

Pope Honorius III Confirming the Order of Friars Preachers From a window of House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

Honorius, Bishop, servant of the servants of God, to our dear son, Dominic, prior of St. Romain, of Toulouse, and to your brethren who have made, or shall make, profession of regular life, health and the apostolic benediction. We, considering that the brethren of your Order will be the champions of the faith and true light of the world, do confirm the Order in all its lands and possessions present and to come; and we take the Order itself, with all its goods and rights, under our protection and government.

Given at Sta. Sabina, at Rome, on the 11th of the kalends of January, this first year of our Pontificate.

HONORIUS.