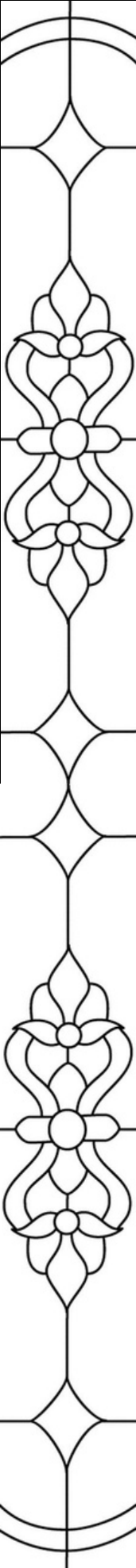
and the Soviet Union, and their political philosophies, would dominate the twentieth century. Our Blessed Mother foretold the vast majority of their competitive struggles in her prophecies at Fatima.

The Program of Social Reconstruction, 1919:

Following the cessation of hostilities, a select committee of the National War Council published the "Program of Social Reconstruction." The report received significant international notoriety, especially from the national elites in Italy, France, Great Britain, and the United States. The document begins by stating that, even though the war has ended, the current political, economic, and social unrest poses a dangerous threat to world peace. (Nolan, 244)

The first section of the bishop's document focused on the dangerous ideas gaining widespread acceptance in the United Kingdom. (Nolan, 255) The English Cardinal Bourne expressed these concerns when he reacted to the plan issued by the British Labor Party: he opined, "It is admitted on all hands that a new order of things, new social conditions, new relations between different sections in which Society is divided, will arise as a consequence of the destruction of the formerly existing conditions....The very foundations of political and social life, of our economic system, of morals and religion are being sharply scrutinized, and this not only by a few writers and speakers, but by a very large number of people in every class of life, especially among the workers." (Nolan, 255-256)

The British Labor Party, led by Beatrice and Sidney Webb, proposed legislation that would establish a minimum guaranteed income and a nationalized healthcare system. Additionally, the Labor Party wanted to nationalize industry and finance. Taxes on companies and the



wealthy would be used to eliminate the war debt, and excess revenue would be directed toward government-run social welfare programs, education, and the arts. The United States bishops ultimately rejected these revolutionary ideas as the groundwork for establishing a Socialist system, which they deemed to violate Catholic Social Doctrine. (Nolan, 256)

The Council's 'Program of Social Reconstruction' did provide the United States with an alternative to the Socialist agenda of the British Labor Party. The bishops believed that the industrial wages workers received during the war should not be reduced by their employers in peacetime because wages had not risen above the current cost of living. The Council agreed that even if the cost of living declined, the current wage rate would now provide a standard of living in accord with Catholic social teaching. Moreover, the bishops emphasized that higher wages would increase American families' purchasing power, thereby accelerating and strengthening the return to a peacetime economy. (Nolan, 256-262)

Furthermore, the Council advocated establishing social insurance to support individuals with severe illness and chronic disabilities, those who were temporarily unemployed, and the elderly who needed care. The source of revenue for these benefits should predominantly come from employers' and workers' contributions, and workers' contributions should be extracted only when their wages exceeded what they need to support their families. The bishops stressed that the government should not be involved in these programs. Additionally, they were adamant that the government should immediately lift price controls on specific products that had been deemed strategically important during the war. (Nolan, 265-266)

The bishops also recognized the necessity of some basic changes to the U.S.

economic system. They highlighted the significant inadequacies and wastefulness in the current industrial paradigm. Additionally, the great disparity between the wages of the laboring class and those of wealthy industrialists had to be addressed. The Council believed that a positive step toward correcting these problems would be the establishment of membership-owned industrial, commercial, and financial enterprises. If employers and employees reached collaborative agreements, these cooperative pacts would increase efficiency and reduce the risk of political revolution. Moreover, the means of production and distribution of goods and services would be controlled by cooperatives rather than by the State. (Nolan, 268-269) The Council opined, "Socialism would mean bureaucracy, political tyranny, the helplessness of the individual as a factor in the ordering of his own life, and in general social inefficiency and decadence." (Nolan, 268)

However, the bishops believed that the enormous profits reaped by a small number of people at the top of the economy must be curtailed by government regulation. The Council supported higher tax rates on excessive income, along with inheritance taxes. Furthermore, the bishops thought that power that comes from enormous wealth creates opportunities for widespread abuse and should be regulated by law. Moreover, excessive tax revenue should be used to pay down the national war debt. (Nolan, 268-270)

The National War Council concluded by quoting Pope Leo XIII: "Society can be healed in no other way than by a return to Christian life and institutions." The bishops continued that the current problem would only be solved by Society returning to the Catholic definition of labor and profit. The worker must accept that he is obliged to give his employer and his community an honest day's work for

fair compensation. Conversely, the Council emphasized that employers must accept that wealth comes with great responsibility to the welfare of the community. These reforms, the bishops believed, were necessary to counter the Socialist alternative sweeping the nation. (Nolan, 270-271)

Discussion:

1. Do you agree with the authors of the *Applied History Manifesto*?
2. Do Our Blessed Mother's messages in her July apparition at Fatima have relevance to the current national and international conditions?
3. In what ways is the bishops' "Program for Social Reconstruction" applicable to the current political situation in the United States today?

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Enrico Nardi (Italian, 1864- 1947), ca. 1891 - 1892 "Pope Leo XIII Celebrating Mass" [Click Here for Link](#)

The Pope's Prayer Intentions

September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

November

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less..

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father Entrusted To His Worldwide
Prayer Network for the Year 2026 [Click Here for Link](#)

Lord, we thank you
for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice
that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:
accept our thanksgiving on this day.
We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

Mediation on the Second of the Joyful Mysteries

Mr. Jim Lynch, OP, Holy Rosary Fraternity #208, Summit, New Jersey

Please join in a short mediation on the second of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary – the Visitation. The mediation will focus on the faith of Elizabeth and John the Baptist.

