



# 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”*

**7<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

***We pray for the formation of a compassionate, ethical government  
at this critical time in Australia’s history.***

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

### **Dominican Thought for the Week**

There is no document or list of essential elements which can completely define or identify what it means to stand in the Dominican Tradition. To use Yves Congar’s distinction, that would be to identify the ‘Tradition’ with ‘traditions’. The Dominican Tradition is far more profound than any of its expressions – it is indeed the Spirit of God living and active among us throughout the history of the Order. If we believe that that is true in spite of all our failures and limitations (and even sinful resistance), then our search for the charism can begin with this new moment in the living tradition... *Mary Catherine Hilkert OP*

### **The Capitulars have elected the 86th Successor of Saint Dominic**



#### **fr Bruno CADORÉ**

The new Master of the Order, Fr. Bruno Cadoré, OP, 55 years old, and until now has been Prior Provincial of France, and is a specialist in Bio-Ethics. Prior to becoming Provincial, Fr Cadoré was for many years the Master of Dominican students in Lille, without giving up his profession as a doctor, and professor of Bioethics at the Catholic University of the same city in North-East France. From 1997 to 2001 he was Director of the University’s Centre d’Ethique Medicale (1997-2001)

In recognition of his standing in the Bioethical field, Fr Cadoré was nominated in 2008 as a member of the National AIDS Council by the President of the Republic. He has written extensively in the Bioethical field.  
*Thank you to fr Martin Wallace OP for this added information*

## **Order of Preachers U Tube Channel**

In preparation for the General Chapter 2010 the General Council along with some brothers who have the expertise in media decided to share about our life here in Santa Sabina and some perspectives we have from our experiences of visitations and encountering the brothers. The purpose was to make some videos to generate interest and enthusiasm not only for the Chapter Fathers but also for those who would not be able to participate in the Chapter. This has been done through the technique of interviews about the mission, study, the consecrated life and the government of the Order of Preachers. We have six short video clips on the four topics.

**The Mission:** What is the mission of preachers for the 21th century?

**Study:** Which is the place of the intellectual life in the Catholic Church?

**Consecrated Life:** How do we live our life in society today?

**Government of the Order:** What is so unique about Dominican style of government?

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*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](http://www.op.org)....*

## **Congratulations to our Dominican Editors!**

*At the recent Australian Catholic Media Awards...*

**Tracey Edstein** (*Aurora* – Diocese of Maitland Newcastle)  
Joint winner – Best Editorial

**Annie Carrett** (*Broken Bay News* – Diocese of Broken Bay Sydney)  
Best Headline  
Best Original Photograph (Andrew Introna)  
Most Improved Publication – Highly Commended.  
Best Media Campaign or Press Release of a Church Event/Issue  
Best Ecumenical / Interfaith Story – Highly Commended (Dan McAloon)

**fr Kevin Toomey OP, and previous editor Michael Hill** (*Tui Motu Interislands*, NZ)  
Best Example of Education Coverage  
Best Original Artwork (Donald Moorhead)  
Bishop Philip Kennedy Memorial Prize – Magazine

## **Dominican Office at the United Nations gains a new intern!**

The Dominican Sisters in the US have for several years provided resources and personnel to staff a Dominican non-government organization (NGO) at the United Nations. There they receive information from Dominicans world wide, analyse it, carry out research into issues facing Dominicans and others in some very difficult situations or countries and then use all this material to lobby UN representatives, inform various government spokespersons and contribute as far as they can towards achieving just outcomes. As in all advocacy tasks, progress is slow and successful outcomes can never be attributed to any one group. But the US Sisters are convinced of the value of this work – so much so that they have proposed to Dominican Sisters International (DSI) that instead of the office being handled by the US Sisters, it should become instead a work of DSI itself. This change will be implemented over the next three years.

With this background, it is exciting to hear that Sr Jacqui Ryan OP (NZ) has been accepted as a volunteer intern at the Dominican UN Office in New York, February-May 2011.

*Congratulations Jacqui on accepting this challenge. We look forward to hearing more of your work as you take up the position.*

## **Dominicans given their first Indonesian parish**

August 31, 2010 By Paul C. Pati, Surabaya

The Dominican order has been given its first Indonesian parish to run.

Bishop Vincentius Sutikno Wisaksono witnessed the handing over of Redemptor Mundi Parish in Surabaya, East Java, from Father Alphonsus Boedi Prasetijo to Dominican Father Adrian Adiredjo during a special Mass on Aug. 28.

The transfer aims to boost seminarian formation and improve pastoral service in the diocese, especially to the expatriate community, said the bishop. He told ucanews.com later that the Dominicans are recognized for their knowledge of philosophy and theology. They will be asked to be involved in the formation of seminarians at the diocese's Providentia Dei Major Seminary, he said. Construction of the new seminary has begun. The building is expected to be completed in 2011.

The local Church also needs to cooperate with the Dominican-run University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines, Asia's oldest university, said the bishop.

About 1,300 people including Sister M. Lusía Kusri, provincial superior of the Dominican Sisters in Indonesia, attended the Mass.

The parish has a large expatriate community comprising Americans, Koreans and Filipinos who attend Sunday Masses in English

## **You have a family in Pakistan!**

In view of the flooding in Pakistan and the nature of how it has impacted our own OP Family; please check out the following link at the Dominican U.N. website here: <http://un.op.org>

## **Dominican Calendar**

10<sup>th</sup> – Marks the 143<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the first group of Dominican Sisters at their first Australian Mission in Maitland NSW. The eight Irish pioneer women had arrived in Sydney on 4<sup>th</sup> September after an eventful journey of three months on the tiny sailing ship, the *Martha Birnie*.

12<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Holy Name of Mary – Patronal Feast of the Solomon Islands.

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