







## The Dominican Family

The Dominican Family was founded by St. Dominic de Guzman, a Spanish priest born in Caleruega in 1170. In 1203 he organized his traveling preachers and founded the Dominican "Order of Preachers" (the meaning of the OP that you see after a Dominican's name).

Dominicans all over the world continue to draw upon the charisms of St. Dominic and are formed throughout their entire lives according to the priorities and fundamentals of the Dominican way of life. There are four principal branches of the Order, all true members of it:

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**The Friars:** the brothers and priests who profess solemn vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and who may be involved in a variety of ministries. All serve the primary role and ministry of the Order: preaching. Like the other branches, the men dedicate their lives to prayer, study, and community life in order to carry out the priorities of the Order, preaching and care of the poor.
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**The Laity:** men and women from all walks of life who commit themselves through formal profession to the Dominican way of life integrated into their established life styles, sharing in the charism and priorities of the Order.
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**The Nuns:** women who live intense lives of prayer in monasteries, profess solemn vows, and participate in the mission of the Order from their cloisters.
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**The Sisters:** women who profess the simple vows and live active apostolic lives along with the prayer and community life that is the hallmark of Dominicans.

Binding all of these branches together is the common love for the Church and the Order, commitment to the mission of preaching, and devotion to prayer (especially the Liturgical prayers of the Hours and the Mass).



## Interested in finding out more?

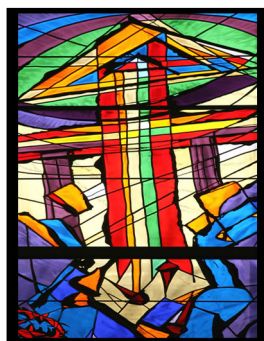
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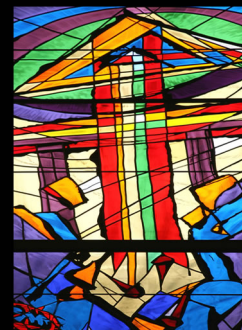
### St. Andrew's Chapter

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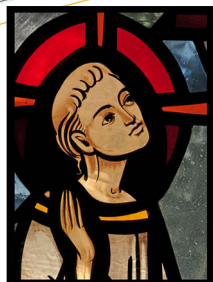
*Laudare...to Praise  
Benedicere...to Bless  
Praedicare...to Preach*



# Dominican Laity



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what is contemplated**



## About St. Andrew's Dominican Lay Chapter

In 1977 a small group of lay persons from St. Andrews Newman Community (University of California, Riverside / Riverside Community College) began to meet under the tutelage of Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, O.P. in order to form a chapter of the Dominican Laity in Riverside, California. Over the years membership has grown with people joining from throughout the San Bernardino diocese and also the dioceses of Orange, San Diego, and Los Angeles.

We are geographically diverse with members travelling up to 60 miles one-way to attend meetings. We meet at the Newman Center on the third Sunday of the month beginning with attendance at the 11:00 Mass. Our meetings include a shared meal, praying of the Liturgy of the Hours and Rosary, and reflection on a shared topic of study. Yearly, we have a weekend retreat.

As brothers and sisters we share a common spirit, nurturing and encouraging one another in the work of the Order.

## Dominican Mottos

- ☛ **Veritas - Truth**
- ☛ **Contemplari et alia contemplata tradere -**  
Contemplate and pass on to others what is contemplated
- ☛ **Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare -**  
To Praise, To Bless, To Preach

## Dominican Pillars

- ☛ **Prayer**
  - Holy Mass
  - Liturgy of the Hours
  - Rosary
  - Contemplation
- ☛ **Community**
  - Monthly meetings
  - An hour of the Office
  - Study & Dialog on particular subjects
  - Refreshments, sharing and conversation
- ☛ **Study**
  - Church Documents
  - History of the Order
  - Spiritual Writings
  - Sacred Scripture
- ☛ **Apostolate & Works**
  - Personal works of mercy
  - Preaching



## Who can become a Lay Dominican?

- ☛ be at least 18 years of age and fully initiated in the Catholic Church for at least two years,
- ☛ have a strong commitment to live the Catholic faith,
- ☛ have a desire for a deeper relationship with God nurtured through liturgical and private prayer,
- ☛ have a stable and moral character capable of persevering in following the Rule and Statutes of the Dominican Laity,
- ☛ have a desire to search for truth through prayer and study,
- ☛ be active in spreading the Good News through apostolic work, the example of their lives, and formal or informal preaching when the opportunity presents itself,
- ☛ be willing to join other lay men and women in prayer, study, and works as a member of a community.



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