

Lay Dominicans

"Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare."

Lay Dominicans are promised members of a Catholic Religious Order of friars, nuns, sisters, laity, and associates that is 800 years old---the Order of Preachers. Lay Dominicans preach the Gospels for the salvation of souls and the attainment of personal holiness.

Prayer

Daily recitation of the Liturgy of Hours, the Eucharistic celebration of the Mass, and we hold in esteem the Rosary of Our Lady.

Adoration, meditation, and contemplation are tools that we use to know and follow Jesus.

Study

We commit to life-long study, searching for truth. We study both alone and in community.

How can one explain the faith if one doesn't know it?

Community

We see community as essential. It is written in our Rule; that we come together at least monthly in community for Morning Prayer, Mass, a brief business meeting and a lesson.

There is always time for coffee, cake and chat.

Apostolate

Saint Joseph Province, of which we are a part, defines an apostolate as, "*the work we do for Christ and the salvation of souls.*" Being a Lay Dominican is not an apostolate but may open a vision of a life of possibilities: to become "*a living beatitude*" to those in need.

These *Four pillars* give the Order of Preachers a distinctive mark and sets us apart from other religious orders and communities.

Due in altum!

Vatican Council II encouraged the laity to live more fully the life of the Church: "*the people of God.*" Saint John Paul II exhorts "*Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.*"

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