As recounted in Luke's Gospel, Mary was told at the Annunciation that Elizabeth, her relative, was pregnant. It was implied that she was pregnant through divine intervention.

As a result of this message, Mary decided to visit Elizabeth. When Mary entered the house, Mary greeted Elizabeth. The baby leaped in Elizabeth's womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth then proclaimed that Mary and Jesus were blessed. Elizabeth then asked why the mother of her Lord should come to her and she recounted that John had leaped in her womb. All of this was said in a loud voice.

Note the great faith of Elizabeth and John. They are the first to proclaim the divinity of Christ and the divine maternity of Mary. Moreover, they each did this in a forceful way – Elizabeth spoke in a loud voice and John leaped in his mother's womb.

Both John and Elizabeth were given faith; they were given the gift to recognize the divinity of Christ and the divine maternity of Mary. Both proclaimed that faith in a forceful way.

Contrast this with the Pharisees and scribes who met Christ. Many of them saw, or heard about, His miracles. Lazarus was raised from dead, the son of the widow of Naim was raised, Jairus's daughter was healed, five thousand men were feed with five loaves and two fish. The Pharisees and scribes were witnesses to, or heard about, all these miracles and more.

Yet, they, as a group, refused to accept that Jesus was the Christ. Rather, they denounced Him and started the process by which He died.

It is true that these men were not given the gift of Faith. Their blindness, their refusal to see Christ in Jesus, to see the miracles he performed is truly sad. Equally sad would have been if Elizabeth and John had been given the gift of faith but had refused to proclaim it.

On the other hand, we have John and Elizabeth who were given the gift of faith and proclaimed the truth. We should most certainly find joy in John and Elizabeth. We should thank God for giving them faith. We should thank John and Elizabeth for proclaiming their faith so forcefully.

More than this, though, we should examine our own lives. We should pray for the gift of faith and for the courage to proclaim it, in imitation of Elizabeth and John.

Open Wide Your Mouth and I will Fill It.... Taking in the Eucharist

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A few days after Jesus' crucifixion and death, two of his grieving disciples find themselves walking on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:1-35). They encounter a man who walks with them and explains to them how the scriptures and prophets point to Jesus as Messiah, and that the Messiah had to suffer. Their hearts lifted, the disciples invite the man to stay-on with them. "At the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. And their eyes were opened" (Luke 24:30); they recognized the "man" as Jesus risen. Transformed by their encounter, the disciples abandon their plans, change direction, and joyfully run back to Jerusalem to share the good news with the others.

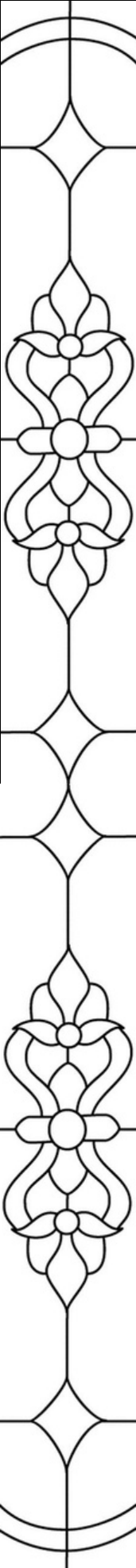
Hearts Moved by Understanding

So, too, Jesus accompanies each of us. Our encounters, as unique as who we are and where we are in our faith-life journey, deepen in recalling a simple truth - we did not create ourselves... We exist because God is ever present to us, God loved us before we existed, intentionally loved us into existence, and loves us in each moment. He placed us on this tiny amazing oasis of a planet in the midst of an immense, ordered, fine-tuned universe - all of which only hints at God's incomprehensible magnificence. It is all His... we are all His... We walk in the ether of God's unfathomable love, under God's loving gaze, God providing what we need... when we need it... for our good - relationship with Him.... As we grow in awe... humility... reverence... gratitude... and trust, we find our hearts moved to respond to God's invitation and we are drawn to God.

God makes his invitation in ways we can understand. In the Eucharist, Jesus gives himself to us completely in a way we can see, touch, and take-in - in a way that resonates with our being. Our encounter deepens when we, like the Emmaus disciples, come to understand the gift of Jesus and the Eucharist as sacrifice and covenant. Sacrifice, the giving of self or what is dear to us to show love, compassion, gratitude, make amends, praise, honor, and worship. Covenant, a solemn commitment, the giving of one's life to fulfill the promise of relationship. Sacrifice and covenant are together the glue that binds, grows, and sustains our most important relationships.

God enters into covenant relationship with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, and the prophets, each building on the one before, each requiring sacrifice. In the Passover covenant, God through Moses directs the people to sacrifice a lamb, paint the doorway with its blood, and eat the lamb as a family covenant meal. Death passes over those who shared in the covenant. God then leads them in an Exodus: freeing them from Egyptian slavery, giving them laws for their good, providing them manna - heavenly bread, to nourish them on their journey through the desert to the promised land where they will worship by offering sacrifice and meet God in the temple. The foundation laid, God tells the Hebrews to expect **more** - a blessing for all nations (Jer. 31:31-33 et al.)

The scriptures opened to them, the Emmaus disciples understood Jesus is himself the "more," the new and greater king and lawgiver - the new and greater Passover sacrifice and covenant. They understood Jesus in the Eucharist is **our**



family covenant meal and communion with one another, our bread from heaven - food for nourishment for our life journey through the desert to the promised land of life with God. Jesus leading our Exodus from slavery to self and sin, became in himself, the new temple - through whom and in whom all people can properly thank, worship, and meet God. God's plan and love revealed resonated in their being.

