

CLOISTER CHRONICLE

On Saturday, January 14, 2012, sixteen friars were installed as acolytes: Brs. Bonaventure Chapman, Humbert Kilanowski, Thomas Davenport, Dominic Mary Verner, Joachim Kenney, Raymund Snyder, Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, Joseph-Anthony Kress, Michael Mary Weibley, Patrick Mary Briscoe, Louis Bertrand Lemoine, John Sica, Gregory Maria Pine, Athanasius Murphy, Tomás Martín Rosado, and Dennis Klein (Province of the Holy Name). The installation was celebrated in the House Chapel of the Priory of the Immaculate Conception by the Very Reverend Brian Mulcahy, O.P., Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph.

On January 28, the Dominican community celebrated the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas with a festive mass, celebrated by the prior of the House of Studies, Fr. Kenneth Letoile, O.P. Fr. Thomas Weinandy, O.F.M. Cap., Executive Director of the Secretariat for Doctrine and Pastoral Practices at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, delivered the homily.

On Monday, January 23, the friars of the Dominican House of Studies participated in the thirty-ninth annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

On Thursday, January 26, Fr. Brian Shanley, O.P., president of Providence College, preached at the annual St. Thomas Aquinas Mass at The Catholic University of America. The principal celebrant of the mass was Fr. Kenneth Letoile, O.P.



On Thursday, January 26, Professor Russell Hittinger of the University of Tulsa delivered a lecture at the Dominican House of Studies sponsored by the Thomistic Institute: “Can You be the Imago Dei on Your Own? Modern Thomism on the Social Character of Human Existence.” There were over 100 people in attendance.

On Friday, January 27, Fr. Brian Shanley, O.P., gave a lecture at the Catholic University of America, entitled “Saint Thomas Aquinas: Companion and Patron.”

On Thursday, February 9, Professor John Rist delivered the inaugural Pritzl lecture at the Catholic University, named in honor of the recently deceased Fr. Kurt Pritzl, O.P., of the Priory of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America. John Rist assumed the first Father Kurt Pritzl, O.P., Chair in Philosophy in January 2012.

Among the recent guests at the Dominican House of Studies was Bishop Charles Morerod, O.P., recently consecrated Bishop of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg.

In February 2012, Br. Paul Kennedy, O.P., completed studies for an AAS in Culinary Arts from Stratford University.

This Lent, student brothers gave conferences on the Mysteries of the Rosary at our Dominican churches in Ohio, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. At St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Charlottesville, VA, and the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC, the following brothers gave conferences: Br. Clement Dickie, “The Agony in the Garden;” Br. Thomas Davenport, “And Having Scourged Jesus...;” Br. Patrick Mary Briscoe, “Behold the Man, Behold our King;” Br. Joseph-Anthony Kress, “The Carrying of the Cross;” and Br. Philip Neri Reese, “Crossroads at Calvary.”

At St. Dominic’s Parish in Washington, DC, St. Patrick’s Parish in Columbus, OH, and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Zanesville, OH, the following brothers gave conferences: Br. John Baptist Hoang, “The Way toward Weeping;” Br. John Sica, “The Scourging at the Pillar;” Br. Bonaventure Chapman, “Two Crownings;” Br. Dominic Mary Verner, “The Mystery of Sacrifice;” and Br. Peter Martyr Joseph Yungwirth, “The Power of the Cross.”

Since the launch of the daily *Dominicana* blog on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14, 2011, some of the most popular posts have been: Br. Thomas More Garrett’s “First We Were Weak, Now We’re Stupid,” Br. Bonaventure Chapman’s “St. Thomas and the Keeping of Pets,” Br. Michael Mary Weibley’s “Hakuna Matata’ and the Philosophy of Unwillingness,” Br. Tomás Martín Rosado’s “Loose Lips Sink Ships: On Silence,” Br. Raymund Snyder’s “Heaven: People Live There,” Br. Boniface Endorf’s

“Antietam’s Dry Bones,” and Br. Gabriel Torretta’s “Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Body.”

With the collaboration of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, three student brothers gave days of recollection on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary: on Saturday, February 25, Br. Gabriel Torretta spoke at St. Joseph Parish in Middletown, NY; on Saturday, March 24, Br. Innocent Smith spoke at St. Joseph Parish in West Orange, NJ; and on Saturday, March 31, Br. Cajetan Cuddy spoke at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood, NJ.

On each Friday during Lent, the student brothers participated in the Forty Days for Life campaign, praying and witnessing in front of the Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, DC.

On Wednesday, March 7, a schola made up of student brothers assisted at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist according to the Dominican Rite for the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in New York City. Fr. Austin Litke, O.P., was the celebrant, and Fr. James Brent, O.P. was the preacher. The schola consisted of Brs. Reginald Lynch, Leo Checkai, Innocent Smith, Charles Shonk, Bonaventure Chapman, and Humbert Kilanowski.

On Saturday, March 10, six of our brothers were ordained to the diaconate: Brs. Dominic Joseph Bump, Bernard Marie Timothy, Matthew Carroll, Albert Duggan, Reginald Mary Lynch, and Ambrose Mary Little. The ordination was celebrated in the House Chapel of the Dominican House of Studies by the Most Reverend Denis J. Madden, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore.

On Friday, March 23, friars from the Dominican House of Studies participated in the Rally for Religious Freedom outside of the Health and Human Services building in Washington, DC.



In March 2012, the Order of Preachers launched a new website at www.op.org. Several articles from *Dominicana* have been featured on the homepage of the Order, including Br. John Baptist Hoang's "Holy Weekdays," Br. Clement Dickie's "Freedom Now, Argument Later," and Br. John Devaney's "V.I.P. Access." Also included in the new site is a section called "Now on Dominican Web," which provides links to all of the latest articles from a variety of websites of the Order, including the Provincial website of the Province of St. Joseph and *Dominicana*.

Br. Paul Kennedy, O.P., participated in an inter-provincial cooperatior brother meeting from March 30–April 1 at St. Albert the Great Priory in Oakland, CA. This was the first in a series of regional meetings commissioned by the Master of the Order, Fr. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., to discuss the cooperatior brother vocation and make recommendations to the Master for addressing the decline in vocations to the cooperatior brotherhood.

On Saturday, March 31, more than a hundred and fifty young adults from Washington, DC, Virginia, and Maryland participated in the annual Seven Church Walk through downtown DC. Among the pilgrims were contingents of brothers from the Dominican House of Studies and of seminarians from the Blessed John Paul II Seminary of the Archdiocese of Washington.

On April 14, the Thomistic Institute hosted a conference on Creation and Modern Science, featuring lectures by William E. Carroll (Oxford University), Fr. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P. (Providence College), and Edward Feser (Pasadena City College).

On Friday, April 20, the student brothers attended the Second Annual Dominican Spring Gala fundraiser for the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception.

On Friday, May 25, five of our brothers were ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ: Brs. Jerome Augustine Zeiler, Jordan Joseph Schmidt, Augustine Marie Reisenauer, Michael Dominic O'Connor, and Justin Marie Brophy. The ordination was celebrated at St. Dominic's Church in Washington, DC, by the Most Reverend Joseph Augustine Di Noia, O.P., Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.