



Order of Preachers

# DOMINICAN *Central*

NEWS from the PROVINCE OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

SUMMER 2005

## From the Provincial

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FRIARS,



For many of us the summer is a time to look back over the accomplishments of the past year even as we look forward to the opportunities that the next year will provide. It is no different for us Dominicans. As friars of the Province of St. Albert the Great, we are proud of what we have achieved over the past 12 months.

Our two educational institutions, Fenwick High School and Aquinas Institute of Theology, are flourishing. Last fall, Aquinas decided to move to a new location in St. Louis because it had outgrown the facilities in which it has been located since 1981. Similarly, Fenwick High School is in the enviable position of needing more space to meet the demand for a superb secondary school education and has developed a bold plan to address this prospect.

Our parishes and pastoral centers are likewise thriving. St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in River Forest, Illinois, has pursued a number of initiatives in the past year as part of an effort to bring more pastoral structures to parish life. Blessed Sacrament Parish in Madison, Wisconsin, has taken several concrete steps to make its fine elementary school even better. St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, has installed a new pastor who will bring a fresh vision of our Dominican charism to an already vibrant parish. As a province we are especially proud of our new

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## Something significant, holy, and irrevocable is happening

**T**HE MOST Reverend William C. Hanifen, D.D., former auxiliary-bishop of Denver and retired bishop of Colorado Springs ordained four Central Province Dominicans at Saint Francis Xavier [College] Church in Saint Louis on May 7, 2005. Bishop Hanifen ordained brother Richard Francis Litzau, O.P. to the priesthood and brothers R. Douglas-Adam Greer, O.P., Cedrik Christian Starbuck, O.P., and Dominic Mark Holtz, O.P. to the (transitional) diaconate.

In his brief but poignant homily, Bishop Hanifen preached about the difference between having a career and the gift of a vocation call from God. A career is something that one chooses for oneself. A vocation, properly understood, expresses God's call to service in the church and in the world in a particular "state of life"—as a married person, a member of a religious institute, or as a diocesan priest. God calls each of us in grace to follow him on a unique path, and each path is essential for building the Body of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

### Freedom to choose

Speaking more particularly, Bishop Hanifen focused on his personal conversations



with those who were to be ordained. He said that each of the men had forsaken the idea and lifestyle of careerism for vocation-service in the church as priests of Christ and (transitional) deacons; each had already made the vows of poverty, celibate chastity, and obedience in the Order of Preachers, and the Order, in its wisdom, had asked the church to ordain the men for life-long service. These facts formed the seal of their commitment to the Order and to the church, so the ordinations were the recognition of what Christ, in the Holy Spirit, had been doing in their lives for many years.

After the ordaining ceremonies, Bishop William Hanifen, D.D. presents our newly ordained priest, Fr. Richard Litzau, O.P.

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What does it mean, both theologically and practically, for one to be ordained to the priesthood today? Two teachings of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) are important for us to consider: the

Brothers Douglas, Cedrik, and Dominic are ordained deacons by Bishop William Hanifen, D.D.

priesthood of Jesus Christ; and that all the baptized share in Christ's mission, by the power of the Holy Spirit, of priesthood, prophecy, and kingship. This is the context for understanding the role of ordained ministry in the church.

While bishops possess the fullness of the priesthood of Christ, ordained priests receive the power of the Spirit to act in Christ's person in his sacramental ministry to the church. The laity, too, has a share in Christ's priesthood, as they work in the world to make it more holy, to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, and to announce Christ's sovereignty over the whole of human life. And what are transitional deacons? These are men ordained to the diaconate for a limited period of time with the expectations of being ordained to the priesthood. The priestly ordination of brothers Douglas, Cedrik, and Dominic will occur on May 13, 2006, in Saint Louis.

But one must not consider the transitional diaconate as a mere waiting period. Even though the ordination to the diaconate often gets "lost" between the profession of solemn vows and priestly ordination, it is in itself a momentous occasion.

The day after the ordinations in Saint Louis, brother Dominic recalled that as he vested for the Solemnity of the Ascension, "this could easily have seemed like so much

theater, watching me ascend to the high marble ambo to proclaim the gospel dressed in the dalmatic [outer liturgical vestments of a deacon]." As it turned out, it was not, in fact, theater. "It was no longer like dressing up for [diaconate and priesthood practice in the seminary]," he said. "This was real. . . . Proclaiming the words of Christ, calling the people to offer the prayers of the church to God, even dismissing the assembly—it all seemed perfectly natural."

