



# 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; 2010 – "The Mission of Preaching"*

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

### Dominican Thought for the Week

Those who are bound up with others stand with them before God with their questions. There is an image of this in the Dominican tradition, which the Dominican writer Jean de Mailly recorded in 1243: 'Dominic, knowing that seed bears fruit when it is scattered but goes bad when it is hoarded, no longer wanted all his brethren to remain in one place. So he called them together and said that he wanted to scatter them all to different places, even though they were still a very small number.'

It is not a matter of becoming a big, strong plant. One has to have the courage to be a seed among the other seeds, borne up by the trust that all this seed is made in order to grow and that it will result in a garden full of flowers... by giving ourselves without reserve to the thirst that we share with others, to the longing that people have in common with one another, that we know what we must do and say.

Erik Borgman, Dominican Spirituality, P.59

### A New Dominican Archbishop

15 Feb. 2010 - Vatican, Prague: The Holy Father appointed Msgr Dominik Duka, OP currently bishop of Hradec Kralove, new archbishop of Prague.

He was born on 26 April 1943 in Hradec Kralove. In 1960 he finished the *Grammar School of J.K.Tyl*, then worked in the factory in Hradec Kralove in 1960-1963 and was taught to be a machine locksmith. In 1963-1965 he did his compulsory military service. After much protraction, he was admitted to enter the *Ss Cyril and Methodius' Theological Faculty* in Litomerice in 1965. On 5 January 1968 he entered the secret novitiate of the Dominican order and on 6 January 1969 he took his temporary vows. He was ordained priest on 22 June 1970 by Cardinal Stepan Trochta of Litomerice. For five years he worked in boundary parishes of the archdiocese of Prague (Chlum svate Mari, Jachymov, Nove Mitrovice). On 7 January 1972 he took his solemn vows in the Dominican order.

### WYD Madrid 2011. See you in Madrid, OP!

From August 15-21, 2011, the city of Madrid expects to receive up to two million young pilgrims. Dominicans in Madrid have significant capabilities (high schools, university dormitories, parishes, etc.) for hosting OP youth who come to participate in the WYD, giving priority to those who come from farther away or who register soon. Spanish friars, sisters, and lay members have created a Dominican Family Coordinating Group to promote various OP meeting spaces and activities in the centre of the city. In preparing for the WYD, in coordination with the archdiocese and among us, we would also like to share the *grace of the mission* with those of you who will be coming to Madrid. With that goal in mind, we will create several forums, the first of which is an email to facilitate coordination, request information, and receive proposals for activities with OP youth: [jmimadrid@dominicos.org](mailto:jmimadrid@dominicos.org).

The registration period opens July 1, 2010 (check out [www.jmj2011madrid.com](http://www.jmj2011madrid.com)). There are several registration methods: via the home diocese or via the Dominican Family. Those groups coming from countries which require a visa for entry into Spain should arrange for these through their dioceses of origin.

## **Coming Events**

From Bishop Anthony Fisher OP

*Please convey to all OPFAM readers my invitation  
to the Dominican family  
to attend my installation as Bishop of Parramatta  
at 7:30 pm on March 4th at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta  
and afterwards to supper across the road at the Mercy convent.*

## **A Good Book on Catherine of Siena by a recognized authority on her life.**

“Vision Through a Distant Eye” by Suzanne Noffke OP, IUniverse, 2006  
‘Catherine of Siena was in her own time and place reputed to be a genuinely holy woman. Precisely because of this her voice was heard where few women’s voices would have gained an audience in the fourteenth century. Because she was also the first women to write and be published in any of the emerging Italian dialects, she provides an early feminine perspective on and interpretation of the events, culture and spirituality of her era – like ours an era of crisis and transition for church and society. This is the woman whose vision and voice this book evokes in view of feeding our own twentieth century insight and speaking. The essays in Part One study various aspects of Catherine’s vision in her theology and spirituality. Part Two offers resources for further exploration of Catherine’s person and thought, of her world, and of what others have written of her in English, including an extensive annotated bibliography of works in English up to the date of the original publication of this book in 1996.’  
Suzanne Noffke, Dominican of Racine, Wisconsin, has published annotated translations of Catherine’s Dialogue, her Prayers and four volumes of her letters, as well as numerous articles. She also lectures widely and conducts retreats based on Catherine’s life and thought.

## **Are you looking for something ‘new’ for Lent?**

IF you are on Broadband, you might like to see what the Diocese of Broken Bay has to offer – a ‘live’ reflection made available from each Monday of Lent, commencing on 15<sup>th</sup> February. This reflection – in the style of the very successful E – Conferences held last year – is accompanied on the website by a Lectio Divina booklet, which can already be downloaded. Each segment explores the Gospel of the coming Sunday. A ‘Special Event’ is promised for Holy Week viewing.

The free package is ideal for groups or for individuals, and can be used at any time during Lent.

For further information go to [www.thereflection.vividas.com](http://www.thereflection.vividas.com) NOW OERATING!

## **Dominican Calendar this week**

Feb-19 Bl. Alvaro of Cordova (1360-1430) Spanish, priest, mystic, among the first promoters of the Stations of the Cross in the West.

Feb-20 Bl. Christopher of Milan (+1484) Italian, priest, reformer, missionary preacher, the Apostle of Liguria”.

## **Dominican Heritage Tour 3<sup>rd</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – Places still available**

3 and a half weeks pursuing our Dominican heritage in Rome, Florence, Siena, Bologna, Toulouse, Fanjeaux, Prouilhe, Caleruega, Osma, Brussels, Cologne, Galway, Dublin.

Accompanied by Fr Kevin Toomey OP and Sr Elizabeth Hellwig OP.

Time to make a decision has arrived -[archives5@bigpond.com.au](mailto:archives5@bigpond.com.au).

*Please send contributions – short paragraphs – about Dominican Life in your area  
to [archives5@bigpond.com.au](mailto:archives5@bigpond.com.au) – OFTEN!*