



# OPFAM

## Dominican Family Matters

*A Newsletter for the Dominican Family in Australia, New Zealand, Solomons and Papua New Guinea*

**Woe to us if we do not preach the Gospel!**

*Motto for the years leading up to 800<sup>th</sup> celebration in 2016;*

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**“We hear them speaking in our own tongues of the marvellous acts of God” (Acts 2:11):  
Preaching and Culture / Community Preaching**

### Dominican Thought For the Week

“Both by word and letter, he often instructed and urged the brethren of the Order to make a constant study of the Old and New Testament. The witness [John of Spain] heard him say this and saw the letters. He always carried Matthew’s Gospel and Paul’s Epistles with him. From studying them so much, he almost knew them from memory.”

*From the testimonies given regarding Dominic’s cause for canonization at Bologna in 1233.*

### Refugee Tutoring Program

Siena College students in Melbourne participate in the Refugee Tutoring program run by the Edmund Rice Foundation, formerly known as Christian Brothers, at St Albans on Monday afternoons after school several times each term. Nine students accompanied by two volunteer teachers attend each session. The program set up by the Edmund Rice Foundation, provides a nurturing environment and place for refugee children largely from Sudan with homework tasks. Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 volunteer to participate in the program. With our 4th year of involvement more than 60 students are on the roster. This is one small way for students and staff to develop an understanding of a key Dominican value, SERVICE to others less fortunate than ourselves and to appreciate the struggles of new arrival children to our land

### Worthwhile Reading

#### Preaching Justice:

#### **DOMINICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL ETHICS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY**

Edited by Francesco Compagnoni OP and Helen Alford OPPreface by Gustavo Gutiérrez OP  
Preaching Justice covers the work of over 30 individual Dominicans, friars and laity, across the troubled period of the twentieth century – ranging from friars who went down the mines in the early 1900s, through lay Dominican artists who developed radical social aesthetics, to a friar who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1958; and on to those who resisted totalitarian communism in Eastern Europe, Preaching Justice looks also at major social theorists, like Arthur Utz, Louis-Joseph Lebret, and Edward Krapiec The Dominicans discussed here were deeply involved in all the major political and socio-economic issues of their day.

#### **Unbroken Communion: The Place and Meaning of Suffering in the Theology of Edward Schillebeeckx OP**

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The reality of suffering is the greatest challenge to faith in the goodness of creation and the possibility of salvation. Edward Schillebeeckx not only takes this into account, but dialectically incorporates the reality of suffering into a theology generally defined by its focus on the interrelated themes of creation, salvation, and eschatological hope. In Unbroken

Communion, Kathleen Anne McManus, O.P., traces the origins of Schillebeeckx's thought, its development, and its consequences.

Schillebeeckx grounds his entire theological project in the promise of a divine/human future made visible in creation and entrusted to human freedom. Because suffering is so tangibly present in human experience, it provides the means, dialectically, of imaging the horizon of our hope. It is thus that Schillebeeckx turns suffering into hope.

## **Dominican Calendar**

**May-10**        **St. Antoninus of Florence** (1389-1459) [M] Italian, Archbishop of Florence, moral theologian, author, reformer, canonized 1523.

**May-12**        **Bl. Jane of Portugal** (1452-1490) Portuguese, crown princess and regent of Portugal, nun, penitent for the conversion of sinners and release of Christians captive in Africa, social worker.

**May-13**        **Bl. Imelda Lambertini** (1321-1333) Italian, child nun, contemplative, lover of Blessed Sacrament, Church appointed patroness of first communicants.

**May-15**        **Bl. Giles** (1184-1265) Portuguese, priest, backslider & revert, mystic, prophet.  
Bl. Andrew Abellon (1375-1450) French, priest, ascetic, artist.

**May-19**        **St. Francisco Coll y Guitart** (1812-1875) Spanish (Catalan) priest. Because of the anti-clerical laws of 1836, he was forced to live by himself. In imitation of St. Dominic, he dedicated himself to itinerant preaching without remuneration, occasionally accompanied by his friend, St. Anthony Mary Claret. Despite the trying circumstances, he was able to found the Dominican Sisters of the Annunciata. St. Francisco was heroically faithful to Dominican life with the result that when in 1872 the restrictions were lifted, the returning friars found he had maintained the structures to such a degree that their community life could begin immediately.

**May-21**        **Bl. Columba of Rieti** (1467-1501)  
Italian, inspired by St. Catherine of Siena (April 29) to become a Lay Dominican, became a cloistered sister at the bishop's request, prophetess, peacemaker.

**Bl. Hyacinth-Marie Cormier** (1832-1916) French, originally a Lay Dominican became a priest, devoted to Blessed Sacrament and to the restoration of the Order, author, confessor, spiritual director, Provincial of Toulouse, Master of the Order, founder of the Angelicum, he long labored strenuously for Dominican ideals.

**May-24**        **TRANSLATION OF THE BODY OF OUR HOLY FATHER DOMINIC** (1233) [S] or [Optional Memorial] Bl. Jordan, under pressure from Pope Gregory IX, transferred the body of our holy Father Dominic from where he had asked to be buried "at the feet of the brethren", i.e. in the floor of the choir, to a noble shrine in a side chapel.  
This or Aug. 8 may chosen as the principal celebration of the year; whichever is selected is a [S], the other an [M])

### **Next OPFAM 24<sup>th</sup> May**

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