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## New Statues of Dominican Saints Grace the Ohio Dominican University Campus

Statues of **St. Dominic** and **St. Catherine of Siena** recently installed on campus are enlarged versions of sculptures created by artist and Dominican Sister Rose Marie Morris, O.P., of Sparkill, New York. Both statues were cast in bronze by Polich Art Works of Rock Tavern, New York. Saint Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order of Preachers and Saint Catherine of Siena, Dominican woman and Doctor of the Church are welcomed additions to the campus landscape.

Situated on top of a large mound at the main entrance to Ohio Dominican's campus on Sunbury Road, the 5'6" statue of St. Dominic is posed with the gospels in hand. His eyes are trained towards Heaven, and he has the appearance of being on the move. The statue is an embodiment of the itinerate preacher. Just a little further east on the path between Spangler Learning Center and Erskine Hall is the 3'6" statue of St. Catherine of Siena, resting on top of a 3' concrete base. Carrying a cross clutched to her heart, with her eyes also looking upward, the depiction of St. Catherine captures the courage of the contemplative and visionary disciple of Truth. "What I love about the statues is that they were created by a Dominican," said Sr. Catherine Colby, O.P, Dominican Sister of St. Mary of the Springs and Director of ODU's Center for Dominican Studies. "I believe they are a true expression of the artist's own understanding of the Dominican charism. They justly embody the contemplative and apostolic lives of Saints Dominic and Catherine."

## Center for Dominican Studies is Moved to a New Location



The Center for Dominican Studies is now located in a new space in Erskine Hall, Room 103. The area provides for a small conference space, sitting areas, and office space. This new environment, in the mainstream of traffic in the University's hub, reflects the importance of the Center's mission to promote the Dominican charism and Catholic intellectual life of the University. The Center serves as a resource for all those interested in learning more about Dominican education, the Dominican charism, the history of the University and its mission and values.

## New Employee Orientation to the History and Mission of the University

Dr. Jack Calareso, President of Ohio Dominican University and Sr. Catherine Colby, O.P., Director of The Center for Dominican Studies conducted an orientation session for new employees on "The History and Mission of the University." The program included viewing a timeline of historical events that have shaped the University culture and an overview of the Dominican charism that permeates the mission of the institution. Pictured below, participants engage in a lively question and answer session with President Calareso.



## Dominican Life of the Mind Series

**Dr. Maura Ryan**, Associate Professor Christian Ethics, the University of Notre Dame, spoke at Ohio Dominican University on Thursday, **October 6, 2005**, as part of the Dominican Life of the Mind Series sponsored by The Center for Dominican Studies. The lecture, entitled ***Bioethics and the Common Good***, elaborated on the significant impact of bioethics on today's society. Dr. Ryan received a bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University, a master's degree from Boston College, and a master's degree in Philosophy as well as a Ph. D. from Yale University. Currently, Dr. Ryan teaches Christian Ethics at Notre Dame. Dr. Ryan's areas of interest include bioethics, health policy, feminist ethics, and fundamental moral theology. She co-edited a book on global stewardship with Todd David Whitmore and recently completed a book on reproductive technologies. Currently she is working on the challenge of assisted suicide for feminist ethics. Dr. Ryan's stimulating and scholarly lecture was received with enthusiasm by over 140 participants that included faculty, students, alums, health care professionals and friends of ODU.



*One of Sr. Thoma's Stained Glass Windows found in the new chapel of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs.*

## "The Holy Preaching, The Holy Art"

The second Life of the Mind Series lecture was held on **November 17, 2005**, in the Listening Viewing Center of Spangler Learning Center. **Sr. Thoma Swanson, O.P.** presented an inspiring and informative lecture on the topic "The Holy Preaching, The Holy Art". Throughout the lecture she shared slides of her

work completed over the years in her ministry as a Dominican. Sr. Thoma is a renowned Dominican artist, scholar and teacher, who has devoted her life to preaching the gospel through her artwork. She most recently received the **2005 Fra Angelico Award**, given annually by the Dominican Institute for the Arts to the member who most represents the ideals and practices of the Institute. Sister's art ranges from woodcuts to paintings, from murals to tapestries, but she is most known for her stained glass windows. Churches in Cincinnati, New Haven and Port Richey have windows fashioned by Swanson, as well as the St. Mary of the Springs Chapel in Columbus.

## Benedict XVI Symposium: A Day of Study and Dialogue Draws Many Participants

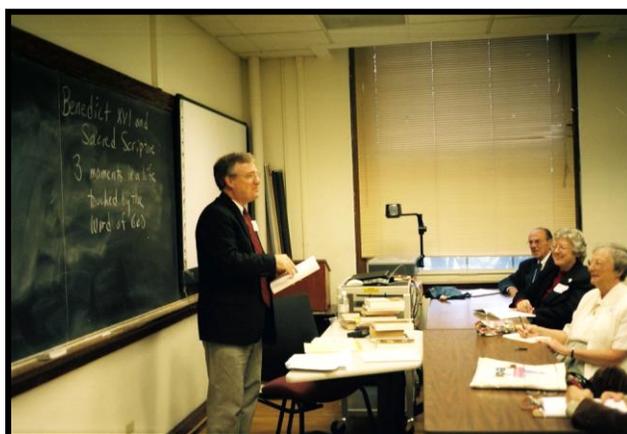


*Pictured left to right:*  
*Sr. Barbara Krug, O.P.,*  
*The Most Rev. James Griffin,*  
*Sr. Joan Delaney, M.M.,*  
*Dr. Leo Madden,*  
*Sr. Catherine Colby, O.P.,*  
*The Most Rev. Frederick Campbell,*  
*Dr. Joseph Kelley,*  
*Dr. Jack P. Calareso.*

