



# The Center for Dominican Studies Newsletter



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### Dominican Sisters Currently Serving at Ohio Dominican University

Front Row: Sr. Anne Kilbride (Prioress of the Dominican Sisters), Srs. Maxine Shonk, Margaret Walsh, Mary Ann Fatula, Patricia Connick.

Back Row: Srs. Roberta Miller, Jo Ann Hohenbrink, Joan Franks, Catherine Colby and President Jack Calareso.

**Ohio Dominican University Celebrates 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs.** The beautiful spring like day on **February 15, 2005** added to the joyful and blessed rolling celebration of the Springs Dominicans at Ohio Dominican University. The university community gathered with many of the sisters in the area to mark this important event. A prayer service was held in Christ the King Chapel of Sansbury Hall. Dr. Jack Calareso welcomed all to the event and Sr. Anne Kilbride gave a greeting of gratitude on behalf of the sisters, The prayer service opened with the singing of "Women of Vision," to the tune of "Morning Has Broken." A procession included the presentation of symbols with commentary that included the scriptures, congregational mission statement, statue of Dominic the itinerant preacher, picture of Catherine of Siena, and a listing of the names of over 170 sisters who had served at the university. Brief excerpts of the history of the Springs Dominicans were read by ODU faculty. These comments were followed by congregational responses that included: "Women of vision we honor you, celebrate your itinerant spirit and look to you for inspiration." A highlight of the event was the reflection given by President Emeritus, Sr. Mary Andrew Matesich, O.P., who framed her comments around the reading from Isaiah 52:7-10. ("How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings glad tidings...") Mary Andrew's inspiring reflections reminded all of the courage, faith and hope manifested in the pioneer sisters. A solemn reading of the names of the 170 sisters who had served at Ohio Dominican followed with the presentation of clusters of jonquils. Closing intercessions concluded with the joyful singing of "Family of Dominic." A joyous reception followed.

## Dominican Lecture Series



Pictured: Sr. Catherine Colby, O.P. (Director of the Center for Dominican Studies), Fr. Donald Goergen, O.P. (Keynote Speaker), Mike Curtin, (President: The Columbus Dispatch), Dr. Karen Holbrook, (President: The Ohio State University), Regent Thomas Noe, Dr. Jack Calareso, (President: Ohio Dominican University).

A formal opening of the Dominican Lecture Series sponsored by The Center for Dominican Studies took place on February 10, 2005. Fr. Donald Goergen, O.P., theologian, lecturer, teacher and author addressed the assembly on the topic "Challenges for Colleges and Universities in the New Millennium: A Dominican Perspective."

Fr. Goergen's scholarly and **inspiring words** set the tone for an interesting and thought provoking discussion led by the responding panel that included Dr. Karen Holbrook, Regent Thomas Noe and Dr. Jack Calareso.

Some questions posed by Fr. Goergen to the audience included: Do you seek the Truth? Do you love the Truth? What understanding of Truth does your college or university hand on? Does our education prepare us in both scholarly and practical pursuits but also enable us to live more mindful, contemplative, caring lives? Is there nourishment for the soul as well as for the mind and an integration of the two? Are we concerned not only with what we can or will do but with who we become?

## Faculty/Staff Survey Reflections

Sr. Catherine Colby, Director of The Center for Dominican Studies recently distributed a survey to 60 members of the faculty and staff who had participated in focus groups and orientation sessions sponsored by the Center during September 2004 through February of 2005. Following are some of the reflections shared by participants: I particularly enjoyed...

- the lectures on the mission and Dominican charism
- the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary prayer service
- Dr. Calareso's lecture
- the energy and leadership...making the Center for Dominican Studies so wonderful and successful, thank you
- everything, It's been great!
- the fact that this center was created and is being well directed
- the President's lecture
- the variety of experiences and input from numerous people

I hope that in the future The Center for Dominican Studies will...

- broaden the discussion of more Dominican exemplaries
- offer other workshops for the community – a series of educational sessions...maybe in the summer
- become more recognized for what it provides at Ohio Dominican
- continue to offer opportunities for faculty, staff and students
- continue.
- keep up the high level of energy displayed so far.

