

Candidacy Formation

Meeting Two

Introduction to the Dominican Order, Part II

Saint: Bl. Jordan of Saxony

Objectives

1. Recognize the long history of Dominican Laity (begun 1285) and its continuity with the earliest days of the Order.
 2. State the founding purpose of the Lay Fraternities.
 3. Deepen one's knowledge of St. Dominic and the early days of the Order through the reading of selected canonization proceedings.
 4. Identify ways of personally imitating Dominic's prayer, over, & virtues.
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Reading List

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

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Excerpts from *The Libellus* and Canonization proceedings of St. Dominic from Lehner, Francis C., O.P., (Ed). *Saint Dominic: Biographical Documents*, Washington, D.C.: Thomist Press, 1964. accessed July 2016.

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"Statute of the Congregation of St. Dominic, Bologna, 1244" and "New Statutes of the Congregation of Our Lady of Arezzo, 1262" in Tugwell, Simon, OP. (Ed). *Early Dominicans Selected Writings*. Paulist Press, New York: 1982, pp 433-439.

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Blessed Jordan of Saxony (Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Nashville, TN)

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Questions

Statute of the Congregation of St. Dominic

1. Did the statutes of these early groups of Lay Dominicans bind under pain of sin?
2. What are some of the similarities and differences of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic from the earliest days to today?
3. Selections from the constitutions of two early groups of Lay Dominicans are given.
 - a. Why were these groups founded?
 - b. How does it compare with the present circumstances in your chapter/group or with other chapters with which you are familiar?
4. Describe the purpose in the Dominican call of the founding of the Lay Fraternities with the practice of the works of mercy and the care of the poor.

Canonization Proceedings

1. How did St. Dominic's poverty inspire or penetrate into his prayer life?
2. What are some ways that I can deepen my life of prayer? In what ways can I imitate Saint Dominic's prayer?
3. Describe some of St. Dominic's virtues. How can I imitate these same virtues in my own life?

The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality

1. Comment on some of the early Dominicans and how they lived a life of the Beatitudes with evangelical joy.
2. How did St. Thomas speak of joy and the heart and also of the joy of the Gospel truth?

Bl. Jordan of Saxony

1. What are some ways that Jordan of Saxony influenced the growth of the Order in its infancy and also in our own times?