The Heart of the Matter

In this understanding we experience each mass, as God's further gift **to us**. We hear his life-giving Word. Each time the bread and wine are consecrated and offered in thanksgiving worship, in hearing his words of sacrifice for us and covenant with us, we experience... God's thirst that we thirst for Him... God's faithfulness... God's mercy greater than any sin... and God's providence - that "what man intended for evil, God intended for good," (Gen. 50:20) as the cross of death becomes our tree of life. **And so we proclaim at the Easter Vigil** "O happy fault" (Exultet) of our first parents

that led to God's astounding counter-intuitive plan and the grace of Jesus and the Eucharist.

At each mass we are invited: "open wide your mouth and I will fill it" (Psalm 81) ... to approach the Eucharist anew, with open empty hands, not wanting or needing to know what's next, trusting his plan is better than our plan, that "in His will is our peace" (Dante, Paradiso III, 85) ... asking Him to open our hearts and grow our trust... show us what we may be holding onto that might get in the way of his grace... surrender to his love for us that is his work in us... be transformed to the fullness of who we are meant to be... and seek only what we truly need - Him. In so doing, we may find our relationship with God moves from being a part of our lives to being more fully the center of our lives around which we live the life he gave us, his peace in our hearts no matter the storms, and like the Emmaus disciples, the good news on our lips as we share the love of Christ in everything we do and with everyone we meet.

On the Path to Life

Miss Sheila Augustine Karipel, OP, Holy Rosary Fraternity #208, Summit, New Jersey

Jesus said to St. Thomas the Apostle, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life (Jn 14:6a).” Earlier in Jn 1:51, Jesus had made this claim when He compared Himself to Jacob’s ladder (Gen 28:12, a prophetic image of Christ who bridges heaven and earth by the union of His divine and human natures). He is the one perfect mediator chosen by the Father to bring the human family to glory. Only He can open to us the access to the “Father’s house”, to God’s life and happiness.

In *Catena Aurea* on Jn 14:6, St. Thomas Aquinas cites St. Augustine’s sermons, *On the Words of the Lord*: Because Jesus is human, He is the way, and because He is God, He is the destination. “Walk by the Man, and you will arrive at God. For it is better to limp on the right way than to walk ever so stoutly on the wrong.” Clinging to Jesus ensures us a secure path as He is the way that keeps us from wandering off.

“Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name (Ps 86:11).” Jesus has taught us the immense worth of humility and suffering humiliation, and the ephemerality of the satisfactions we get from carnal instincts. He is replicating His own life in the experiences of the faithful, leading us down the path that He himself once walked. “For to this you have been called, because Christ also

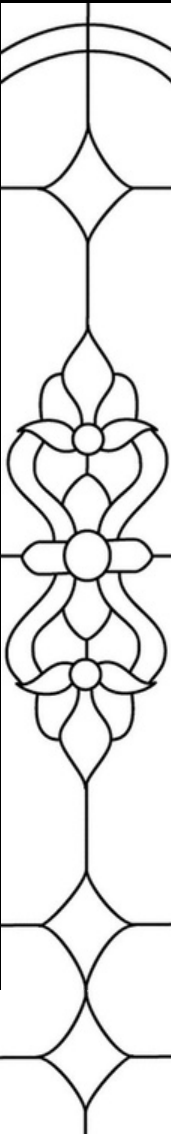
suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps (1 Pet 2:21).” Instead of being disheartened by suffering or abuse, we should count it a privilege to suffer the same maltreatment endured by our Lord. “In spite of everything let us give thanks to the Lord our God, who is putting us to the test as He did our forefathers (Jud 8:25).”

Though unpleasant, chastening is an act of God’s love that helps us to grow in moral maturity. We are called to walk the straight road of moral righteousness, being careful not to veer off in the direction of sin (cf. Prov 4:27). “I [Jesus who is identified as “the Servant of Yahweh”] will lead the blind in a way that they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them (Is 42:16a).” The One calling each one of us by name is the Lord, the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11); He leads His flock away from dangers and into safe pastures.

Jesus has stated explicitly in the Beatitudes that the vision of God is a blessing reserved for those who are pure (Mt 5:8). Final and perfect happiness can consist in nothing else than the vision of the Divine Essence (*Summa Theologica* I-II.Q3.A8). The glory that awaits believers is nothing less than a direct vision of Christ (1 Jn 3:2).

“We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7).”

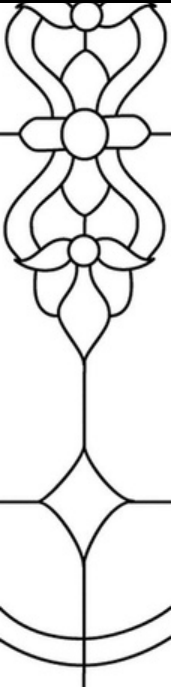
CCC 2519: The “pure in heart” are



promised that they will see God face to face and be like Him. Purity of heart is the precondition of the vision of God. Even now it enables us to see according to God, to accept others as “neighbors”; it lets us perceive the human body - ours and our neighbor's - as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a manifestation of divine beauty.

CCC 163: Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God “face to face”, “as He is.” So faith is already the beginning of eternal life: When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall one day enjoy.

Links of Interest

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- Elhabbal, Madalaine, EWTN News, August 18, 2026, “Catholic Relief Services receives share of \$1.4 billion in aid to faith-based groups,” [Click Here for Link](#)
 - Ordo Praedicatorum, August 6, 2026, “Pope Leo XIV Appoints Benjamin Earl Consultor to Dicastery for Consecrated Life,” [Click Here for Link](#)
 - The Hillbilly Thomists, “Marigold,” [Click Here for Link](#)

Other USA Lay Dominican Province Newsletters:

- Province of St. Albert the Great Province, “Veritas,” [Click Here for Link](#); province website: <https://laity.opcentral.org/>
- Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, “In His Name,” [Click Here for Link](#), province website: <https://opwestlaity.org/>
- Province of St. Martin de Porres, province website: <https://laydomsouth.org>

Te Deum

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters! Keep them in your prayers.

