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With the Winter 2013 issue, *The Flame* marked five full years of publication. The semi-annual newsletter is designed to keep friends of the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, New Jersey, aware of our ministries, the traditions and charism of the congregation, and current news of the community.

Updates of news and events can be viewed on our website, www.caldwellop.org. We invite you to join us and *Rejoice!*



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Sister Miriam Therese MacGillis, OP was honored for her extensive public speaking and informative writings on behalf of care for and education about the environment, receiving the 2013 Garden State Public Figure Green Award on Saturday, May 18.

Sister Patricia Crowley, OP visited with the Dominican Sisters in Montebello, South Africa for two and a half weeks this summer, sharing her knowledge of Dominican Spirituality, Prayer, Spiritual Direction, and Preaching. She is pictured here with Sister Leonarda, OSF in front of the Indian Ocean.

For their full stories, please visit: www.caldwellop.org.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Affirmed by Chapter 2005

"We, Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, are a community of vowed women religious responding to God's call and united in our quest for the unfolding revelation of God.

We preach the Word of God through our lives of contemplative prayer, study and ministry in response to the needs of our time.

VISION STATEMENTS 1995

We will reclaim our passion for contemplation, and choose this as our lens through which we make decisions, live our lives, minister, and perceive our world.

We will hold the promotion of justice as top priority in every area of our Congregation.

We will commit ourselves to deepen our studying, living and teaching the mysteries of the universe and the sacredness of all creation.

We resist the ongoing devastation of our planet by a contemplative scrutiny of our use/abuse of Earth's gifts.

Community Leadership

Sister Arlene Antczak, OP, Prioress

Sister Luella Ramm, OP, Vicarress

Sister Patricia Stringer, OP, Councilor

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A Message from the Prioress



September 2013

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, as a small unit of the global Order of Preachers popularly known as "the Dominicans," claim the gift and responsibility of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God that was bestowed on us in our Baptism. Yes, all the baptized share that gift, but Dominicans have a responsibility to enhance the vitality of that gift in the Church and remind others of the gift in themselves. Oh, we rarely occupy the liturgical pulpits of our Church, but our preaching proceeds from numerous other pulpits, places and situations that need to hear the Good News. So look for us in educational pulpits, in pulpits that serve the immediate needs of people who are poor or vulnerable, in communities of faith, and even in corporate boardrooms. There is no limit to the locations of our pulpits. How about you? Where do you announce the Good News of God's Kingdom? One way we know is in your generous support of our Sisters, by your prayers, your encouragement and your sharing of your resources. Thank you for being our partners in preaching!

Sincerely,

Sister Arlene Antczak, OP
Prioress

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

“...out of their resources!”

In the Gospel of Luke (8:1-3) we read of Jesus traveling the land accompanied by his disciples. Among them are Mary of Magdala, from whom seven demons had been cast out (*probably forms of mysterious illnesses puzzling to people of that time!*), Joanna, wife of Herod's steward, Chuza, Susanna, and many other women who provided for Jesus and the apostles *out of their resources!* These unsung heroes of the early Church were among the many women mentioned in the New Testament. Mary of Nazareth gave of herself literally as the bearer of the Word Made Flesh. Less well-known women include: Chloe, Lydia, Nympha, Eudia, Syntyche, Martha and Mary (*of Bethany*) Mary the mother of James and John, Mary the mother of John Mark, Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Persis, Julia, Olympas, Phoebe, Priscilla, Tabitha and a number of others, unnamed, but present as partners in the mission of Jesus recorded in the Gospels, Acts and Epistles.

preaching mission of Jesus and the Church *out of their resources!* Valiant women through the ages have inherited their genes of generosity and service. Religious communities, parishes, hospitals, orphanages, schools of every kind, missionary strategies, social services for those with greatest needs, all have been vehicles by which women disciples have partnered with Jesus in proclaiming the Good News. This tradition continues in the Catholic community to this day!

The Dominican Sisters of Caldwell have supported the mission of Jesus through their preaching lives and their educational ventures for over 130 years. They do this *from their own resources*. Money earned by Sisters' labors has supported the community and the community projects. This remains true today. Our sponsored institutions are supported largely by the resources of the Sisters, including their talent, time and treasure!

