

Candidacy Formation

Meeting Nine

The Four Pillars of Dominican Life: Preaching/Apostolate

Saint: St. Vincent Ferrer

Objectives

- Describe the Church's understanding of the Role of the Laity as expressed in *Lumen Gentium*
 - Understand St. Dominic's zeal for preaching the Word of God for the salvation of souls
 - Describe how the Holy Spirit fills one with the desire to preach the Gospel
 - Recognize Mary's role as Preacher of the Word
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Reading List

Murray, Paul. *The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality*.

- Ch. 4 "Dominicans Drinking: Preachers and the New Wine of the Gospel" (pp. 128-170).

Lumen Gentium on *the Laity* (Pope Paul VI)

- Chapter IV of *Lumen Gentium*
- Linked below module on Southern Province Formation Website

Mary: Contemplation and Preaching of the Word (Fr. Bruno Cadore, OP)

- Essay of the Master of the Order in preparation for the 800th Jubilee
- Linked below module on Southern Province Formation Website

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Questions

The New Wine of Dominican Spirituality

1. Give some examples of what Blessed Jordan means by being “drunk on wine”. (Murray Ch. 4)
2. Explain Thomas’s commentary on the Gospel passage, “They have no wine”. John 2:4 (Murray pp 140-141)
3. In what ways can you describe “the drunkenness of God”? (Murray pp 162-164)
4. In the Summa, Thomas speaks of drunkenness but also speaks of the opposite of being drunk as “the vice of being too sober”. What does he mean by this? (Murray p170)

Lumen Gentium

1. Articles #34-36 of Lumen Gentium speak to the laity of our relationship in the body of Christ through our priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions. What does this mean for us in these roles?
 - a. priestly (#34 p 16)
 - b. prophetic (#35 p35-36)
 - c. kingly (#36 p 36-37)
2. “Moreover, let the laity also by their combined efforts remedy the customs and conditions of the world, if they are an inducement to sin, so that they all may be conformed to the norms of justice and may favor the practice of virtue rather than hinder it.” (Lumen Gentium p 18) This is our responsibility as a Baptized Christian. Share your thoughts on what you think this means for us as lay Dominicans?

Fr. Bruno Cadore

1. Dominicans are contemplative/active. Can you explain how these two things are not dualistic or as the article says “not sequential steps”? (Cadore p 2)
2. What kinds of situations in Mary’s life does Scripture tell us that she “pondered these things in her heart”? At other times, her words/actions were bold. Because knowing when to act or not to act is a normal tension (contemplation/action). How can we apply these situations where Mary addressed God and then pondered to our daily lives? (Cadore p 4)

St. Vincent Ferrer

1. “How can the Dominican of today follow a saint who wore a hairshirt, ate very little, led whole troops of flagellants, customarily ended his sermons with a miracle and converted whole populations?” (St. Vincent Ferrer by Sisters of St. Cecilia)