**Our Lady of Hope
Fraternity #206**
Mastic Beach, NY

Perpetual
Mrs. Christine Bridges, OP

**St. Louis de Montfort
Fraternity #406**
Bath, Pennsylvania

Reception
Mr. Joshua Clemens
Mr. Francisco Pena-Ariet

Holy Rosary Fraternity #403
Haddon Heights, New Jersey

Temporary Profession
Mr. David Stutzenburg, OP
Mrs. Linda Stutzenburg, OP

Perpetual
Mrs. Christine Bridges, OP

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Fraternity #410**
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Perpetual
Mr. Theodore Bassano, OP
Mr. Stephen Tambolas, OP

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Fraternity #413**
Honesdale, Pennsylvania

Perpetual
Mrs. Grace Peletier, OP

De Profundis

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may the perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Miss Evelyn Crus Orogó, OP

Maria

St. Louis de Montfort Fraternity #406

Bath, Pennsylvania

Perpetual Profession: January 26, 2001

Date of Death: August 8, 2026

Ms. Sandra Tucker, OP

Rose of Lima

St. Louis de Montfort Fraternity #406

Bath, Pennsylvania

Perpetual Profession: October 14, 2006

Date of Death: May 6, 2026

Region 2



Back row (l to r): Ms. Nancy Nothdurft, OP; Mrs. Tina Dannelly, OP; Mr. Patrick Fahey, OP; Father Joseph-Mary Hertzog, O.P.; Mr. Christopher Jung, OP

Front row (l to r): Mrs. Pat Kellenberger, OP; Mrs. Maria Gervasio, OP; Mrs. Kathy Gillen, OP; Mrs. Christine Bridges, OP; Mrs. Barbara Gottfried, OP; Ms. Melinda Anderson, OP

Our Lady of Hope Fraternity #206 Mastic Beach, NY

On Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026. Dominican Father Joseph-Mary Hertzog celebrated the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Patchogue, New York, and performed the rite of perpetual profession of **Mrs. Christine Bridges, OP**. A reception followed at the parish center.

Region 4

Holy Rosary Fraternity #403 Haddon Heights, New Jersey

Holy Rosary Fraternity announces with joy the perpetual profession of **Mrs. Victoria Nichols, OP** on June 28, 2026 at St. Rose of Lima Church. Also, making temporary professions were **Mrs. Linda Stutzenburg, OP** and **Mr. David Stutzenburg, OP**. Father Dominic Bottino, Religious Assistant, presided over the professions and Mrs. Joanne Sarkees, Fraternity President, received the promises.



l to r: Mrs. Carol Capelli, OP; Mr. David Stutzenburg, OP; Mrs. Linda Stutzenburg, OP; Father Dominic Bottino, Religious Assistant; Joanne Sarkees, OP Fraternity President; Mrs. Victoria Nichols OP.

Region 4 (cont.)

St. Louis de Montfort Fraternity #406 Bath, Pennsylvania

On February 28, 2026, **Mr. Francisco Pena-Ariet** and **Mr. Joshua Clemens** made their profession at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Father Christopher Butera presided and Mr. John Tucker, OP., President of the Fraternity received the members.



l to r: Mr. John Tucker OP, Mr. Christopher Adams OP, Mr. Francisco Pena-Ariet, Deacon Lewis Ferris, Ms. Cecilia Gonella OP, Ms. Jacqueline Smith, Mr. Joshua Clemens, Mr. Anthony Marchetto, OP and Mr. Jonathan Wiseman.

St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #410 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

On Saturday, August 1, 2026 **Mr. Stephen Tambolis, OP** and **Mr. Theodore Bassano, OP** made their perpetual professions at St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center in Elverson, PA. Fr. James Sullivan, O.P., Retreat Master presided and Mrs. Lisa Ritter, OP, President of the Fraternity, received the promises.



*Back row (l to r): Mr. Thomas DeAngelis, OP; Mr. Ron Lewis, OP, Mr. Dan Kerr, OP; Mrs. Rosemary Denshaw, OP; and Mr. Stephen Tambolas, OP.
Front row (l to r): Fr. James Sullivan, O.P.; Mrs. Lisa Ritter, OP; and Mr. Theodore Bassano, OP.*

Friars Calendar

Ms. Amy Strickland, OP, Fra Angelico Fraternity #510, Washington, D.C.