Oftentimes, a vocation call is frequently neglected when we think about the subject. In fact, a vocation call from God is the most natural thing in the world. Whether that call is to married life or to the priesthood, God wants us to be extravagantly happy. He will not call us to something that makes us miserable. He calls us, each and every single day of our lives, to abundant life, so that we might glory in his Glory and reflect his love for the world during each and every moment of our lives. God calls us all to embrace "something significant, irrevocable, and holy."

—Br. R. Douglas-Adam Greer, O.P.

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pastoral charge in Bloomington, Indiana, where three of our friars have recently assumed responsibility of the St. Paul Newman Center at Indiana University. We are confident that our brothers will make a real contribution not only to the parish but also to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis with the preaching, teaching, and pastoral care that they will offer there.

All of these ministries call for capable and qualified Dominicans, and we again feel blessed that in the past few months we have ordained two friars as priests and three as deacons. In January five of our brothers made profession as Dominicans in Cuzco, Peru, and in August three more did so in Denver. One of our brothers completed a doctorate in theology from Boston College, and another will obtain his doctoral degree before the year is over. In so many ways we feel ourselves blessed and grateful to our Lord for your friendship, your prayers, and the support that you provide to our retired friars and to our brothers who are studying for the priesthood and future ministry so that our Dominican friars can continue to serve the church.

In Saint Dominic,  
Michael Mascari, O.P.  
*Prior Provincial*

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## My life changed forever

SOME OF THE HANDS barely touched; some of the hands landed firmly; some were accompanied by a low murmur, some with a sacred silence, one by a kiss. As I focused on each individual, my eyes were closed or slightly open or frankly open and grateful for the touch as it was offered. Each instance of laying on of hands, from the first, gentle touch of Bishop Hanifen, to the last gnarled hands of an elderly Jesuit from Denver, will remain in my heart forever.

In the center of my being, I felt the blessings of these men enter my heart and soul, planting themselves in the very ground of my identity. They took root and began what will be, I pray, a lifetime of growth. These blessings began to nurture me



Dominican friars take their turn blessing newly ordained Fr. Richard Litzau, O.P.

even as the sacred ritual drew to a close, and I felt their strength, their holiness.

Our procession into the church, the anointing and laying on of hands, my sharing in the words of consecration, the truly humbling moment when Bishop Hanifen knelt and asked for my first blessing—all of these moments and more remain as a softly focused movie playing in my heart and soul.

Although it was me being ordained, the event was an achievement for a great many people who had sacrificed, prayed, and journeyed with me to that altar. To them I will be forever indebted. It was a moment in which I felt hum-

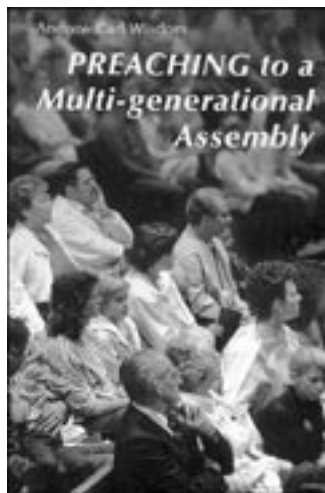
bled, awed, grateful, and blessed—most assuredly, blessed.

—Fr. Richard Litzau, O.P.

## Two friars' works acclaimed by Catholic Press Association

THE CATHOLIC PRESS ASSOCIATION awarded two first place book awards to Fr. Andrew-Carl Wisdom, O.P. and Fr. Charles W. Dahm, O.P. for their respective works on the liturgy and pastoral ministry.

