



## THE DOMINICAN NUNS

MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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Dear Friend in Christ,

Perhaps you've heard of the Summit Dominicans.

You might know us through our contribution to the renewal of the liturgy, through the Summit Choirbook. Or maybe you know us through our Seignadou Soaps which we make to augment the needed income to support our monastic life.

Or maybe you know us through our popular blog, MonialesOP.

And maybe you've never even heard of us.

My name is Sr. Denise Marie of the Holy Spirit and I am the prioress of this sanctuary of prayer: the Monastery of our Lady of the Rosary, home of the Nuns of the Order of Preachers, more commonly called the Dominican Nuns.

**"I consecrated myself to Jesus through Mary. I was drawn to imitate Mary's deep humility and constant mortification. Through prayer, I heard God distinctly calling me to religious life."**

These are the words of a novice, Sr. Mary Magdalene of the Immaculate Conception, who is preparing to make her First Profession on December 8<sup>th</sup> of this year.

She answered God's invitation to consecrate her life to Him as Dominican cloistered nun, offering her life in prayer and praise for the salvation of souls.

**She's not alone in our novitiate. In fact, she is one of 7 sisters in formation!**

**And there are more seeking to enter our monastery!**

I'd like to share with you more good news!

- ◆ **Our monastery was founded over 90 years ago and is going strong.**
- ◆ **Night and day the nuns come before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in the monstrance giving praise to God through Holy Mass, the sung Divine Office, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary.**
- ◆ **There are 20 nuns in the monastery of which 7 are in formation. That's one third of our community!**
- ◆ **We have made two foundations: a monastery in North Guilford, Ct and another in Antipolo, Rizal, in the Philippines.**



You probably think that Dominicans preach and teach. They do, but we cloistered Dominicans live in the heart of the Preaching Family, pondering the Word of God, interceding for the salvation of souls and for the success of the preaching endeavors of the other members of the Dominican Family. In fact, the cloistered nuns were founded 10 years before the other branches by St. Dominic himself!

As part of the great Order of Preachers we are mendicant and rely on the goodness and charity of our benefactors who know that in supporting our life of prayer, they are helping further the holiness of the Church and the spread of the Gospel.

**And that is where you come in. Frankly, we need your help!**

Our monastery building was built over 70 years ago. It is a gift of so many benefactors who made this sanctuary of praise and glory to God possible through their donations and sacrifices.

Nothing stays new forever and we need your help to continue maintaining this house of prayer for the next generation of nuns and for the many visitors who come to our adoration chapel throughout the day.

This past winter we had serious roof and wall damage from the snow and rain. While insurance will cover much of that damage the insurance company insists that to prevent further damage tuck-pointing be done on the entire building. Tuck-



pointing will seal in the cracks between the bricks so that the water doesn't seep in.

Over the years we've made a point of caring for our monastery and regularly scheduling tuck-pointing, so we weren't surprised at their recommendation. But when we got estimates we were speechless!

**In 2004 tuck-pointing our monastery cost \$38,000. Today's estimate for the same job?**

**\$112,000!!!**

We simply do not have the means to cover the expense of this crucially needed repair and so we ask for your help trusting that the Lord, in His loving Providence will provide through your generosity!

**No donation is too small! In fact, if each of our friends contributed \$25 or even \$50 we would have enough to cover the costs!**

Perhaps you've read about the current state of religious life and wondered how you can help, how you can make a difference. Making a charitable donation to complete this renovation is one way you can help!

Monasteries such as ours, where the praise of God and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are the reason for our existence, are crucial today for the New Evangelization. In fact, just this past June, on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination of our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, speaking about the necessity of adoration said that evangelization:

**"is not something to 'do' after adoration; evangelization is already happening during adoration. To worship is already to evangelize. It's not only the dimensions of a visible witness that worship always involves, but also, and above all, cooperation in the hidden work of God, to which, again, those who place themselves in adoration are called to participate."**



This is our life as cloistered Dominican Nuns! This is our life in the heart of the Holy Preaching!

Your donation, whatever the amount, helps continue this work of intercession for the salvation of souls!



**Your contribution will directly help us better live our vocation in the heart of the Church!**

The "payback" of your help is not a gift certificate, a weekend at a fancy hotel, or something passing of this world. Instead, you can also be sure that God, who blesses every good work, will bless you and your families with many graces and blessings! From our experience we can attest that God will not be outdone in generosity!

**Please consider making a charitable donation so that we can repair our monastery soon before winter begins!**

Whatever donation you can give to help us, thank you! **From each sister here at the monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary we say, "Thank you!"**

You will always be included in our life of prayer and praise as we come before God night and day with the Rosary of our Blessed Mother in hand.

***Nos cum prole pia benedicat Virgo Maria.*** (May the Virgin with her loving Child bless you!)

Sincerely in our holy father, St. Dominic,

*Sr. Denise Marie, OP.*

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*P.S. When you send in your gift please be sure to write whatever prayer intentions you may have on the enclosed envelope. Our Intention board is right outside the nuns' choir and we take time to read each intention, enclosing it in our heart and bringing it to our Lord.*