

December, 2025

To all Holy Rosary Dominican Laity Fraternity 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. Fraternity members will find a Holy Card enclosed with the names of a living and deceased member to pray for this year and a patron saint for the year. Another member will be praying for you throughout the year. Fraternity members will also find another holy card with the name of a Living Dominican priest, a deceased Dominican priest and a current Dominican student for the Western US Province to pray for this coming 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. 5 with delicious food, fun and celebration of the Christmas season. Thank you, **Jim and Molly Woolf** for leading us in Christmas carols. **Please pray for Margaret** who is recovering from some medical issues.

Annual Retreat: Our Annual Retreat was May 9-11 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat. **Fr. Peter Do, OP** was Retreat Master and spoke on *Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church and Our Mother*. Mark your calendars for our **2026 Retreat** which will be held **May 15-17, 2026 with Fr. Peter Rogers, OP** as Retreat Master at Our Lady of Peace Retreat.

Professions and Receptions: On May 13, **Lisa Elliott** made lifetime profession at the end of the retreat at Our Lady Of Peace. On June 26 at Holy Rosary Church and officiated by **Fr. Dismas Sayre, OP. Loretta Kelly, Santiago Simpliciano** and **Thomas Pierce** made initial temporary professions, **Karin Korn Becerra** renewed Temporary Profession and **Marie Bukelo** was received.



Photo on the left: **Calvin Smith**, Formation Director, **Fr. Peter Do, OP**, newly life professed **Lisa Elliot**, **Roberta**

Powell, Prioress at Our Lady of Peace Retreat. Photo on the right above: **Santiago Simpliciano, Thomas Pierce, Fr. Dismas Sayre, OP, Loretta Kelly, Lisa Elliott, Marie Bukelo and Karin Korn Becerra** following Receptions and Temporary Professions at Holy Rosary Church. (Note: Lisa is also included in this picture because we were celebrating all of the newly professed and received.)



Photo on left below: (back row standing) **Karin Korn Becerra, Antonia Valdes, Rebecca Lewis, Mary Gedeon, Jim Woolf, Thomas Pierce,** (seated) **Roberta Powell, Margaret Fuleki, Molly Woolf and Shizuko Pierce** (Thomas's wife) for the Epiphany Party on Jan. 7. Not pictured: **Rob Powell** (Roberta's husband who took the photo).

Photo on right below: **Brenda Allor, Calvin Smith, Antonio Valdes** organizing the tables of food and counting items for our Thanksgiving baskets with Our Crucified Lord watching over.



Ongoing Formation: We finished our study of Peter Kreeft's *The Summa of the Summa* and are continuing to study *The Gospel of Matthew* using a video series on the Formed website. 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.

RIP: **John Walsh** passed away on April 30 and **Pauline Jensen** on August 4, 2025. Please pray for the repose of their souls.

Elections: In August we elected **Calvin Smith** as Sub-prior and **Brenda Allor** as Formation Director and LPC Representative. Other councilors are **Roberta Powell**, Prioress; **Mary Ann Colrud**, Secretary; **Sheila Meyer**, Treasurer; **Molly Woolf and Garth Rose**, Councilors.

Thanksgiving Baskets: We assembled and distributed about 87 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 also send Christmas cards and a small gift to each of the Dominican students in formation for the Western Dominican Province each year to let them know of our support and prayers.

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:

oplholysarypdx@gmail.com or correspondence can be sent by US mail addressed to **Holy Rosary Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic, 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.