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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"

6th April 2010

May each one of you rejoice in the energy, hope and glory of the Resurrection!

Dominican Thought for the Week

I have told you this time and time again.
If a person
were in a rapture
as great as St Paul once experienced
and learned that her neighbour was in need of a cup of soup,
it would be best
to withdraw from the rapture
and give the person
the soup she needs.

Meister Eckhart

Chapter of the Dominican Sisters of Cabra Ireland

We pray for and remember in a special way at this time in Ireland's Catholic history, the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Cabra which is in Chapter at Retreat Centre, Emmaus, Swords, Co. Dublin from 5 - 16th April, 2010.

"We invite you to spend time with the logo and the Gospel text John 20: 15-18. Here we find Mary Magdalene weeping outside the tomb. "Woman, why are weeping?" finds a resonance with us. It taps into our personal life and family life. It has its echo in the life of the Church, Congregation, Society and our Earth. But thank God we are a Resurrection people, we are called to look beyond the tomb and find Christ our Light."

The Holy Father speaks about St Albert the Great

Here is a translation of the address Benedict XVI gave during the general audience in St. Peter's Square on 24th March.

Dear brothers and sisters,

One of the greatest teachers of Medieval theology is St. Albert the Great. The title "great" (magnus) with which he has passed into history, indicates the vastness and depth of his doctrine, which he coupled with holiness of life. But already his contemporaries did not hesitate to attribute excellent titles to him; one of his disciples, Ulrich of Strasbourg, described him as "wonder and miracle of our age."

See the remainder of the talk on www.op.org

Dominican Laity

Congratulations to Sister Fabiola and all of our Sisters throughout the world on the 15th Anniversary of DSI. How marvellous it has been for us as the Lay branch of the Order to watch DSI progress from strength to strength over the years. May I say how thrilled I was to read on the web-site, the article from Sister Cassandra and in quoting/paraphrasing one paragraph how it confirms what we in the Dominican Laity also profess.

“I believe that of strengthening collaboration with the laity. We must not consider the laity as people who work for the Sisters or Friars. The work is not ours, but it belongs to the Church, (or in other words our Mission) by means of a spirituality that will require a preparation. We must not forget that in the Order we have the lay affiliation, we share the same spirituality, so why not collaborate with them more?”

Together in St. Dominic & St. Catherine

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Rosary Teams

The Master of the Order gives information about the resurgence of Rosary Teams –

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Dominican Calendar this week

No Dominican Feasts until the 5th April, because of the Lenten period.

Apr-10 Bl. Anthony Neyrot (1425-1460) Italian, priest, apostate and reconvert, martyr under the Muslims.

Apr-13 Bl. Margaret of Castello (1287-1320) Italian, abandoned as a child because of blindness and severe, unsightly handicaps, and so patron of pro-life causes, virgin, mystic, instructor of children.

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