

December, 2024

To all Holy Rosary Dominican Laity Chapter active and prayer members and Dominican students:

As we celebrate the birth of Our Savior, we wish you every blessing this Christmas and in the coming New Year. Chapter members will find a Holy Card enclosed with the names of a living and deceased chapter member to pray for this year. Another member will be praying for you throughout the year.

Here are some highlights from this past year for our chapter:

Live and Zoom Meetings: We continue with live meetings but also still provide the Zoom option for those unable to attend in person due to distance or other barriers. Some of our prayer members are also able to join via Zoom. Contact us at our email if you would like to receive the Zoom invite.

Epiphany Party: We began the year with an Epiphany Party at **Margaret Fuleki's** home on Jan. 7 with delicious food, fun and celebration of the Christmas season.

Ongoing Formation: We continue our study of Peter Kreeft's *The Summa of the Summa* and also began studying *The Gospel of Matthew*. We are studying *The Way. The Truth and The Life* by Father Paul Duffner, OP. on our own. Thank you to our Ongoing Formation Team, **Calvin Smith, Jim and Molly Woolf, Garth Rose and Brenda Allor** for their hard work in preparing and leading the discussions.

Annual Retreat: Our Annual Retreat was May 3-5 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat. **Fr. Joseph Selinger, OP** was Retreat Master and spoke on *Friendship with God*. Mark your calendars for our **2025 Retreat** which will be held **May 9-11, 2025 with Fr. Peter Do, OP** as Retreat Master at Our Lady of Peace Retreat.

Professions and Receptions: On May 5, **Patrick Hartigan and Antonia Valdes** made lifetime profession at the end of the retreat at Our Lady Of Peace. On June 23 **Loretta Kelly, Santiago Simpliciano** and **Thomas Pierce** were received and **Kathy Hunt** made initial temporary profession at Holy Rosary Church and officiated by **Fr. Dismas Sayre, OP**.



Photo on the left above: **Roberta Powell**, Prioress, **Antonia Valdes**, **Fr. Joseph Selinger, OP**, **Patrick Hartigan**, **Calvin Smith**, Formation Director following life profession at Our Lady of Peace Retreat. Photo on the right above: **Santiago Simpliciano**, **Loretta Kelly**, **Thomas Pierce** and **Kathy Hunt** following Receptions and Temporary Profession at Holy Rosary Church.

Photo on left below: **Mary and Antoine Gedeon, Margaret Fuleki, Lisa Elliott, Annette Wostl, Loretta Kelly** at **Margaret Fuleki's** for the Epiphany Party on Jan. 7. Not pictured: **Roberta Powell**. Photo on right below: **Fr. Augustine Hilander, OP** and members of the various Dominican Laity chapters in Oregon and Washington who participated in the Gathering of the Chapters on June 22, 2024 to pray, study, learn about and contemplate St. Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist. Not pictured: **Fr. Joseph Selinger, OP**, who also presented at the meeting.



Gathering of the NW Chapters: On June 22, **Fr. Augustine Hilander, OP**, Provincial Promoter for the Laity, organized a gathering of the laity chapters in the NW including our chapter and the Holy Family chapter from Holy Rosary and chapters from Eugene, Spokane, Seattle and Bellingham, WA. The focus of the day was *St. Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist*. **Fr. Joseph Selinger, OP** also presented. The talks were recorded and are available on our webpage.

Prayer for Priests: **MaryAnn Colrud** sent out prayer cards earlier this year to chapter members with the names of Dominican priests, living and deceased and students studying to be priests for the Western Dominican Province.

Thanksgiving Baskets: We assembled and distributed about 75 Thanksgiving baskets this year to struggling families and individuals within the parish community with the help of Holy Rosary's St. Vincent dePaul, Homeschooling community and Knights of Columbus and parish members.

Supporting Dominican Students in Formation: We are also in the process of sending Christmas cards and a small gift to each of the Dominican students in formation for the Western Dominican Province as we have done for the past few years to let them know of our prayers and support.

Check out our Website: If you would like to follow important events and news on our chapter please visit our website: oplhrpdx.org. Thank-you **Calvin Smith** for creating and maintaining the website.

Thank you for all of your prayers as we also pray for each of you. If you would like to share anything with us or have a prayer request, please contact us. Our chapter email is:

opholyrosarypdx@gmail.com or correspondence can be sent by US mail addressed to **Holy Rosary Chapter Dominican Laity, c/o Holy Rosary Parish, 375 NE Clackamas St., Portland, OR. 97232.**

May God bless you abundantly this Christmas and in the coming New Year.