We rely on people like you to join with us, sharing your resources in support of the mission of Jesus: to proclaim the Good News of God's love to all creatures! Together we are direct descendants of the heroic women named and unnamed in the Bible. We

thank you for being a part of this great movement. Our educational institutions are doing well **and** doing good work. Hundreds of students each year hear and see the Gospel preached in these schools. Our elders who live in dignity and safety in Marian Manor and Siena Village experience the Good News as Jesus proclaimed it. Students and workers at Genesis Farm hear the great Good News that God's first revelation to us is in creation itself and then, they see and hear how we can be good news for our Earth and for all its inhabitants. In the holy house of Saint Catherine of Siena Healthcare Center sisters and other residents pray and bear witness to the Cross of Jesus by their sufferings. You are ever a part of their prayers of gratitude and petition. This joyful community of saints is provided for out of the resources of the Sisters and their partners in Mission: **YOU!** When we join our great and grandmothers in the faith in the heavenly reunion, there will be great cause for rejoicing over all this generosity!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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WHERE WE MINISTER,
PLEASE VISIT:
www.caldwellop.org**

Sister Barbara Moore, OP,



Associate Professor of Theology at Caldwell College, has for ten years coordinated its graduate program in Pastoral Ministry. Before returning to full-time college teaching, Sister Barbara served as Pastoral Associate at Blessed Kateri Parish in Sparta, New Jersey during its first seventeen years. This experience prepared her to understand the academic and professional requirements of lay ministers, but more importantly, her parish relationships also motivated her determination to deepen students' personal faith experience. Recently, Sister Barbara has found that offering theology courses online has opened up teaching's pastoral dimension in a way she had not anticipated. *"Somehow, students seem to share their faith journeys more freely with me and with each other online than they ever do in the classroom. Their questions demand more than academic information and engage my pastoral skills to focus on theology's relevance in peoples' lives and in the realities of their world."*

Sister Patricia Daly, OP,



Executive Director of the Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment, engages in a preaching ministry beyond any classroom or pulpit. As a financial consultant to forty religious congregations in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut, TRICRI educates financial managers to screen corporations that manufacture dangerous products like weapons and genetically-modified organisms and/or who engage in unfair labor practices. Sister Pat's organization represents the combined investment power of religious organizations at shareholders' meetings concerned with issues like human rights, environmental protection, and human trafficking. Asked, "Does it work?" Sister Pat happily points to Ford Motor Company as *"a successful transformation of a corporate culture to attend to a broad spectrum of sustainability issues."* As a Dominican, Sister Pat finds her unique *"ministry of preaching in the marketplace amazingly fulfilling, addressing today's crises, confronting the heresy of greed at all cost."*

Sister Honora Werner, OP

ministers as director and professor in the doctoral preaching program at Aquinas Institute of Theology in Saint Louis, Missouri. Aquinas, the only Catholic school in the United States to offer a doctorate in preaching, educates religious and lay people for service and leadership in the Church. The online doctoral program serves students from the USA, Canada and overseas. Sister Honora works mostly from an office in Caldwell!

She travels to Saint Louis a few times each year when her students come in for intensive weeks of study.

There are 94 graduates of the program and 47 currently studying. Graduates gift the Church as teachers, writers, and, of course, as preachers.



PREACHERS IN PROFILE

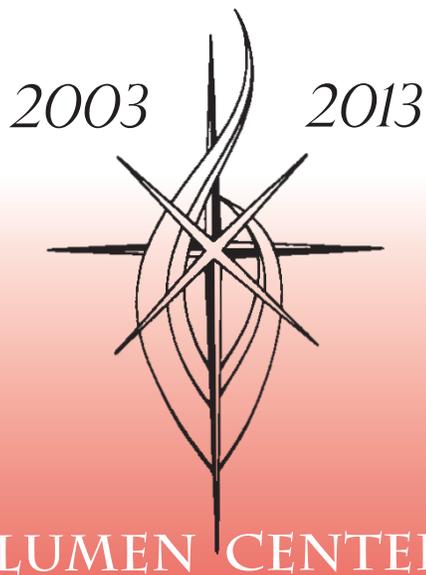
Sister Donna Ciangio, OP,

founding Director of Church Leadership Consultation, enjoys a truly global ministry. For over thirty years, Sister Donna has collaborated with everyone from cardinals to catechists on all seven continents. Her task is to develop both lay and clerical leadership with skills to promote parish vitality, pastoral direction, adult faith formation, and small Christian communities. Recently, technology has helped to relieve her strenuous travel schedule which in a given month might range from Latin America to the Philippines.

For example, regular Skype conversations now allow Sister Donna to maintain friendships with diocesan leaders from Dublin, Ireland and Durbin, South Africa. Closer to home, Sister Donna serves as the Director of Faith Formation at Saint Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills, New Jersey, as an adjunct faculty member in Drew University's Doctor of Ministry program, and as parish consultant for the Jesuit National Conference USA, and for RCL Benziger Publishing Company.



THE LUMEN CENTER CELEBRATES TEN YEARS!



