



## Steps to Membership

**DISCERNMENT:** Without obligation, lay men and women attend meetings to learn about Dominican spirituality, the Dominican rule, and to study the faith.

**INQUIRY:** Inquirers commit to one year of attendance to learn the fundamentals of the Dominican way of life.

**CANDIDATE:** In the second year of formation, Inquirers are formally received into the Order. It is a year of study and observance of the practices of the Dominican Laity. At Reception, candidates select a special patron and receive the Scapular of the Order as a sign of their membership. They then become candidates for Profession.

**PROFESSION:** Upon acceptance by the local chapter, candidates promise to live a Dominican life according to the Rule and Statutes of the Dominican Laity.

## An Invitation

The Dominican Laity is open to you if you sincerely desire a deeper spiritual life in the Dominican tradition. If you seek to follow in the footsteps of Christ more closely, to be united more closely with His bride the Church, and you desire to know and to share Truth - consider becoming a Lay Dominican.

All are welcome at our meetings. Please contact one of us if you would like additional information.

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For Further information on Order of Preachers:

WWW.OP.ORG is the official international Web site of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). The branches of the Dominican family are multiple: brothers, contemplative nuns, congregations of contemplative and apostolic sisters, lay persons in fraternities or secular institutes, secular priests in fraternities. "Each one has its own character, its autonomy. However by taking part in the charism of saint Dominic, they share between them a single vocation to be preachers in the Church (Chapter of Mexico, 1992)."



## The Dominican Laity

## Our Dominican Way of Life

✠ To Praise  
✠ To Bless  
✠ To Preach

## What is a Dominican?

The first, obvious answer is that a Dominican is a follower of St Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers which he established in the early 13th century to combat the evils of the age by preaching God's truth. The motto of the Order is *VERITAS* (Truth), the Truth that changes not. The purpose of the Order is to praise God, to bless Our Lord in prayer, adoration, meditation, and contemplation; and to preach His Truth (*Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare*).

Today, just as in 1216, the Order of Preachers is called to preach and defend the Faith throughout the world, to revitalize those of dormant faith, lax morality, and heretical wanderings. The First Order, the Dominican priests, preach Christ crucified (the Way for us all, the Truth, the Life) and teach theology to religious and lay in missions, colleges, seminaries, and parish churches. The nuns of the Second Order study, continually praise God, and pray for us all: it was the Second Order that St. Dominic first established, before he sent forth the first two priests into the world to combat the heresies of the day. The sisters and the lay people of the Third Order live in, but are not of, the world, sanctifying their secular vocations by offering all to and for Our Lord, interspersing their daily work with prayer and praise, approaching others with love as they share the Truth that the fathers preach. We are all one family, followers of the clear-thinking, humble, obedient, most loving Dominican.



## The Dominican Life is Assiduous Study Prayer Community Spiritual Works of Mercy



Dominicans are called to follow Christ, to witness to the world, and to live in charity with one another. Dominicans find the fulfillment of that call in the charisms of the Order. Prayer, both private and communal, is the focal point and gives impetus to everything else we do. Preaching in all its forms defines what we do - sharing, by word and by the way we live, the knowledge and insights attained through prayerful study. It is the Dominican spirit of desiring to know and love TRUTH that drives us to give to others the fruits of our contemplation. It is the fundamental understanding of Church as the body of Christ that compels us to serve.

## ELEMENTS OF DOMINICAN LIFE

**Community:** Brothers and sisters in St. Dominic share a common spirit, nurturing and encouraging one another.

**Liturgy and Prayer:** Daily, the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, along with personal meditation and prayer, including the Rosary, provide the strength for our way of life.

**Study:** Scripture, the Fathers, documents of the Church, the Angelic Doctor, spiritual and theological writers are the foundation of our continual effort to know the Truth. Prayerful study prepares us for the mission of the Order: preaching, in whatever fashion or occasions our state in life allows or occasions.

**Discipline:** Rule of life, practices of personal penance, simplicity of life, and dictates of charity form the basis for our self-discipline.

**Apostolate:** We are active witnesses, striving to serve for the glory of God, and seeking the salvation of souls.