Ohio Dominican University's Center for Dominican Studies sponsored "**Pope Benedict XVI: A Symposium**" on **Saturday, October 22, 2005** from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Matesich Theatre on ODU's main campus. The symposium offered an introduction into the thought and the life of the new Holy Father. Noted theologians and historians reflected on various aspects of Benedict XVI's life as a priest, scholar, theologian, pastor and shepherd of the Church. Over 150 participants engaged in the all day symposium that included a plenary session, Eucharistic Celebration, and luncheon followed by five concurrent sessions in the afternoon. The morning session featured Bishop Frederick Campbell, D.D., Ph.D, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus who discussed an historical view of the new Pope; and Bishop James A. Griffin, J.C.L., J.D., who presented Benedict XVI, an ecclesial view. Concurrent afternoon sessions included:

- **Benedict XVI: The Augustinian Connection** - Joseph T. Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min., Academic Vice President, Merrimack College.
- **Benedict XVI: Theology and Morality** - Deacon James F. Keating, Ph.D., Pontifical College Josephinum Professor of Moral Theology.
- **Benedict XVI: An Ecumenical Perspective** - Sr. Joan Delaney, MM, Associate director, The Chicago, The Center for Global Ministries.
- **Benedict XVI: A Scriptural View** - Leo Madden, S.T.B., S.S.L., Assistant Professor of Theology, Ohio Dominican University.
- **Benedict XVI: A Dominican/Thomistic View** - Sr. Barbara Krug, O.P., D.Min., Chair of Theology, Caldwell College.

The symposium concluded with a panel discussion on "The Future of the Church under Pope Benedict XVI. "



## Truth Seekers Reflection Series



### “Common Ground and Dominican Disputatio: A Practical Approach”

On Wednesday evening, **November 9, 2005**, **Sr. Catherine Patten, RSHM** was featured as guest speaker for the Truth Seekers Series #3. The dinner and presentation held in the Wehrle Art Gallery was attended by 30 participants representing faculty, staff, students and friends of Ohio Dominican University. Sister Catherine Patten serves as the coordinator of The Catholic Common Ground Initiative, an important office of the National Pastoral Life Center in New York City. The Catholic Common Ground Initiative was inaugurated by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin with the release of a statement, Called to Be Catholic: Church in a Time of Peril, on August 12, 1996. The Initiative represents a call to renewed dialogue within the church and an effort to undertake and exemplify that kind of dialogue.

Sister Catherine has provided leadership in varied communities assisting them in the dialogue process. She has worked with the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities presenting workshops related to the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. In February of 2005, at the Social ministry Gathering in Washington, D.C. she facilitated conversations focused on sharing what she has learned about dialogue and helping others to use those skills in their ministries. In her travels, Sr. Catherine has assisted groups in preparing and leading dialogue sessions. As a Dominican University, listening and dialogue are key components of the search for truth. Sr. Catherine Patten offered the audience a repertoire of practical ways to engage in dialogue that focuses on the common good. Authentic listening, dealing with biases, having reverence for others and a belief in the collective wisdom of the group was encouraged.

## Dominican Conversation Circles



The Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Distinguished Theology faculty at Ohio Dominican led the first session of the Dominican Conversation Circles on the topic of “**The Catholic Intellectual Life.**” The Bishop’s insightful and inspiring talk prompted a lively discussion among the 32 participants from the ODU Community, alumni

and friends of the University. This dinner session was held in the Colonial Room of Sansbury Hall.



**Dr. Jack P. Calareso**, President of Ohio Dominican University was the featured presenter for the second session that focused on “**Ex Corde Ecclesiae.**” Dr. Calareso outlined the history and highlights of this document that support the Catholic university’s identity and mission.

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### Future CDS Events

**January 20, 2006 @ 7:30 PM**, Sansbury Chapel  
Concert - “The Power of Preaching through Sacred Music,”  
featuring **Jim Marchionda, O.P.**, and **John Angotti.**

**January 26, 2006 @ 10:30 AM**, Matesich Theatre  
Aquinas Convocation: “Aquinas, Feminism, and the  
Common Good” Lecture by **Susanne DeCrane, Ph.D.**

**April 6, 2006 @ 7:30 PM**, Matesich Theatre  
“The Church and Society: A View from the Vatican”  
presented by **John L. Allen Jr.**, Vatican correspondent.

### Dominican Life of the Mind Lecture Series

**February 9, 2006 @ 7:30 PM**, Spangler LVC  
“The Dominican Charism and the Catholic Intellectual  
Tradition: A Curricular Vision for Interdisciplinary Study” by  
**Carol Dempsey, O.P.**

**March 28, 2006 @ 7:30 PM**, Sansbury Colonial Room  
“The Life of Study and the Common Good” presented by  
**Richard Schenk, O.P.**

**April 27, 2006 @ 7:30 PM**, Sansbury Colonial Room  
“Catherine of Siena” presented by **Suzanne Noffke, O.P.**

For more events, please visit our website at:  
[www.ohiodominican.edu/about/dominicanstudies](http://www.ohiodominican.edu/about/dominicanstudies)