

## CLOISTER CHRONICLE

**O**n Saturday, August 11, four of our brothers made solemn profession: Br. Thomas More Garrett, Br. John Maria Devaney, Br. Sebastian White, and Br. Gabriel Joseph Torretta. Surrounded by fellow Dominican Friars, family, and friends, their profession until death of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience was received by the Very Rev. John Langlois, O.P., Socius and Vicar of the Provincial. The four brothers continue their education and formation in Washington in preparation for ordination as deacons, and then as priests.



**O**n August 20, the Memorial of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, the Pontifical Faculty of Theology of the Immaculate Conception celebrated the opening Mass of its academic year. The celebrant

and preacher was the Very Rev. Steven Boguslawski, O.P., president of the PFIC. Continuing the tradition of beginning the academic year by celebrating the Eucharist and asking for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the school, the Mass and lunch also welcomed new students and those returning from the summer recess.

On September 10, a few days before the first anniversary of its founding, the Dominican blog passed the milestone of 200,000 unique views. Some of the most popular posts have been Br. Thomas More's "Why the Church Should Stay in the 'Civil Marriage Business': A Response to George Weigel"; Br. Bonaventure's "St. Thomas and the Keeping of Pets"; and Br. Leo's series, "Opening the Book of Revelation."

From September 26-November 4, the Dominican brothers participated in the DC-area's "40 Days for Life" by regularly praying and witnessing in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic in Washington, D.C.



On September 27, Fr. Pius Pietrzyk, O.P., celebrated Mass according to the Dominican Rite in the main chapel of the House of Studies. He offered a Votive Mass of the Most Holy Eucharist, with proper chants and motets sung by the Dominican Schola, under the direction of Fr. James Moore, O.P.

On October 5-6, the Thomistic Institute hosted a theological symposium, “Jesus Christ, True God and True Man: The Promise of Chalcedonian Christology.” In 451 A.D. the Council of Chalcedon affirmed an important Christological truth: Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, truly God by virtue of his divinity, truly human by virtue of his humanity. The Word Incarnate is one person with two natures. This doctrine has been the subject of much controversy both in ancient times and more recently. This symposium gathered together experts in patristic, medieval, and modern theology. Presenters included Dr. Khaled Anatolios, Dr. Corey Barnes, Fr. Brian E. Daley, S. J., Dr. Boyd Taylor Coolman, Dr. Bruce Marshall, and our very own Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P.

On October 8, ten brothers at the Dominican House of Studies were installed in the ministry of Lector: Br. Pier Giorgio Dengler, Br. Luke Hoyt, Br. Alan Piper, Br. Leo Joseph Camurati, Br. Timothy Danaher, Br. Edmund Mary McCullough, Br. Aquinas Beale, Br. Mannes Matous, Br. Henry Stephan, and Br. Peter Joseph Gautsch. The brothers were installed by Fr. Brian M. Mulcahy, O.P., Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph.

On October 11, the Dominican Friars hosted a Holy Hour to celebrate the beginning of the Year of Faith. After Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Ken Letoile, O.P., prior of the Dominican House of Studies, preached a stirring homily based on Luke 24:13-35, where the disciples encounter the Lord on the road to Emmaus. The Holy Hour ended with the singing of Compline and a reception for the many guests who joined us in prayer.

On October 11-14, the Dominican House of Studies hosted the Dominican Lay Inter-Provincial Council. Leaders from each of the provinces of the North American Lay Fraternities participated, as well as the Promotor General of the Dominican Laity, Fr. David Kammler, O.P.

On October 31, despite the best efforts of Hurricane Sandy, the Dominican House of Studies hosted its annual All Saints' Vigil. Br. Charles Shonk, O.P., preached on the theme of faith, and the brothers read passages by Blessed Columba Marmion, Aelfric of Eynsham, Blessed John Paul II, and St. Catherine of Siena. Hundreds of faithful were in attendance.

On November 4, many of the Dominican brothers made a pilgrimage to pray at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Northeast DC, where many of our friars are interred.

On November 22, Thanksgiving Day, the Dominican brothers observed the time-honored American custom of playing football. Friars flocked to the field, and for the second year running, the House of Studies was able to field four teams. No friars were injured, despite the ferocity with which they played.

On the Sundays of Advent, student brothers gave conferences on the Four Last Things at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Charlottesville, VA, St. Dominic's Parish, in Washington, DC, and the Dominican House of Studies. The following brothers gave conferences: Br. Bonaventure Chapman, "Death;" Br. John Devaney, "Judgment;" Br. John Sica, "Heaven;" Br. Philip Neri Reese, "Hell."



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