



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 800th celebration in 2016

2nd February 2010

"The Mission of Preaching".

"How can people preach unless they are sent?" (Rom 10:15):

Dominican Thought for the Week

In today's world of incessant noise we need SILENCE. We need to find a way of disconnecting sometimes from the relentless flow of words, sounds and images that bombard us day and night.

Albert Nolan OP

Gospel in Action. – As mentioned last week – review by Fr Tom Condon OP

Can be seen in full on www.op.org

This is a well done short film (20 minutes), directed by Eric Salobir, OP, and Dominic DeLay, OP, from an original idea by Prakash Lohale, OP, and Jean Claude Lavigne, OP.

Gospel in Action tells the stories of contemporary Dominicans doing justice ministries throughout the world. They include Henri Burin des Roziers, OP, ministering to farm workers in Brazil; Godfrey N'Zamujo, OP, ministering to the people of Berin, West Africa; Pedro Meca, OP, working and living among the poor and homeless in Paris; and Bishop Pierre Claverie, OP, who was assassinated in Algeria in 1996. Certainly the most poignant images in the film are those of Bishop Claverie, courageously extolling dialogue between people of different faiths shortly before his own death.

Interspersed among the stories are the words of such great Dominicans as Dominic himself, Thomas Aquinas, Bartholome de las Casas, and Martin de Porres. The inclusion of such great members of the Order situates the work of the contemporary Dominicans to those of our 800 year tradition. The film is also a reminder of the necessary link between study and ministry. Dominicans of every generation study theology and scripture in addition to the signs of the times, in order to preach the Good News to all.

Two Masters of the Order are featured in the film. First the previous Master, Timothy Radcliffe, OP, tells of the inspiring faith of the African peoples, finding God in the midst of the hardships of life. Finally, our current Master, Carlos Aspiroz Costa, OP, invites Dominicans throughout the world to share films of their evangelizing ministries with the Order. Instructions for submitting the films can be found on www.op.org. Films will be available on the web site and five will be shown at the Dominican Chapter to be held later this year in Rome.

Daily Scripture Reflections

Dominican Retreat Centre Tallaght Village, Dublin Ireland www.goodnews.ie

Daily Dose of Dominican Preaching – The Word

a daily dose of Dominican preaching , the Word is a service of the Order of Preachers, offering audible daily reflections on the Christian scriptures. Preachers are drawn from the entire worldwide Dominican family—priests, brothers, sisters and lay people. Reflections can also be Podcasted. <http://word.op.org>

Dominican Calendar this week

Feb-3 Bl. Peter of Ruffia (1320-1365) Italian, priest, Inquisitor General, martyred by heretics. AKA Peter de Ruffi; Peter of Ruffia; Peter Cambiani: Peter Cambiano av Ruffi.

Bl. Anthony Pavoni (1326-1374) Italian, priest, inquisitor, martyred by heretics.

Bl. Bartholomew Cerveri (1420-1466) Italian, priest, Master of Theology, inquisitor, martyred by heretics.

Feb-4 St. Catherine de' Ricci (1522-1590) [M] Italian, virgin, cloistered sister, mystic, stigmatist, canonized 1747.

Feb-7 Anniversary of deceased fathers and mothers of Dominicans.

Dominican Heritage Tour 3rd- 28th May 2010 – **BROCHURES AVAILABLE!**

If you are interested, please let Harvest know ASAP! harvest@pilgrimage.net.au
Tour No. OPV5

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.
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