## Coming Events for 2005-2006

Plans for programs and activities sponsored by The Center for Dominican Studies are in process. Some of the events include:

### The Dominican Life of the Mind Series

- 📖 **October 6, 2005** "Bioethics and the Common Good" **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Maura Ryan**, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics at the University of Notre Dame.
- 📖 **November 17, 2005** "The Holy Preaching, The Holy Art" **Keynote Speaker: Thoma Swanson, O.P.**, Dominican artist, scholar, teacher and foreign missionary, Dominican Sister of St. Mary of the Springs.
- 📖 **February 9, 2006** "The Dominican Charism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition: A Curricular Vision for Interdisciplinary Study," **Keynote Speaker: Carol Dempsey, O.P., Ph.D.** assistant professor of biblical studies and theology at the University of Portland, Oregon.
- 📖 **March 28, 2006** "The Life of Study and the Common Good," **Keynote Speaker: Richard Schenk, O.P.**, is a Dominican friar, scholar and author of the Order of Preachers, California province. As a member of the faculty of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology and the Graduate Theological Union, Fr. Schenk has taught in the United States and Europe. He has lectured extensively and published broadly.
- 📖 **April 27, 2006** "Catherine of Siena," **Keynote Speaker: Suzanne Noffke, O.P.**, a Racine Dominican Sister, scholar and author, received her doctorate in linguistics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has devoted many years to researching and writing the history of the Racine Dominicans entitled Embrace the Swelling Wave. In addition to this work, Sr. Noffke is noted for her translations and interpretations of the works of Catherine of Siena. She is a Scholar in Residence with the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.



Dr. Sarah Cecire, Walter Pollzing, Sr. Joan Franks and Jenn Schaaf pause during the “Bread & Soup Supper,” for a photo opportunity.



# Dominican Heritage Week!

Sr. Mary Joel Campbell, O.P., Promoter of the Charism for the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, shares reflections on the Dominican Charism.



During the discussion on “World Hunger,” faculty and staff participants shared a bread and soup supper.



Participants listen as Sr. Mary Joel Campbell, O.P., guides a discussion on sharing the Dominican charism at ODU.

## Meeting of Dominican Center Directors

During the month of February, 8 directors of Dominican Centers gathered at the Siena Center in River Forest, Illinois, to initiate an organization that will serve to support the mission of the centers. This “Network of Directors” of Dominican Centers will hold it’s next meeting in New Mexico.

**The Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican to Host A Faculty Curriculum Conference for faculty of Dominican Colleges and Universities in February of 2006**

 **TOPIC:** “The Dominican Charism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition: A Curricular Vision for Interdisciplinary Study: Models for Implementation” **Keynote Speaker:** **Carol Dempsey, O.P., Ph.D.**, assistant professor of biblical studies and theology at the University of Portland, Oregon. and her colleagues **Steve Kolmes, Ph.D.** and **Russel Butkus, Ph.D.**

Coming Events (Continued)  
**Aquinas Convocation**

January 26, 2006

**“Aquinas, Feminism, and the Common Good”**

**Susanne DeCrane** is a member of the adjunct faculty at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's University, and in the Religious Studies Department, College of Notre Dame of Maryland—both located in Baltimore. In her book *Aquinas, Feminism, and the Common Good*, "DeCrane offers an impressive feminist ethics of the common good. Her foundations are laid carefully and her scholarship is precise. The result is a feminist hermeneutic with broad value for theological ethics, especially in a time when justice and rights must be debated cross-culturally, and human suffering hangs in the balance." —Lisa Sowle Cahill, J. Donald Monan, S.J., professor of theology, Boston College.

**Faculty/Staff Reflection Series:**

In these small group reflection groups, time will be provided for faculty and staff to share reflections on our day by day work at Ohio Dominican University. Together, participants will discover and claim the ways in which our work is integrated into the mission of the University, and examine how our Dominican charism can help us achieve a greater sense of call in our work. Participants will be provided with resources to support their conversations.

**Dominican Conversation Circles at ODU:**

This series of luncheon sessions are designed to explain the Catholic, Dominican tradition of the University. At each luncheon, a guest speaker will address a specific topic related to the Catholic/Dominican tradition of the University such as: The Catholic Intellectual Life, Ex Corde Ecclesiae, The Dominican Charism and History of the University. These sessions are open to all faculty, staff, administrators and members of the Phoenix Society.

**Truth Seekers Speaker Series:**

These series of buffet suppers provide an opportunity for faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the University to listen to a speaker address an issue of importance to church, culture and society. The brief 20 minute talk will be followed by an opportunity for participants to “share around the table” regarding their response to the speaker’s comments.

**Topics, Dates, Times and Speakers to be announced. Some topics will include:**

- 📖 **The Death Penalty**
- 📖 **Trafficking of Women**
- 📖 **Faith and Values in the Workplace**
- 📖 **Politics and Religion**

**Sacred Music Event**

(Date: TBA)

“The Power of Preaching through Sacred Music”

Featuring: Fr. Jim Marchionda, O.P. and Musicians

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (continued)**



**Ohio Dominican University President Emeritus: Sr. Mary Andrew Matesich, O.P.** delivered reflections at the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer Service for the Dominican Sisters at ODU. On this day, the University community gathered to join prayer and celebration for God’s blessings given to students, faculty, staff and friends since 1911.

In the closing comments of her reflection, Sr. Mary Andrew noted: “Our pioneer sisters, coming from disaster and ruin, could see clearly the dream of the good this place (ODU) would accomplish.”