September

September 1

Father Stuart McPhail
Matthew Vincent Reilly

September 2

Father Antoninus Niemiec
Thomas Ciaran Fergus

September 3

Father Raymund Snyder
Thomas Matthew McGlynn

September 4

Father Lawrence Nwabueze
John Raymond Vandegrift

September 5

Father Peter Trinh
Edward Pius De Cantillon

September 6

Brother Nathaniel Labs
James Reginald Coffey

September 7

Brother Athanasius Becker
John Thaddeus Carrigan

September 8

Father Peter Nguyen
Richard Hugh Wreisner

September 9

Father Olusola Adewole
William Alexander Holt

September 10

Father Joseph-Mary Hertzog
John Kilian O'Malley

September 11

Brother Brian Witalia
Hyacinth Peter Frendo

September 12

Brother Barnabas Wilson
John Matthew Donahue

September 13

Brother Sebastian Vicente
Thomas Ceslaus McGowan

September 14

Father Jordan Turano
Joseph Hugh Mulhern

September 15

Father Peter John Cameron
Bernard Constantius Werner

September 16

Brother Gerard Deangelis
William Raymond Bonniwell

September 17

Father Isaac Morales
John Dominic Santoro

September 18

Father Kevin Kraft
Robert Raymond Blais

September 19

Brother Patrick Bubel
John Jordan Duffy

September 20

Father William Marquis
Frederick Aquinas Gordon

September 21

Brother Jean-Joseph Greenridge
Thomas Kevin Connolly

September 22

Father Philip Neri Reese
Stuart Bede Campbell

September 23

Father Michael Ciccone
William David Folsey

September 24

Father Charles Shonk
Kevin Anthony McGrath

September 25

Father George Schommer
Joseph Clement Burns

September 26

Brother Ambrose Power
Emile Dalmatius Reville

September 27

Father Peter Gautsch
Edward Justin Brodie

September 28

Brother Allon Arinaitwe
Richard Donald Danilowicz

September 29

Father Anthony Giambrone
John Vincent Morrin

September 30

Father Thomas Davenport
Arthur Pius McEvoy

October

October 1

Father Thomas McCreesh
James Justin Cunningham

October 2

Brother Innocent Hillman
Justin Justin Cunningham

October 3

Father Ceslaus Kowalkowski
Edward Sylvester Dorsey

October 4

Brother Pier Giorgio Gould
James Quentin Barnett

October 5

Father Nicholas Lombardo
Bernard Christopher McCabe

October 6

Father Justin Brophy
Bruce Aquinas Williams

October 7

Father James Cuddy
Paul Leo Slanina

October 8

Father Hugh Vincent Dyer
Raymond Thomas Aquinas Collins

October 9

Brother Martin Davis
Michael Peter Coyne

October 10

Father Justin Bolger
John Joseph McInnis

October 11

Father Albert Duggan
Adrian Ludger Dionne

October 12

Father Paul Marich
William Joseph Hill

October 13

Father Maurice Schepers
John Clement Gilroy

October 14

Father Kenneth Sicard
Ernest Francis Kelly

October 15

Brother Louis Nitbakunze
Hugh Justin McManus

October 16

Brother Albert Dempsey
James Vincent Watson

October 17

Father Reginald Lynch
James Paul Aldridge

October 18

Father James Sullivan
Arthur Cornelius Tierney

October 19

Father Pius Pietrzyk
John Reginald Smith

October 20

Father Alan Piper
Charles John O'Connell

October 21

Father Dominic Bump
Thomas Augustine Dyson

October 22

Father Albert Paretsky
Salvatore Bonaventure Matarazzo

October 23

Brother Peter Goyette
Albert Mark Schratz

October 24

Father Luke Tancrell
John Joseph Mahoney

October 25

Fr. Maximilian Jaskowak
Edward Vincent Ferrer Clancy

October 26

Father Michael Dosch
John Benedict McLaughlin

October 27

Father Gerard Timoner
John Jordon Warnock

October 28

Father Vincent De Lucia
Patrick Dominic Mullahy

October 29

Brother John Bosco Waryuba
John Charles Fabian

October 30

Father Jacob Restruck
Edward Martin McDonald

October 31

Father Peter Fegan
Joseph Bertrand Soeldner

November

November 1

Father Nicanor Austriaco
Paul Christopher Perrotta

November 2

Father John Martin Ruiz
Nicholas Giles Rutolo

November 3

Father James Brent
William Antoninus Horgan

November 4

Father Dominic Eshikena
Francis Kevin O'Connell

November 5

Father Raymond Nwabueze
James John McLarney

November 6

Father John Baptist Nguyen
Rudolph Francis Vollmer

November 7

Father Bryan Davies
Charles Terence Quinn

November 8

Brother Innocent Opio
James Cornelius Hahn

November 9

Father Aquinas Guilbeau
Bruno Casimir Zvirblis

November 10

Father Thomas Blau
Daneil Walter van Rooy

November 11

Father Carleton Jones
Stephen Bernard Jurasko

November 12

Father Anthony Dinh
Francis Dominic Nealy

November 13

Father Bernard Confer
James Andrew Mackin

November 14

Father Bertrand Hebert
Joseph James Bavero

November 15

Father Martin Philip Bui
Mark Paul Francis Small

November 16

Father Charles Ukwé
James Andrew Nicolichia

November 17

Father Joseph Osunde
Anthony Ignatius Cataudo

November 18

Father Andre-Joseph Lacasse
Charles Henry O'Brien

November 19

Father Leo Camurati
Malcom Sylvester Willoughby

November 20

Father Vincent Ferrer Bagan
Charles Valerian Lucier

November 21

Brother Benson Mwilu Sila
Camillus Albert Musselman

November 22

Father David Orique
Raymond Charles Bertheaux

November 23

Father Stephen Ryan
Thomas Jordan Ertle

November 24

Father Dominic Azagbor
Louis Luke Turon

November 25

Father Tukura Pius Michael
John Peter Farrell

November 26

Father Patrick Neil Morrison
John Clement Kent

November 27

Brother Gabriel O'Neill
Nadra John Benedict Joseph

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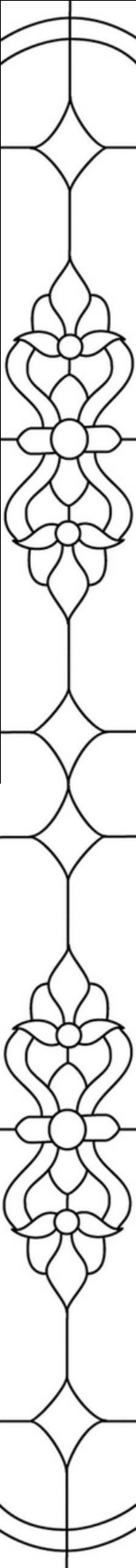
Note: We pray daily for the living friars and *deceased* friars of our province (in no particular order).

Necrology

Our Particular Directory and Rule call us to daily prayer for the deceased members of our Lay Dominican family. To help us direct our prayers, here are deceased members of our province by month. Please send any corrections, additions, or comments to your region president.—Ed.

