



The Order of Preachers was founded by Dominic de Guzmán,

a 12th-century Canon Regular in Osma, a city on the Christian frontier of Spain. While traveling through southern France with his bishop, Diego of Osma, Dominic came upon a population heavily influenced by the dualism of Albigensianism, which taught the existence of two equal Creators, one of the good and one of the evil, and that the material world was created by the evil principle. Dominic saw the crucial need to make known the liberating truth of the Gospel, revealing God's love for the world. Out of that need grew the Order of Preachers.

The Adrian Dominican Sisters are part of the 800-year Dominican tradition of preaching Gospel truths to all peoples.

SEEK TRUTH · MAKE PEACE · REVERENCE LIFE

An historical timeline follows with images and descriptions of how we came into being, and how we are carrying out Dominic's vision for future generations.

Dear Partners in Mission,

We are delighted to provide you with this overview of our Congregation's history, from the founding of the Dominican Order in the early 1200s to the present day, as well as an introduction to the Mission and Vision that continue to impel us.

In these pages, you will sample the diverse ministries that engage our Sisters and Associates in outreach to people who are relegated to the margins; in efforts to sustain the health and well-being of our Earth community; and in works to nurture spiritual life through spiritual direction, prayer, and ministries of presence. Our Sisters and Associates, with countless others, also are engaged through our sponsored institutions — universities, elementary and secondary schools, literacy centers, and hospitals — in furthering our mission to serve God's people and promote the common good. Through a variety of ministries undertaken by our women in the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Mexico, and Norway, we strive to be a sign of God's love in our troubled world.

We hope that you will experience the "breadth and length and height and depth" of the mission that you share with us — and our deep gratitude for all that you are and all that you do.

In the spirit of
Dominic and Catherine,

Patricia A. Siemen, OP

Sister Patricia Siemen, OP
Prioress of the Congregation



We Dominican Preachers of Adrian

impelled by the Gospel and
outraged by the injustices of our day
seek truth;
make peace;
reverence life.

Stirred by the Wisdom of God
and rooted in our contemplative prayer,
communal study, and life in community,
we challenge heresies of local and
global domination, exploitation, and greed
that privilege some, dehumanize others, and
ravage Earth.

We confront our racist attitudes and
root out racist practices in our lives and
systems.

We confront systems where women are
denied freedom, equality, and
full personhood.

We walk in solidarity with people who
are poor and challenge structures that
impoverish them.

We practice non-violent peacemaking.

We promote lay leadership and shared
decision-making for a renewed Church.

We live right relationships with
Earth community.

We claim the communal authority and
responsibility of our Dominican heritage.

We commit ourselves to live this Vision.

*General Chapter 2004,
Reaffirmed at General Chapters of 2010 and 2016*

St. Dominic believed that preaching should be supported

by study, so that the preached word would not be
an empty word;

by community, where the preacher found support
and challenge;

by a life of contemplation on the Gospel message; and

by ministry, especially with those most in need on
the margins of society.

Study, community, prayer, and ministry — traditional
pillars of Dominican life — continue to be at the heart of
our life today.



Sister Nancyann Turner, OP, with a
young participant in the Rosa Parks
Children and Youth Program, Capuchin
Soup Kitchen, Detroit.



Sister Pat Reno, OP, right, with clients at
Centro Latino of Shelbyville, Kentucky.





wedge of light
piercing a field of dark:
the distinctly
Dominican
sign.

Truth:
Clear as the light of the Spirit
rising from a single point
to seek its completion
in the wholeness of the world,
in God,
in all that is.

White light
shining
in the color of earth.
Primitive as early Christian seal,
contemporary as the world today,
a mark that unites us;
To be seen, to be questioned,
to become loved and known.



A sign that says:
ADRIAN



nactments

Rooted in the Gospel, we recognize our own spiritual longings and those of the world. We commit to deepen our spirituality and to engage with others in prayer and presence in order to witness to the mystery of God in our midst.

Recognizing the violence against Earth community that places our common home in dire jeopardy and intensifies the suffering of people on the margins, future generations, and all creation, we will sacrifice to mitigate significantly our impact on climate change and ecological degradation.

Recognizing that racism, violence, and intolerance of diversity fuel marginalization, we pledge our lives, money, and other resources to facilitate and participate in creating resilient communities with people who are relegated to the margins, valuing their faith, wisdom, and integrity.

