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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 800th celebration in 2016; 2010 – "The Mission of Preaching"

14th September 2010

*We remember our Dominican Family members
in Pakistan, and in New Zealand.*

*Happy celebrating to our Holy Cross Sisters in Cabra, Adelaide,
on this feast of the Triumph of the Cross*

Dominican Thought for the Week

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
Bodies calmed in silence, bless the Lord;
Spirits gently opened, bless the Lord.
All you senses and sensibilities, bless the Lord;
You moods and emotions, bless the Lord.
Bless the Lord, fatigue and distractions;
Bless the Lord, peace and delight.
Every bone and joint, bless the Lord;
Every muscle and tendon, bless the Lord.
Vision and rest, hearing and quiet,
Freshness of earth in the scent of the breeze, bless the Lord.
Let bodily weight bless the Lord;
Let resting in place bless the Lord.
Faith filled with wonder, hope filled with trust,
Love overflowing, rejoicing—
Let all that has life and has breath, praise the Lord.
Bless the Lord, breathing and sighing;
Heartbeat and pulse, bless the Lord.
Bless the Lord, waiting and yearning,
Bless the Lord, wordless surrender in love.
Bless the Lord, silence and calm;
Silence and calm in the heart: praise God forever.
O Sisters and Brothers of Jesus, give praise:
Praise and exalt God above all forever.
Until all flesh becomes one in the Son—
One single Christ made whole through the Spirit—
May our waiting, our silence, our stillness, our trust
Bless the Lord: both now and forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven:
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.
May the peace of God which surpasses understanding anoint our minds and hearts through
the grace of Jesus, the Risen One.
Paul Philibert OP, Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, Bulletin 38, May 1990

Dominicans' New Leader Gives 1st Interview

ROME, SEPT. 7, 2010 (Zenit.org).- St. Dominic's 86th successor says he has a lot to discover about his new mission as master of the Dominicans, but he reflects that his task is to be the "servant of unity."

Father Bruno Cadoré was elected Sunday at the Dominicans' 290th general chapter, under way through Sept. 21 in Rome.

The 56-year-old French superior gave his first interview to H2O News, recounting how he discovered his vocation to join the Order of Preachers.

He says his life as a young pediatrician changed unexpectedly one day when he stepped into the church of a Dominican monastery.

"I don't know why, but I was looking for a church which would have a Dominican friary, and I arrived one day when the community was praying," he recalled. "I was able to see a community of friars that gave the impression of being free and happy.

"In that period, I went through a phase of discernment. In fact, since I had worked with sick children, I was unsure, I told myself that I had to have another view of the world, one other than disease, death and the difficulties of life. And then I entered that church. There, I had the impression that they were pursuing something that was true, free and happy."

Thus he entered the Order of Preachers, where, after his novitiate, he was sent on mission to Haiti for two years.

"It was a very important moment for me," Father Cadoré reflected. "First of all, I didn't know what a community of preachers was, and I was able to see it. Moreover, I didn't know that side of the world: People live in extremely precarious situations; at that time it was a moment of dictatorship, very disorganized. And I was able to see there the life of brothers, who lived in a large region, in the countryside, in the mountains, and who were organizing the parishes in grass-roots ecclesial communities, which were called fraternities.

"In those two years of life, dedicated to living with people, to getting to know the Bible with them, I think I learned the Gospel with them and that was decisive for me, because I've never forgotten it."

For the new master of the order, "a Dominican is a friar-preacher, hence, he is a 'brother' who lives with brothers, who wants to live with his brothers, because it's there that the Word of God is shared and it is there where we become the human beings that we are. 'Preachers' who preach trying to act as Jesus did -- to say it in some way -- that is, going out to meet persons, loving them, listening to them, taking time to find out about their lives, to know their questions, to live with them, and to seek with them the truth of the Word of God."

In regard to his mission as master, the priest admitted with humility: "I don't know very well what the function is. I'm going to discover it.

"I know what the function was of the masters of the order that I met, but I don't quite know how it is carried out," he explained. "I have the impression that the essential task is to know the brothers, to learn to love them, to appreciate what they preach, to discover the persons with whom one lives and preaches, hence to discover how the Word of God is revealed among persons through preaching, that is, through the exchanged word and dialogue with the people.

"I also believe that the master of the order is the servant of unity among all the brothers, all the communities, the provinces, all the cultures that are so different. With the mystery of the unity that has been given to us, I believe, through the joy of being recipients of the Word of God, the joy of loving people as children of God and, it could be said, as Dominic did; liberty, liberty, to take the time to really seek with the people what is the life of life, what is the life within life."

Elected for a nine year term of office, he succeeds Bro. Carlos Azpiroz Costa,

Video of H2O interview: www.h2onews.org/english/54-interviews/224446141-father-bruno-cadore-new-master-general-of-the-dominicans.html

Fr Bruno Cadoré was born in 1954 in Le Creusot, a town in the Bourgogne region of France, between Lyon and Dijon. After becoming a medical doctor, he entered the novitiate of the Dominican province of France in 1979 and made profession in September 1980.

He was ordained priest in Lille exactly six years later and was immediately made master of students. Fr Bruno held several positions of responsibility in the province of France and he was coming to the conclusion of his second term as prior provincial of the same province when he was elected Master of the Order. His area of academic interest is bioethics and he received his doctorate in moral theology in 1992.

He was director of the Medical Ethics Centre of the Catholic Institute of Lille before becoming provincial of the province of France.

The Dominican General Chapter meets every three years and elects a new Master of the Order every nine. This is the 290th General Chapter.

International Day of Peace

Dominican Sisters of Peace share prayer service

In 2002, the United Nations General Assembly established Sept. 21 as the International Day of Peace. During that same year, the Dominican Leadership Conference (DLC) promoted this most important day to give special recognition of the need for peace in our world and hearts. Thanks to the staff at the Heartland Center for Spirituality (Great Bend, Kansas), the Dominican Sisters of Peace have a beautiful prayer service for peace. All are invited to use the service in your Motherhouse, home, school, etc. Through this prayer, we will all join our voices with our extended Dominican family and all who hunger for peace around the world.

To access the prayer service (in PDF format), www.domlife.org

We continue to remember in prayer those attending the General Chapter of the Order in Rome at this time

A daily chronicle appears on www.op.org....

Dominican Calendar

- Sep-18 St. John Macias (1585-1645) [M] Spanish-born Peruvian, cooperater brother, worker among the poor, miracle-worker, friend of St. Martin de Porres (Nov. 3), canonized 1980.
- Sep-20 Bl. Mark of Modena (+1498) Italian, priest, studios contemplative whose preaching converted many.
Bl. Francis de Posadas (1644-1713) Spanish, priest, celebrated preacher, reformer, worker among the poor, author.

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