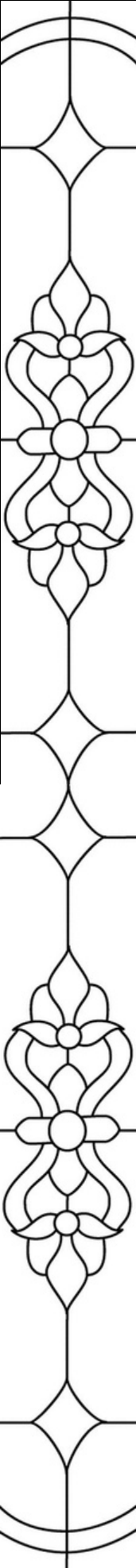
September

- 1 Miss Charlotte Chesbro, OP (2016), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
Rev. Bogumil Koscieszka-Stregomia, OP (2016), Immaculate Conception Fraternity #505
Mrs. Simone Letendre, OP (2009), Mother of God Fraternity #103
Mrs. Anna Saccamanno, OP (2011), Our Lady of Hope Fraternity #206
- 2 Mrs. Geraldine Roche, OP (2022), St. Mary Fraternity #108
- 3 Mr. Paul Terhaar, OP (2019), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
- 4 Ms. Anna Murphy, OP (2010), St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
- 7 Mrs. Mary Potwora, OP (2020), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
Ms. Mary Walsh, OP (2016), Holy Rosary Fraternity #208
- 8 Ms. Marie Richello, OP (2010), St. Mary Fraternity #108
- 9 Ms. Rose McGuire, OP (2018), St. Dominic's Fraternity #601
- 11 Ms. Virginia Clifford, OP (2008), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #204
Miss E. Carol Cotter, OP (2017), Our Lady of Providence /
St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #106
Mrs. Arlene Murphy, OP (2021), St. Mary Fraternity #108
- 13 Mrs. Elaine Becker, OP (2015), #303
Mrs. Jean LoCascio, OP (2009), Queen of the Rosary Fraternity #205
- 14 Mr. John Berry, OP (2010), St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
- 17 Mrs. Rose Henderson, OP (2015), Our Lady of Hope Fraternity #206
- 19 Ms. Sheila Addington, OP (2019), St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #301
Miss Pasqualina Mezzanotte, OP (2008), St. Mary Fraternity #108
- 20 Ms. GildaMarie Arnold, OP (2010), Our Lady of Hope Fraternity #206
Ms. Deanette Pease, OP (2010), Mother of God Fraternity #103
- 22 Ms. Dorothy Cunningham, OP (2020), Caldwell University Fraternity #209
Mr. Gerard McGough, OP (2024), St. Louis de Montfort Fraternity #406
- 23 Mr. Joseph Crowley, OP (2006), St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
Mr. Harold Joyce, OP (2016), Mother of God Fraternity #103
Ms. Teresa Pignio, OP (2017), Holy Rosary Fraternity #208
- 25 Mrs. Catherine Jamiolkowski, OP (2018), Our Lady of Hope Fraternity #206
- 26 Ms. Cecilia Foglio, OP (2008), #303
- 27 Ms. Stella Dziedzina, OP (2013), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401

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- 28 Miss Laretta Fox, OP (2019), St. Mary Fraternity #108
Ms. Lydia Greene, OP (2011), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603
Ms. Alice Gallo, OP (2016), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401
Mr. Stanley Strong, OP (2018), St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #511
Dr. Ronald Vardiman, OP (2013), Immaculate Conception Fraternity #505
 - 29 Mrs. Elizabeth Crowley, OP (2011), St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
Mr. Frank Fletcher, OP (2012), Immaculate Conception Fraternity #505
Mr. Dominic Tondo, OP (2019), Immaculate Conception Fraternity #505
 - 30 Miss Rita Murphy, OP (2013), Our Lady of Providence / St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #106

October

- 1 Mr. Kenneth Caldwell, OP (2016), St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
Mrs. Mary Hughes, OP (2011), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
Ms. Josephine Kelly, OP (2013), Our Lady of the Assumption Fraternity #203
- 2 Ms. Ann Eikamp, OP (2013), Our Lady of Hope Fraternity (Sacred Heart Chapter) #206 (210)
- 3 Ms. Rosemary Berger, OP (2017), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
Mr. Walter Hupala, OP (2017), Our Lady of Providence / St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #106
Mrs. Catherine Lewis, OP (2013), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603
Ms. Lea Martorelli, OP (2020), St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #301
Mr. Augustine Puchrik, OP (2010), Immaculate Conception Fraternity #505
- 5 Ms. Helen Giovanucci, OP (2012), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #204
- 6 Mr. Jerome N. Domann, OP (2019), St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #610
Mrs. Bonnie Kaelin, OP (2019), St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #606
Mr. Joseph Sikorski, OP (2011), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
- 8 Ms. Elba Caruso, OP (2021), St. Mary Fraternity #108
Mr. Robert Meyer, OP (2025), St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #413
- 9 Ms. Julia Marcincin, OP (2017), Expectation of the Blessed Mother Fraternity #405
- 10 Mrs. Rita Golinski, OP (2006), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
Mrs. Generose Spalding, OP (2020), St. Dominic's Fraternity #611
- 11 Ms. Mary Jane Jensen, OP (2019), Our Lady of the Assumption Fraternity #203
- 12 Miss Josephine McCarthy, OP (2014), Our Lady of Providence /
St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #106
- 14 Mr. Dominic Muoio, OP (2016), Holy Rosary Fraternity #208
Mrs. Ann Usher, OP (2011), St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #606
- 15 Mr. Neil Infante, OP (2018), St. Dominic's Fraternity #601
Ms. Teresa Ritti, OP (2015), Our Lady of Prouille Fraternity #407
- 16 Mr. Claude Foley, OP (2014), St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #602
Miss Suzanne (Jean Roderick) Kost, OP (2016), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603
Mrs. Marguerite Rivest, OP (2017), Mother of God Fraternity #103



October (cont.)