Rooted in the joy of the Gospel, we will embrace and nurture our rich diversity, commit ourselves to deepening our relationships with one another, invite others to vowed and Associate life, and expand collaboration for the sake of the Mission.

General Chapter 2016

sponsorship

is an ongoing relationship whereby the Adrian Dominican Sisters and an institution influence each other in ways that further the mission of both Institution and Congregation.

General Chapter 1982

Adrian Dominican Sponsored Institutions

Barry University – Miami Shores, Florida
Dominican Hospital – Santa Cruz, California
Regina Dominican High School – Wilmette, Illinois
Rosarian Academy – West Palm Beach, Florida
St. Rose Dominican Hospitals – Henderson, Nevada
Siena Heights University – Adrian, Michigan

Literacy Centers (under Dominican Rea Literacy Corporation)

Adrian Rea Literacy Center – Adrian, Michigan
All Saints Literacy Center – Detroit, Michigan
Aquinas Literacy Center – Chicago, Illinois
DePorres P.L.A.C.E. – West Palm Beach, Florida
Dominican Literacy Center – Detroit, Michigan
N.E.W. Life Literacy Center – Flint, Michigan
Siena Literacy Center – Detroit, Michigan

Ministries in the Philippines

The Sisters of the Our Lady of Remedies Mission Chapter in Pampanga, the Philippines, are engaged in a number of ministries, predominantly in the Archdiocese of San Fernando, involving education, catechesis, and socio-pastoral work with women, children, farmers, and indigenous peoples. The Sisters also minister as pastoral workers in Norway.

Today we are engaged in a sponsorship model best described as a partnership relationship with the laity for shared ministry. We value and welcome the laity as co-ministers in collaboration with the Congregation for the administration and stewardship of its institutions.



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1 – Sister Maureen O'Connell, OP, founding director of Angela House, cuts the ribbon for the expanded Houston, Texas, facility, which offers a residential program to help formerly incarcerated women transition into community life.

2 – Most Reverend Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, offers a blessing to learners and tutors at Aquinas Literacy Center in honor of its 20th anniversary.

3 – Regina Dominican High School students Summer Rocha, Emily Becker, Rebecca Richards, Jenna Rozhon, and Mary Grace Stanton, from left, participate in the Ugandan Fair Trade Market. Proceeds benefit Noté Karacel, which supports the people of Alenga, Uganda.

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1 – Siena Heights University students celebrate Indian culture – and experience an explosion of color – at Holi Festival, marking the end of the academic year.

2 – Members of the Florida Mission Chapter – from left, Sisters Teresita Ruiz, OP, Margarita Ruiz, OP, Mary Jean Clemenger, OP, and Judith Rimbey, OP – display a banner advocating the abolition of the death penalty in Florida. The Florida Mission Chapter has taken on this issue as a Chapter Initiative.

3 – Rosarian Academy seventh-grader Marlowe Flom is congratulated by Middle School Director Sister Donna Baker, OP, during his induction into the National Junior Honor Society.

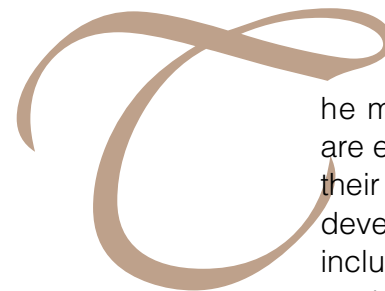


Ministry

Belonging to the worldwide family of men and women religious known since St. Dominic's time as the Order of Preachers, Adrian Dominicans cherish preaching as their distinctive charism.

They are women "dedicated to communicating the Word of God through word, style of life, and manner of service."

Constitution and Statutes, 6.1, 1989



The ministries of the Adrian Dominican Sisters are education, health care, and social services in their traditional forms, and others that have been developed in response to the signs of the times, including campus ministry; ministries in the arts; pastoral ministries; immigration services; counseling and spiritual formation; community organization; and advocacy for peace, justice, and ecological sustainability.



1 – Sisters Carol Coston, OP, left, and Maureen Fenlon, OP, work on the Motherhouse permaculture site.

2 – Women in formation gather during General Chapter 2016. From left are Sisters Marilín Llanes, OP, Antonette Lumbang, OP, and Xiomara Méndez-Hernández, OP, and then-novice Sister Katherine Frazier.