Fr. Wisdom received recognition for *Preaching to a Multi-generational Assembly*, an in-depth analysis of a pressing issue for today's preacher, that of proclaiming the Word of God to all ages. As the Catholic Press Association noted, "The author demonstrates that he is very cognizant of the problems facing any preacher. He addresses these problems and offers viable solutions." Moreover, Fr. Wisdom argues convincingly that "preachers need to reach multiple generations at Sunday Mass in the same way that

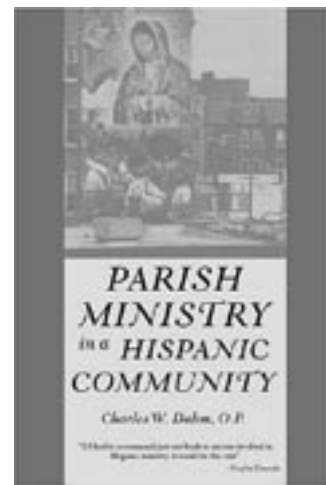


marketers try to reach multiple generations of consumers." As such, "[f]or any preacher of serious intent, this book of-

fers an excellent source of finding a way to the hearts of any congregation."

Fr. Charles Dahm's *Parish Ministry in a Hispanic Community* has been lauded by the Catholic Press as a "must-read" for all who minister to Hispanic communities. Drawing from his extensive experience as pastor at St. Pius V Parish in Chicago, Fr. Dahm provides specific insight into pastoral care to Hispanics, a book that is sure to help "anyone wishing to join the church's effort to minister to the Hispanic population in America."

*Preaching to a Multi-generational Assembly* is available at [www.litpress.org](http://www.litpress.org) and *Parish Ministry in a Hispanic Community* is available at [www.paulistpress.org](http://www.paulistpress.org).



—Fr. Athanasius Richied, O.P.





## Eight men prepare to enter novitiate

**A**UTHOR AND CONTRIBUTING editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, Peggy Noonan, recently reflected on Pope Benedict's words at the beginning of the Papal Conclave. "It is our special responsibility at this time to be mature, to believe as adults believe." What the then Cardinal Ratzinger was referring to, Noonan maintains, was that "being an adult means having a faith which does not follow the waves of today's fashions or the latest novelties. Being an adult is loving what is true and standing with it."

With the motto of our Order, *VERITAS*, one could say that is an apt description of a good Dominican. It is also descriptive of the singular journey of the eight men who

will enter the prenovitiate later this month (seven from the Central Province and one from the Canadian Province). While the details of their ethnic, educational, and family backgrounds may differ greatly, the thrust of their vocational journey has been a glimpse of "the true" within themselves and a compelling, loving desire to stand with it.

For these eight men, the prenovitiate is the first step toward enfleshing this compelling desire in a concrete response. The choices of our lives are an ongoing statement of its purpose. In the approximately four weeks before these men enter the novitiate, they will be prepared for and oriented toward its purpose: wholeheartedly "taking on" for a year (like a new suit) a life of community, prayer, study, and ministry in the Dominican tradition to see if this is, in fact, the way God calls them to stand with "the true."

When these candidates for the novitiate accept the opportunity and the privilege of being clothed in the Dominican Habit at the end of their prenovitiate, they will have chosen to make a decisive, powerful, public statement of their life's purpose . . . to stand with "the true" in the precise way in which they believe God has willed for them at this moment in their lives. How it will ultimately unfold during the novitiate year, they do not know. But the openness and generosity to explore the possibility is itself an inspirational effort "at this time to be mature, [to demonstrate how] to believe as adults believe."

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**NOTE**  
THE NEXT  
*Come & See*  
Vocation  
Weekend is  
Oct. 21-23,  
2005 in  
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Fr. Wisdom, Br. Mike, and the Prenovices head back to the Prenovitiate with two vocation candidates for 2006 in tow.

## FROM THE PROMOTER OF VOCATIONS

### Compelled to share

**O**NE OF THE THINGS I have become aware of since I entered religious life is how often and how profoundly the gospel impacts and is present in our lives. The latest example of this for me has presented itself while working in the Vocations Office this summer.

As I reflect upon my Dominican vocation, I am constantly in awe of how beautiful—and how great—a gift it truly is. Like any truly wonderful gift, it is something that I feel compelled to share with others. Working in the Vocations Office has given me the opportunity to take the gifts, or talents if you will, that Our Lord has given



Br. Michail spends time with a prospective candidate to the Order.

me to work with, and help them increase and grow by assisting others in their vocational discernment.