- 18 Mrs. Mary Hickson, OP (2016), Mother of God Fraternity #103
Mrs. Ann Maloney, OP (2010), Mother of God Fraternity #103
- 19 Ms. Mary Sullivan, OP (1992), Queen of the Rosary Fraternity #2020
Mrs. Ramona Mazzeo, OP (2016), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #204
Mrs. Doris Skowron, OP (2019), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
- 22. Ms. Evangeline Carr Eaton, OP (1992), St. Mary Fraternity #108
- 23. Ms. Theresa Skiba, OP (2017), Holy Rosary Fraternity #403
- 24 Mrs. Mildred Kosma, OP (2012), Our Lady of Prouille Fraternity #407
Mrs. Cecilia Barrett, OP (2013), St. Mary Fraternity #108
Mrs. Patricia Sadlo, OP (2020), St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #606
- 25 Ms. Marie Teti, OP (2019), Our Lady of Prouille Fraternity #407
- 27 Mr. Nelson Letendre, OP (2017), Mother of God Fraternity #103
- 29 Miss Jeanette Fabianski, OP (2007), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304

November

- 2 Mr. Kasuma Santos, OP (2013), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603
- 3 Mrs. Sally Sexauer, OP (2010), Holy Rosary Fraternity #403
Mrs. Margaret McGarry, OP (2016), St. Mary Fraternity #108
- 4 Mrs. Eleanor Carlo, OP (2007), St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
Ms. Dorothea Clancy, OP (2013), St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
- 5 Mr. George Hyland, OP (2012), Our Lady of Providence / St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #106
- 6 Mrs. Ellen Iovannisci, OP (2017), St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #301
Mrs. Agnes Neafsey, OP (2015), Our Lady of Hope Fraternity #206
- 7 Mrs. Anna Mary Boyst, OP (2018), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401
Mr. Ronald Michalek, OP (2009), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
Mrs. Irene T. Richthammer, OP (2016), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
Miss Patricia Shea, OP (2010), Mother of God Fraternity #103

Those whose date of death is unknown have been included under November 8, the Dominican Anniversary of Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Order. If you have information on a date of death, please let your fraternity president know so that the database can be updated.

- 8 Ms. Helen Barker, OP, Queen of the Rosary Fraternity #205
Mrs. Grace Berry, OP, St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
Mr. Patrick Bibbo, OP, Our Lady of Mercy Fraternity #110
Mrs. Candida Booth, OP, Mother of God Fraternity #103
Bro Raymond Bouthot, OP, St. Margaret of Castello ProChapter #114

November (cont.)

Mrs. Helen Bradley, OP, St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
Ms. Eleanor Broschiart, OP, Queen of the Rosary Fraternity #205
Mrs. Elaine Buda, OP, #303
Ms. Julie Buonocore, OP, Queen of the Rosary Fraternity #205
Ms. Pamela Cambron, OP, #611
Mr. Jesus Castillo, OP, Our Lady of Mercy Fraternity #110
Mrs. Carolina Celebuski, OP, #405
Mrs. Constance Champigny, OP, Mother of God Fraternity #103
Mrs. Mary Virginia Croce, OP, Resurrection Fraternity #109
Ms. Josephine Daly, OP, Queen of the Rosary Fraternity #205
Mr. Delmont Davis, OP, Our Lady of Mercy Fraternity #110
Ms. Margeret DeMarco, OP, St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401
Ms. Christine Dumin, OP, Queen of the Rosary Fraternity #205
Ms. Stella Dziedzina, OP, St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401
Mr. Jack Falcone, OP, Holy Rosary Fraternity #208
Ms. Rose Mary Femino, OP, Our Lady of Providence /
St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #106
Ms. Vita Ferreri, OP, Queen of the Rosary Fraternity #205
Ms. Alice Gallo, OP, St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #401
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Ms. Elly Guihan, OP, Mother of God Fraternity #103
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Mr. Eugene Rogers, OP, Immaculate Conception Fraternity #505
Mr. John Salvato, OP, Holy Rosary Fraternity #208
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Ms. Elizabeth Selinger, OP, Holy Rosary Fraternity #403
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Mr. William Sheehan, OP, Our Lady of Mercy Fraternity #110
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Ms. Jean Valenti, OP, Holy Rosary Fraternity #403
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Ms. Elizabeth Vitale, OP, Holy Rosary Fraternity #208
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Walling, OP, Mother of God Fraternity #103
Ms. Gloria Wilkinson, OP, Our Lady of Fatima / St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #504
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Ms. Mary Piechota, OP (2014), Expectation of the Blessed Mother Fraternity #405

10 Ms. Kathleen Beisel, OP (2008), St. Martin de Porres Fraternity #101
Ms. Mary S. Cain, OP (2008), Mary Queen of Apostles Fraternity #302
Mrs. Marilyn C. Grant, OP (2020), Our Lady of Peace Fraternity #605

11 Ms. Sarah 'Sally' Sladewski, OP (2020), Most Holy Rosary Fraternity #201

12 Mr. Thomas Martin, OP (2016), Immaculate Conception Fraternity #505

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- 13 Mrs. Dorothy Mozden, OP (2009), Mother of God Fraternity #103
- 14 Ms. Elmee Kindelanm OP (2003), St. Mary Fraternity #108
- 16 Ms. Nancy Coleman, OP (2018), St. Mary Fraternity #108
Ms. Nellie Rose Casey Franz, OP (2009), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603
- 17 Mr. Francis "Frank" Barry, OP (2011), St. Mary Fraternity #108
Miss Catherine Chen, OP (2015), St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603
Mr. Jorge Zerquera, OP (2023), Our Lady of Mercy Fraternity #110
- 18 Mrs. Telma Richardson, OP (2011), Mother of God Fraternity #103
- 19 Mrs. Dolores Domingos, OP (2011), Mother of Mercy Fraternity #107
Mrs. Catherine Murphy, OP (2015), Mother of God Fraternity #103
- 20 Ms. Clementia Valentino, OP (2010), St. Mary Fraternity #108
Mrs. Florence Grzybowski, OP (2014), Immaculate Heart Fraternity #304
- 22 Ms. Anna Hitcho, OP (2014), Expectation of the Blessed Mother Fraternity #405
- 25 Mr. Milton Rice, OP (2020), Our Lady of Mercy Fraternity #110
Mrs. Eleanor "Ellie" Schnettler, OP (2012), St. Louis Bertrand Fraternity #609
- 26 Ms. Alice R. Clark, OP (2020), Our Lady of Fatima / St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #504
- 28 Mr. Thomas Quinn, OP (2016), St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity #602
- 29 Mrs. Catherine J. Shaw, OP (2023), Holy Rosary Fraternity #403

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED SISTERS AND BROTHERS!



