



# OPFAM

## Dominican Family Matters

*A Newsletter for the Dominican Family in Australia,  
New Zealand, Solomon Islands 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;*

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**“We hear them speaking in our own tongues of the marvellous acts of God” (Acts 2:11):  
Preaching and Culture / Community Preaching**

***We remember in prayer our Dominican Family,  
and all Christians, in Egypt at this time.***

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

We have something to do in the world. God made us for that, each of us, separate, unique. If the work we are sent to do isn't done, no one will do it; there will be something missing in the plan of God. There will be an instrument silent in his orchestra. *Bede Jarrett OP,*

### **Congratulations!**

Our best wishes go to the new leadership team of the Holy Cross Congregation, Cabra Adelaide – Prioress: Sr Bernadette Kiley, Councillors: Sisters Anne Dolan, Pauline Jenner and Angela Moloney. May they quickly become aware of the blessings of leadership at their disposal!

### **Sr M. Patrick Grant OP (EA) RIP**

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sr M. Patrick Grant tomorrow, Wednesday, in Newcastle.

Sr M. Patrick, 'Paddy' to her Sisters and many friends, was a woman of deep faith whose generosity, and willingness to undertake any ministry, was a great witness. A primary school teacher, Sister taught and looked after children with impaired hearing and sight, and spent a number of years in the Solomon Islands. She was also famous for her devotion to training altar boys, and years of attention to all that was required in the sacristy.

Sister celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in heaven yesterday, with her sister Sr M. Hilary OP and other family members. Her Dominican Sisters will miss her welcoming smile and continuing strong interest in them, as she met them in her retirement. We offer our prayers and our sympathy to her Dominican Community in Maitland, her brother Robert, and her many nephews and nieces and good friends.

**Many would remember Bro Benoît Berthelot op** who used to run the much valued shop at Santa Sabina, Rome. Brother **died** in Canada on May 26 aged 79.. May he rest in peace.

## **International Bureau of the Dominican Family**

On September 11 the first meeting of the International Bureau of the Dominican Family was held in Santa Sabina, Rome.

The Master General Fr. Bruno Cadoré decided to reactivate the *International Bureau of the Dominican Family* with the following objectives: to animate collaboration and coordination of new potential projects among the Dominican Family, in order to make the Gospel be Good News to everybody and everywhere, and to do this together; to foster mutual understanding of expectations of each branch of the Dominican Family; to continue in common the celebration of the Jubilee Novena of our Order, with its annual themes; to discuss any other task that is deemed useful for the mission and life of the Dominican Family today.

For that purpose, a first meeting was held in Santa Sabina, Rome on September 11, with 8 participants: Bro. Bruno Cadoré, Master General of the Order; Bro. Prakash Lohale, Socius for the Apostolic Life; Bro. Brian Pierce, Promoter General of the Nuns; Bro. David M. Kammler, Promoter General of the Laity, Sr. Inmaculada Serrano Posadas, Delegate of the International Commission of Nuns; Sr. Maria Fabiola Velásquez, International Coordinator of Dominican Sisters International; Mrs. Ann Hamilton, Delegate of Secular Institutes and Mr. Gabriel Silva, Delegate of the International Council of Lay Dominican Fraternities.

On that occasion a reflection was made on the objectives for the bureau, and also presented some work suggestions, which will be evaluated in the next months.

*Mr. Gabriel Silva A Lay Dominican*

## **Practical Planet (How to love your mother)**

Reduce your time in front of the TV. The average American will spend almost two years of life watching commercials alone, all of which are designed to make us unhappy with what we have or haven't got.

Before you purchase anything ask yourself, 1) why do I want this, 2) how often will I use it, 3) what are my alternatives, 4) can I get along without it, 5) what will I do with it when I am finished?

See further suggestions in [www.domlife.org](http://www.domlife.org), click on the Planet Earth logo.

## **Pilgrims for Peace**

A gathering of reflection, dialogue and prayer for peace and justice in the world, which will coincide with the invitation from Pope Benedict XVI to leaders of world's religious traditions to gather in Assisi.

When: 27 – 28 October Where: Mary MacKillop Place, 80 William St, North Sydney

More info: Kim Davis, [director.opw@catholic.org.au](mailto:director.opw@catholic.org.au) (02) 6201 9867

## **Dominican Calendar**

Oct-13 Bl. Madeline Panattieri (1433-1503) Italian, celebrated preacheress, adviser, Lay Dominican.

Oct-14 Bl. Marie Poussepin (1653-1744) Originally a Lay Dominican, then a Sister and foundress, served the youth, the poor and the sick. Credited with opening the first formal Dominican School

Oct-19 Bl. Agnes of Langéac, Foundress.

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

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