For the past ten years it has been our privilege to journey with you, our fellow sojourners. Whether over a meal, listening to words of hope and inspiration, or sitting together in silence aware of the Presence of God within and among us, we have been blessed by your presence and by your faithful search. Our lives are richer because of you. May the Lumen Center continue to shed light on your path.

Sister Patricia Crowley, OP
Director

Kathleen DeFet, D.Min.
Co-Director

Joan Cappa
Administrative Assistant

www.lumenctr.org

We invite those who desire to deepen their relationship with God to join us in prayer, study, and action grounded in the contemplation of God, of justice, and of the sacredness of the earth.

Please forgive our error...

The stained glass picture shown in *Saints in Focus*, Flame, Winter 2013 was incorrect. The window below of the featured Saint Martin de Porres, was created by Sister Gerardine Mueller, OP and photographed by Rich King.



Sister Margaret Charles DeRosa, OP

Entrance into Life - April 2, 1929

Entrance into Dominican Life - February 2, 1947

Entrance into Eternal Life - April 3, 2013

IN MEMORIAM



Sister Alice Matthew Thees, OP

Entrance into Life - August 22, 1925

Entrance into Dominican Life - August 30, 1944

Entrance into Eternal Life - June 12, 2013

To read the Sisters' biographies and say a prayer with us, please visit www.caldwellop.org/in-memoriam.php

We Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us...

*The Sisters of Saint Dominic are grateful to all those who have given in memory of a deceased family member, friend or co-worker. The following list includes deceased individuals whose friends and family named us recipients of memorial gifts during the year 2012.**

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| Rev. Robert A. Antczak | Sister James Marie Hannon, OP | Sister Suzanne McCaffrey, OP |
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| Mrs. Catherine M. Desch | | Sister Joyce Vincent, OP |
| Sister Grace Margaret Haggart, OP | | Sister Edith Magdalen Visic, OP |

*The following list includes those deceased individuals from whom the Sisters of Saint Dominic received bequests during the year 2012.**

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| Sister Maura Campbell, OP | Sister Florence Marie Hofmann, OP |
| Mr. Robert Daly | Mr. Terence M. Lynch |
| Father Vincent Garoffolo | Ms. Elizabeth Greeley Marcellaro |
| Mrs. Virginia Hancharik | Ms. Marie O'Brien |
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We are grateful.

We hold all of our donors and their loved ones in our hearts and prayers.

*If a name was inadvertently omitted, we apologize for the oversight as this was not intentional. Please let us know so that we may include your loved one in a future issue.

We are blessed to have enormously dedicated partners supporting us at every step, including many who have chosen to help secure our future through deferred gifts.

The **Caldwell Dominican Heritage Circle** honors the commitment of our benefactors. We are deeply grateful for the strong bond we share and for the special legacies you build with our Community.

We invite you to join the members of the **Caldwell Dominican Heritage Circle** who enjoy the rewards of creating a lasting legacy and the satisfaction of knowing that they provide the resources needed to sustain our Mission.

Your investment in the Dominican pillars of Common Prayer, Study, Mission and Community is an investment in the future of our tradition.

Membership in the Caldwell Dominican Heritage Circle

Individuals who remember The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, NJ in their estate plans or establish other planned gifts are invited to join the **Caldwell Dominican Heritage Circle** with no minimum gift amount, no fees or dues, and no distinction made regarding the size or type of gift. Many types of planned gift arrangements may enable you to make a more significant gift than you thought possible while, at the same time, allowing you to achieve your financial and estate planning goals.



Please contact us for more information or let us know how we can help you: development@caldwellop.org



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Saint Rose of Lima's Life was Filled with Mystery and Adversity

With mother and maid as witness, the face of Isabel Flores y de Oliva transformed into the shape of a Rose. From then on, the baby was known as Rose. This name change caused Isabel to endure hostility and animosity from extended family. This quickly taught her inner strength and to suffer in silence. To alleviate tensions, Isabel took the name Rose at her confirmation.

Saint Rose was known for her gardening abilities, beautiful needlework, and opening her heart and home to care for the sickly poor. But she was also known for her severe, stoic self-inflicted acts of penance to purify her soul to receive the Lord's

presence. Saint Rose's deep faith in the Blessed Mother, baby Jesus and Saint Catherine of Siena enabled her to go against her parents' wishes to marry and become a Tertiary as part of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. Saint Rose was also a mystic, and among her many visions she foresaw the date and circumstances of her death at age 31 - August 24, 1617.

Saint Rose's legacy remains to teach us that we must love God and others selflessly and be willing to suffer for them in obedience. We celebrate the feast of Saint Rose of Lima on August 30th.

Stained Glass Window: S. Gerardine Mueller, OP
Photo By: Rich King