Jusepe de Ribera, (Spanish, 1591 - 1652). "St. Joseph with the Flowering Rod," ca. early 1630s, Brooklyn Museum,
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Dominican Saints and Blessed

Mr. Michael Murphy OP, St. Catherine of Siena Fraternity #603, Columbus, Ohio

September

2 Bl. Guala of Bergamo, friar and bishop (1180–1244)

Bl. Ingrid of Skänninge, widow and nun (d. 1282)

4 Bl. Catherine Mattei of Racconigi, Lay Dominican and virgin (1486–1574)

5 Anniversary of Deceased Friends and Benefactors

6 Bl. Bertrand of Garrigue, friar and priest (1195–1230);

Bl. Michael (John Francis) Czartorysky, friar and priest (1897–1944); and Julia (Stanislawa) Rodzinska, virgin, sister, (1899–1945), martyrs in Poland

7 Bl. John-Joseph Lataste, friar and priest (1832–1869)

8 The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, feast

14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

16 Ember Day

18 St. John Macias, brother (1585–1645)

Ember Day

19 Bl. Pio Alberto del Corona, friar and bishop (1837–1912)

Ember Day

20 Bl. Mark Scalabrini of Modena, priest (d. 1498);

Bl. Francis de Posadas, priest (1644–1713);

21 St. Matthew, Apostle, feast

22. Bb. Hyacinth Serrano Lopez, priest (1832-1869), and companions, martyrs in Spain

23 Ember Day

24 Bl. Dalmatius Moner, friar and priest (1291–1341)

28 St. Dominic Ibañez de Erquicia, friar and priest (1589–1633); St. James

Kyushei Tomonaga, friar and priest (1582–1633); St. Lawrence Ruiz, Lay Dominican and husband (1600–1637); and companions, martyrs in Japan;

Bl. Alphonsus Navarrete, priest (d. 1617); and companions, martyrs in Japan;

St. Laurence of Ripafratta, priest (1373–1456)

29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, feast

October

3 Bl. Dominic Spadafora, friar and priest (1450–1521)

4 HOLY FATHER FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DEACON (1181–1226), feast

5 Bl. Raymond of Capua, friar, priest, and Master of the Order (1330–1399)

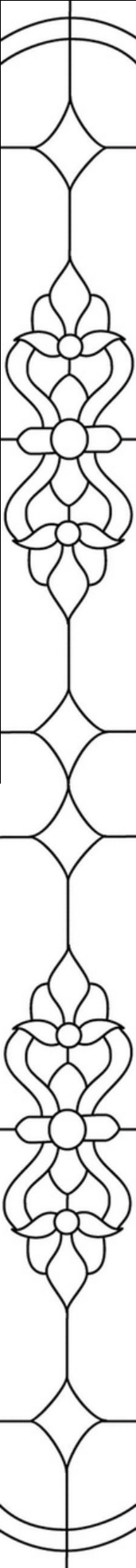
6 St. Bartolo Longo, Lay Dominican (1841–1926)

7 Our Lady of the Rosary, feast

8 Bl. Ambrose Sansedoni, friar and priest (1220–1286);

Bl. Matthew Carreri, friar and priest (1420–1470)

9 St. Louis Bertran, friar and priest (1526–1581)



October (cont.)

- 11 Bl. James Griesinger of Ulm, friar and religious (1407–1491)
13 Bl. Magdalen Pannatieri, Lay Dominican and virgin (1433–1503)
14 Bl. Mary Poussepin, Lay Dominican and virgin (1653–1744)
18 St. Luke, Evangelist, feast
19 Bl. Agnes of Jesus Galand, nun and virgin (1602–1634)
21 Bl. Peter Capucci of Città di Castello, friar and priest (1390–1445)
22 Anniversary of the Dedication of Conventual Churches, solemnity
25 Bl. Peter Geremia, friar and priest (1399–1452)
26 Bl. Damian Furcheri of Finale, friar and priest (d. 1484)
27 Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza, friar and priest (1200–1271)
28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles, feast
30 Bl. Benvenuta Bojani, Lay Dominican and virgin (1254–1292);
Bl. Terence Albert O'Brian, bishop (1601–1651); and Bl. Peter Higgins, priest
(1601–1642), martyrs in Ireland

November

- 1 ALL SAINTS, solemnity**
2 All Souls Day
3 St. Martin de Porres, brother (1579–1639), feast
5 Bl. Simon Ballachi, friar and religious (1240–1319)
6 Bl. Bonaventure Garcia Paredes (1866–1936), friar and priest; Bl. Hyacinth Lopez,
and companions, martyrs in Spain
7 All Saints of the Order of Preachers, feast
8 Anniversary of Deceased Brothers and Sisters
9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, feast
14 Bl. John Liccio, friar and priest (1400–1511);
Bl. Lucy Broccadelli of Narni, sister and virgin (1476–1544)
**15 St. Albert the Great, friar, bishop, and Doctor of the Church (1205–1280),
feast**
19 Bl. James Benfatti, friar and bishop (1200s–1332);
St. Maria Alphonsina Danil Ghattas, virgin (1843–1927)
22 Christ the King, solemnity
24 St. Ignatius Delgado, friar & bishop, (1761–1838), St. Vincent Liem, (1731–1773),
friar & priest, St. Dominic An-Kham, (1799–1859) Lay Dominican and
father, and companions, martyrs in Vietnam
26 Thanksgiving Day
27 Bl. Margaret of Savoy, nun and religious (1390–1464)
28 St. Zdislava Berkiani, matron (1220–1252) [In the U.S.]
30 St. Andrew, Apostle, feast

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