I have encountered young men at different points in the discernment process this summer. These points, ranging from the first sparks of curiosity in what it feels like if God is calling you into His service, to discerning if following in the footsteps of our Holy Father Dominic is the right path for someone, all present different challenges. Being able to help these individuals as one who has experienced these challenges personally has been very rewarding. It's been a way to

deepen that initial gift given to me and nurture similar gifts in others who are discerning God's will in their lives.

—Br. Michail P. Ford, O.P.

## Peace flows like a river

RECENTLY RECEIVED in the mail an invitation for pastors to promote an essay contest for high school students. It is sponsored by the John Paul II Cultural Center, with the theme of John Paul II's writings on peace. There are many. We may recall John Paul's very vocal opposition to the invasion of Iraq.

Catholics have a tradition of promoting peace, going as far back as Augustine. Many of these principles are still in use today, as we continue to debate the morality of war. Pope John XXIII, horrified by his experience as an ambulance driver during World War I, dreamt that the world may one day be rid of nuclear arms, international conflict, and mistrust among nations. This dream is beautifully spelled out in *Pacem in terris* (1963). Both Paul VI and John Paul II spoke before the General Assembly of the United Nations, challenging the member nations to work toward peace without war.

Our own national bishops, led by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, wrote *The Challenge of Peace* in

1983. The bishops wrote using the principle that the church has an obligation to promote peace throughout the world.

"The human person is the clearest reflection of God's presence in the world; all of the church's work in pursuit of justice and peace is designed to protect and promote the dignity of every person. For each person not only reflects God but is the expression of God's creative work and the meaning of Christ's redemptive ministry" (15).

The fact that we have been created in the image and likeness of God requires us to work for peace. This is an essential element of our preaching ministry and the preaching ministry of the church. Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). We know what Jesus says happens to the peacemakers. They inherit the kingdom of God.

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## Effective preaching can tip the scales of history

LAST MONTH I HEARD a most amazing preaching story—the story of Christian Fuhrer, the Lutheran pastor of Nicolaikirche (St. Nicholas Church) in Leipzig—a city not far from Poland in eastern-most Germany.

For 40 years the people of Leipzig lived behind the Iron Curtain, which separated East from West Germany. In 1989, during the months leading to the October 9th date of 40 years of communist occupation, Pastor Fuhrer preached at a peace vigil every Monday evening at Nicolaikirche in the center of Leipzig. As the months progressed, the crowd spilled out from the church into the neighboring plaza, numbering in the thousands, and on the Monday of the 40th anniversary, tens of thousands of people from throughout East Germany assembled to hear Pastor Fuhrer's preaching in a nonviolent candlelight vigil at Nicolaikirche. These people gathered at great risk—well aware of the events at Tiananmen Square in Beijing six months before.

But Mikhail Gorbachav in Moscow chose to show restraint as crowds continued to assemble in Leipzig and then in Berlin—where only four weeks later on November 9 the Berlin Wall came down. Circumstances had been ripe for one pastor's preaching to tip the scale of history. As the Iron Curtain crumbled, so did the Soviet Union in the months that followed. And the Monday peace prayers at Nicolaikirche continue to this day.

I was given the opportunity to visit Leipzig and to pray at Nicolaikirche in May, as Aquinas Institute of Theology cosponsored an academic colloquium in Leipzig with the German Dominican *Institut für Pastoralhomiletik* and the Office for Social Ethics of the German Bishops' Conference. Aquinas Institute's Academic Dean, Sr. Mary Kay Oosdyke, O.P., and I were privileged to meet leading German preachers and academics engaged in dialogue about the challenges of preaching in secular Germany today. Only a small percentage of contemporary Europeans hold active church affiliation. Yet, as the Monday peace vigils at Nicolaikirche and the fall of the Berlin Wall demonstrate, preaching can be a dynamic force even in secular times—proclaiming the good news of freedom for captives and human dignity for all.

The United States is a nation of immigrants with close ties of affection to the many countries our parents and grandparents left behind. We pray for the people of Europe and of the nations of the world—that preachers may be sent to proclaim good news and that all people even in these secular times may be set free by the good news of Jesus Christ.

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## Another successful year concludes at Fenwick High

FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL completed another successful school year, graduating 284 students on Saturday, May 28, 2005.

