

Candidacy Formation

Meeting One

Introduction to the Dominican Order, Part I

Saint: Bl. Reginald of Orleans

Objectives

1. Identify the following elements of Dominican Spirituality:
 - a. the emphasis on the role of the movement of divine grace upon the will
 - b. the role of preaching
 - c. the centrality of the Incarnation
 - d. love of truth: Veritas
 2. Recognize the source of Dominican joy — living the life of the Beatitudes
 3. Explain the origins of the Dominican Salve Procession
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Reading List

The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality (Fr. Paul Murray, OP)

- Ch 1 (What is Dominican Spirituality)

Dominican Spirituality (Fr. Benedict Ashley, OP)

- Linked below module on Southern Province Formation Website

The Salve (Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Nashville, TN)

- Linked below module on Southern Province Formation Website

Blessed Reginald of Orleans (Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Nashville, TN)

- Linked below module on Southern Province Formation Website



Questions

Dominican Spirituality

1. The “Ministry of the Word” is discussed near the beginning and end of the article. In light of this article, can you articulate how you ‘communicate the Word’ individually and collectively in your chapter?
2. Most groups of brothers/sisters do not personally select each other. Why do you think the penitential aspect of community is so valuable? Can you think of examples from Scripture that reflect this?
4. In light of this article, how can a Lay Dominican live in community well?
5. What are some aspects of Dominican study unique to Dominicans? Are there resources for study you would like to suggest to your group?
6. What characteristics does Father Benedict suggest are emphasized in prayer within Dominican Spirituality?
7. What is the local fraternity’s connection to the communion within the Dominican Order and the universal Church?

The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality

1. What was the “special grace” of St. Dominic and what does this have to do with the role of preaching in Dominican Spirituality today?
2. Briefly summarize Murray’s explanation of the role of Divine Grace upon the will.

Salve and Bl. Reginald

1. Describe Blessed Reginald’s vision of the Queen of Heaven. What were some of its important features and how has it influenced the Order?