

Candidacy Formation

Meeting Four

The Four Pillars of Dominican Life: Community

Saint: St. Juan Macias, St. Martin de Porres, St. Rose of Lima

Objectives

- Study and reading of the Rule and Directory
 - Understand how the Rule applies to one's life by the nature of the Promise
 - Explain the Basics of Lay Dominican Life
 - Recognize the structure of the Government of a Chapter
 - Explain membership and the process of incorporation
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Reading List

Selections from the *Rule and Directory of the Southern Province* (2021)

- The Rule of the Dominican Laity (2019), sections 1-14 (p. 8-10)
- Particular Directory of the Southern Province (2021)
 - Preface and Section I: The Basics of Lay Dominican Life (p. 21-24)
 - Section II: Structure and Government of a Chapter (p. 24-28)
 - Section III: Membership and Process of Incorporation (p. 29-32)
 - Section IV: Ongoing Community Life within a Chapter (p. 32-34)
- Linked in Documents section of Southern Province website

St. Juan Macias

- Linked below module on Southern Province Formation Website

St. Martin de Porres

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St. Rose of Lima

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Questions

Rule and Directory

1. Explain how one is incorporated into the Order of Preachers.
2. What part of the Rule impacted you the most? Why?
3. The Preface to the Particular Directory notes that the “Lay Dominican life is all about having a passion for the Word of God.” How do we build upon the Dominican charism in our daily lives to achieve this goal?
4. As Lay Dominicans, we have the privilege of having a unique position in the life of the Church, we are truly Dominicans, yet we are also truly laypersons living in the world. How does living by a Rule help us in this special path towards sanctification?
5. One of the most precious gifts offered by the Order to Lay Dominicans is the gift of prayer, especially the prayers for our departed brothers and sisters (and our families and benefactors!) throughout the year, but especially on the days of commemoration on the Dominican calendar. As Dominicans in the world, how can we make the best use of this gift to further the mission of the entire Dominican family?

Saints of Lima

1. How did the Saints of Lima assist one another? What does this say about the importance of having good friends in your spiritual life?
2. What is calling you to become a Lay member of the Order of Preachers?