These students have been accepted at colleges and universities throughout the United States and elsewhere, including DePaul University, Loyola University, Providence College, the University of Notre Dame, St. Louis University, University of Dayton, Boston College, Princeton University, Marquette University, Purdue University, Vanderbilt University, Yale University, Duke University, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, the U.S. Naval Academy, and many others.

This was a special year for Fenwick, as events were held throughout the year to celebrate the school's 75th anniversary. The year began with a rededication of the cornerstone and culminated



Fr. Richard C. LaPata, O.P., President of Fenwick, blessed the cornerstone at the beginning of the school year to commemorate its 75th anniversary.

with an outdoor Mass and family picnic.

Some of the highlights of the year included many honors achieved by the students:

- 12 National Merit Finalists;
- 150 AP (Advanced Placement) Scholars;
- A Presidential Scholar (only two outstanding high school students are chosen from each of the 50 states);
- State championships won by three academic teams: Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering, Junior Engineering and Technical Society, and the Federal Reserve Challenge;
- Three athletic teams won state championships;
- The Campus Ministry Club continued with community service projects throughout the year.

## FROM THE VICAR FOR MISSION DEVELOPMENT

### Securing the future, honoring the past

THE RECENT PUBLIC DEBATES regarding the future of Social Security point to the urgent need for all of us to provide for the later stages of our lives. The questions of whether the merits of private accounts verses that of the present established programs aren't really a concern for us Dominicans. Most people do not know that we friars are not covered by the Social Security program. For many years religious were not qualified to participate; however, now they have programs where one can "buy in" in order to participate. This would amount to a very large sum of money, and our Province is too small and too old to use this opportunity.

We support our aged friars through a Trust that was initially funded by the sale of income from property we once owned and no longer used for ministry. We also add to this trust through the contributions of our own friars who are working as well as donations from our family and friends. Funds in this Trust can only be used to support

those friars who are not able to work on a full-time basis. In fact, more than 50 percent of the friars who are now more than 75 years old are still doing ministry and receiving some income. This is very good news.

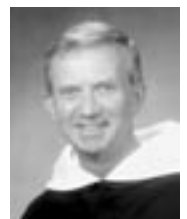
Recently we did a study of our needs, and it is clear that in order to fund the needs of our older men, we must add an additional \$215,000 to the Retirement Trust each year.

The number of friars who can no longer contribute anything to their support is increasing, and their needs are urgent and real.

In your planned giving, I would ask that you consider a gift to the Dominican Retirement Fund as an annual gift or in your estate planning. Please use the enclosed envelope and send in your donation today. We are grateful for your friendship and support.

*In your planned giving, consider a gift to the Dominican Retirement Fund as an annual gift or in your estate planning.*

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# Fr. Kevin Thissen, O.P., brother, priest, and friend



*“For Kevin, the Order of Preachers was not just a title but a privilege and an obligation we have to the church, to our Dominican family, and to the People of God.”*

**M**Y FIRST contact with Fr. Kevin Thissen came during my diaconate year. I was given the opportunity to intern with Kevin at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Sugar Land, Texas because of his reputation as a successful pastor. My internship with Kevin lasted from August to December of 1995, and I remained in contact with him until his death. Kevin was a great mentor. I learned three things from him, which I would like to share as a tribute to him.

First, Kevin was a great preacher. The title Order of Preachers was very important to him, and he took it very

seriously. I'd watch him spend most of Friday mornings writing his homily after several days of study and prayer. On Saturday mornings at the rectory he would “rehearse” his homily several times before actually giving it on Saturday for the vigil Mass. I remember how he would highlight words or underline them to emphasize specific points. Watching him I learned that a homily is the result of work, time, and effort. I never saw Kevin “wing it,” even on a homily for a daily Mass. As pastor, Kevin understood that oftentimes we only have one opportunity a week to touch parishioners. So his homilies were well crafted and gave you something to think about. For Kevin, the Order of Preachers was not just a title but a privilege and an obligation we have to the church, to our Dominican family, and to the People of God.