3 – Michael W. Reaves, Director of Public Safety for the City of Port Huron, Michigan, congratulates Sister Gloria Korhonen, OP, for receiving the city's Lifetime Achievement Award.
(Photo by Ricardo Rames)



1 – Associate Juana Franco helps sterilize instruments during a free dental clinic in the Dominican Republic sponsored by Associate group Antorcha and organized by Dr. Fabiola Reyes, Associate.

2 – Sister Frances Nadolny, OP, Administrator and General Councilor, is welcomed by indigenous Aeta children in the Philippines.

3 – Arlene Bachanov, Associate, left, and the late Sister Nadine Foley, OP, review the recent Congregation history book, *To Fields Near and Far*, which they co-authored.



1 – Miguel Avila, a bilingual tutor at Adrian Rea Literacy Center, teaches a beginning English conversation class.

2 – Sister Cheryl Liske, OP, second from right in foreground, of Gamaliel of Michigan addresses Michigan state Sen. Morris W. Hood III, right, during an event at the state Capitol to lobby for legislation to promote racial equity.

3 – Sister Alyce Van Acker, OP, right, receives the Fra Angelico Award for her art from Amityville Dominican Sister Barbara Schwarz, OP.



1 – From left, Sisters Jean Tobin, OP, and Rose Ann Schlitt, OP, speak to Siena Heights University education students Amanda Barry and Jenna Warner during the open house of the University's Education Department in the former St. Joseph Academy building. (Photo by Sally Rae)

2 – Mindy Wenkert, left, a tutor, works with Priscilla Samuels, her student at DePorres P.L.A.C.E., a literacy center in West Palm Beach, Florida.

3 – Members of the greater Adrian community gather in front of the Motherhouse in prayer for justice and peace in our world.



1 – Sister Barbara Cervenka, OP, works on one of her 1,000 cranes painted and sold as a benefit for the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena of Iraq.

2 – Mary Margaret Bommarito, left, completes the process of becoming an Adrian Dominican Associate by signing the agreement of Association during her Ritual of Acceptance. Sister Joanne Peters, OP, was her mentor.

3 – Sister Mariane Fahlman, OP, teaches in the Department of Health and Physical Education at Wayne State University, Detroit.



1 – Sister Jolyn Dungo, OP, of the Remedies Chapter, right, oversees the program of serving food to the Aeta people of Villa Maria in the Philippines.

2 – Sister Susan Gardner, OP, right, participates in a rally in Traverse City, Michigan, to support Standing Rock Sioux Tribe "water protectors."

3 – Helene Knierim, Associate, offers a liturgical dance during the dedication of the Dominican Life Center Reflective Garden in August 2016.



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1 – Staff members of All Saints Literacy Center in Detroit, Michigan, are, from left, Roger Frank, director; Sister Mary Hemmen, OP, founder; and Chris Verklan, secretary.



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3 – Sister Rosemary Finnegan, OP, with hens that are part of the sustainability program for the Haiti Mission of Sister Rosemary's parish, St. Margaret Mary in Winter Park, Florida.



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1 – Sister Carol Weber, OP, left, participates in a roundtable discussion with then-President Barack Obama and other community leaders in Flint, Michigan. (Ryan Garza/Detroit Free Press)



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2 – Sister Nancy Murray, OP, brings to life Dominican saint Catherine of Siena during performances she stages across the country.

3 – Members of the new Associate Life Board of Directors – including, from left, Associates Jacci Brown, Carol Johnson, and Deb Carter – address Associates and Sisters at Partners IV in August 2016 in Adrian. Also serving are Associates Trudy McSorley and Connie Brady.



1 – Sister Patricia Siemen, OP, Prioress, center, with Sister Zenaida Nacpil, OP, Remedies Chapter Prioress, receives the final professions of Sisters Jolyn Dungo, OP, left, and Antonette Lumbang, OP, right.

2 – Three Mission leaders from St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, as well as the President of the Rose de Lima Campus, donate school supplies for students at Sister Robert Joseph Bailey Elementary School in Nevada.

3 – Sister Mary Ellen Leciejewski, OP, Ecology Program Coordinator for Dignity Health, grows fresh greens for Dominican Hospital's cafeteria in Santa Cruz, California.



1 – Sister Eneida Santiago, OP, center, blesses the new House of Formation in the Dominican Republic.

2 – Sister Donna Markham, OP, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, greets Pope Francis during his September 2015 visit to the United States.

3 – Barry University students participate in the sixth annual Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Symposium hosted by Barry's College of Arts and Sciences.