The second lesson I learned was the importance of good liturgy, which coincides with good preaching. Kevin understood the importance of the overall experience. He wanted parishioners to have a total experience of God touching all the senses. In this capacity Kevin was an actor, director, producer, choreographer, and musical conductor. The liturgies of Holy Week, which Kevin spent an entire year preparing, were a primary example of how hard he worked at creating a good liturgical atmosphere. I have seldom found lectors, cantors, musicians, and liturgical dancers working in such harmony with one another as I did at Sugar Land. Why? Because Kevin had thoroughly drilled them and often gave them detailed instructions down to the most minute details. Kevin even had instructions for the lighting crew for the Easter Vigil, with comments like “lights up”

and “lights down” at the appropriate time. Everything was well rehearsed. Like good preaching, Kevin understood that good liturgy does not come by accident. It is the product of work, time, and effort.

Finally, I learned the importance and the necessity of empowering the laity. If you ever visited Sugar Land, you understood what a well-oiled machine Kevin had forged. No one had a parish job; you had a paid parish ministry. Understanding the importance of study within the Dominican tradition, Kevin insisted that ministers be trained thoroughly. He always made sure that a particular minister or ministry saw itself within the greater picture of the entire parish. Once Kevin felt that the minister or ministry had benefited from him as much as they could, he stepped aside and allowed the minister to do what they were called to do. He had a great ability to initiate, train, and, then, know when to step aside. Kevin was definitely ahead of the times.

Kevin was a great brother, priest, and friend. We will all miss him. I am grateful to God for giving us such a brother Dominican. More than as a tribute to Kevin may all of us be inspired by his example of excellence in preaching, the priority of good liturgy, and empowerment of others.

—Fr. Thomas Saucier, O.P.

## Dominican Doings

**FR. MICHAEL MONSHAU, O.P.** gave several preaching workshops to priests and deacons of the Diocese of Portland, Maine and in the Diocese of San Jose, California. He also preached during the Provincial Retreat for the friars of the Western Province and to the Board of Trustees for Queen of the Holy Rosary College in Fremont, California.

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## FRIARS IN PRINT

FR. EDWARD L. CLEARY, O.P. co-edited “Resurgent Voices in Latin America: Indigenous Peoples, Political Mobilization, and Religious Change” with Timothy J. Steigenga (Rutgers Press).

FR. JAMES MARCHIONDA, O.P. wrote two articles: “Shouting God’s Justice: Liturgy Models the Reign of God” (*Pastoral Music Magazine*, April-May 2005) and “Guest Preaching: Challenges, Blessings, and Lessons” (*Preach Magazine*, July-August 2005).

FR. THOMAS O’MEARA, O.P. wrote several publications, including “Thomas Aquinas’ View of the Church” in *The Theology of Thomas Aquinas* (Notre Dame Press, 2005); “Lay Ecclesial Ministry—What It Is and What It Isn’t” in *Lay Ministry in the Catholic Church* (Liguori Press, 2005); and “Schelling, Drey, Mohler und di nachkonziliare Zeit. Kunst und Organismus im Kirchenverständnis” in *Theologie als In-*

*stanz der Moderne* (Tubingen Francke, 2005).

FR. RICHARD PEDDICORD, O.P. wrote a book called *The Sacred Monster of Thomism: An Introduction to the Life and Legacy of Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.* (South Bend: St. Augustine Press, 2005).

FR. RICHARD WOODS, O.P. wrote several publications, including “Pondering *The Da Vinci Code*: Fact, Fraud, or Fiction?” *Spirituality*, 11, 60 (May-June 2005); “Meister Eckhart on Pain, Suffering, and Healing.” *Eckhart Review*, No. 14 (Spring 2005); “Angels” appeared in the new encyclopedia *Christianity: A Complete Guide* (John Bowden, ed., London: SCM Press, 2005); and a review called “Glimpses of the Devil: A Psychiatrist’s Personal Account of Possession, Exorcism and Redemption by M. Scott Peck, M.D.” in the April 29 issue of the *National Catholic Reporter*.

## CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . . to BR. REID PERKINS-BUZO, O.P., selected as one of a new generation of Christian and Jewish artists in a book called *The New Generation: Contemporary Expressions of Faith*, edited by Patricia Pongracz and Wayne Roosa.

. . . to FR. RICHARD WOODS, O.P., elected chairman of the Department of Political Science, Theology and Pastoral Ministry at Dominican University. He was also named chairman of the Eckhart Society.

