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From the Provincial

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FRIARS,



As another year draws to a close, we Dominicans join with you in giving thanks. Like so many others gathered around festive tables in a spirit of holiday friendship and familial warmth, the friars of our province gather around the Eucharistic table, mindful of the many gifts and blessings we have received. Together we offer our Father in heaven praise and thanks for his Son Jesus and for the grace that has come to us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the past year, the Lord has been lavish in his goodness to us. Our formation program continues to grow. Not counting our friars in Bolivia, we have 20 brothers in vows preparing for future ministry as Dominican priests. Also, our novitiate currently has seven men in their first year of formation as friars.

Likewise, our academic institutions are thriving. Fenwick High School and Aquinas Institute of Theology have each embarked on ambitious campaigns to maintain their positions as premier Dominican and Catholic centers of learning. Fenwick's "Validating the Vision" and Aquinas' Strategic Enrollment Management program will ensure that both schools remain committed to academic excellence, as well as to solid spiritual, pastoral, and human formation. As Dominicans we are excited about the new home for Aquinas Institute, where work continues apace, with a scheduled moving date for mid-December. The renovated former warehouse will provide ample

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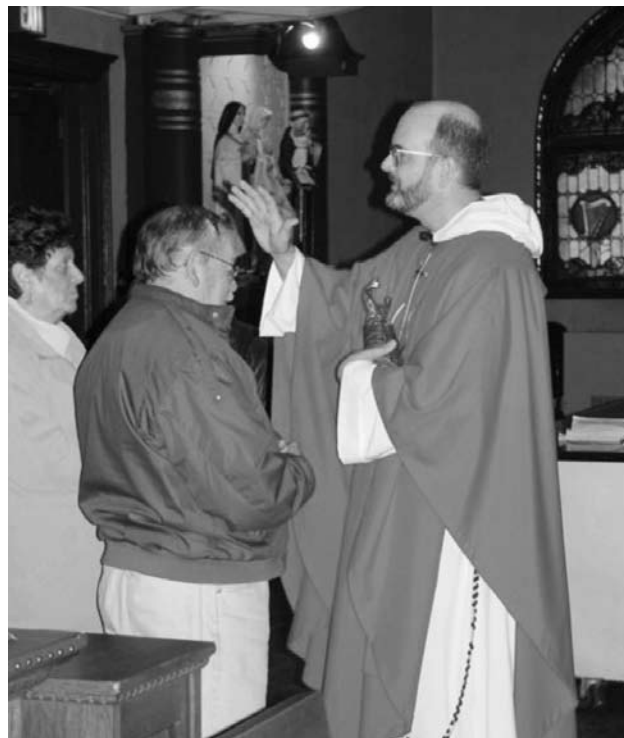
New director reflects at Shrine's 75th anniversary

HAVING BEEN brought up in a family with only minimal exposure to the richness of my Roman Catholic faith, and having been educated in public schools virtually my whole life, I did not have any idea of what the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude was all about. The Shrine had seemed to me to be a vestige of a time long past, an antiquated part of our Dominican identity here in the Province of St. Albert the Great, but one that was necessary for its functioning.

I discovered that some of the richness of the faith I had been missing was contained in activities of shrines such as ours. Novenas, the Rosary, veneration of relics, and other religious practices are not sacraments as such, but are considered "sacramentals." According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1670), "sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it." All along, I was missing out on ways that prepare us to receive grace!

An invitation to grace

An invitation to grace came in an unexpected way. One day the Provincial said, "Now Jim, you had better be sitting down for this!" At first I wondered if he was upset with me. Had I forgotten some important task or appointment? Then I thought perhaps someone I knew had died! When he said that he would like me to consider being the director of the



Shrine of St. Jude, I just laughed and said, "You've got to be kidding!" One of my lay friends even wondered why I, of all people, was selected for the job. But now that I've been the director of the Shrine for about four months, I've experienced a whole new appreciation for "sacramentals" and a ministry that continues to be both rewarding and inspiring. I had been blessed with an invitation to grace.

The Dominican Shrine of St. Jude was founded in our province in 1929, when St. Pius V Parish mostly comprised

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Holding the relic of Saint Jude, Fr. Jim Spahn blesses parishioners during the Shrine healing Mass.

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Cardinal Francis George celebrates the closing of the 75th anniversary year dedicated to Saint Jude.

Eastern European Catholics. This was during the Great Depression when devotion to Saint Jude, the patron of hopeless causes, was at its peak. After World War II, the Shrine reverently welcomed the arrival of the arm relic of Saint Jude, which had been

donated by our Dominican Brothers in Turkey. Today, the arm of Saint Jude continues to draw many people to the Shrine. The original Eastern European parish population has been replaced by Latinos living in the neighborhood, as well as Indians and Filipinos who travel long distances from the suburbs to pray with us each week.

Touchstones with the divine

How does a relic fit in with a post-Vatican II church? How can a modern Dominican explain this type of devotion? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* further mentions that sacramentals “extend the liturgical life of the church” (#1675) and so have a place in the church “so that the faithful may advance in knowledge of the mystery of Christ” (#1676).

The Dominican Shrine of St. Jude is an international partnership in prayer. Catholics believe in the power of prayer especially through the communion of saints. The Shrine reminds people that the communion of saints is conscious and real in our world. Relics become touchstones with the divine for many people, especially those lacking in hope and feeling distant from God’s presence.

For me, this has been a major challenge in my pastoral ministry. In the words of Fr. Kevin O’Rourke, one of our prominent intellectuals in the Province, “This is real reli-

gion!” Relics can be a way that the everyday Catholic experiences the divine. I suppose I should have been prepared for this after my years in Bolivia, where God was understood to imbue all of creation, and faith was something tangible, sensible, and incarnate. As I hold the relic on Thursdays for the faithful to venerate, I appreciate how it becomes a medium for personal contact: making real the sanctity that was once earthly present in this holy apostle, by connecting with Saint Jude as a living member of the communion of saints.

As we complete our 75th anniversary, grateful for Cardinal George’s willingness to celebrate our closing liturgy on the Feast of Saint Jude, I have to smile at how God works the small miracles in our lives. Please keep those prayers coming as we look forward to the next 75 years of a truly miraculous and grace-filled ministry at the Shrine of St. Jude.

—Fr. James Spahn, O.P.

Director of the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus

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room for future growth and an environment both stimulating and aesthetically beautiful.

With regard to our ministries, the Shrine of St. Jude ended its 75th anniversary year with a lovely and faith-filled Mass celebrated by his Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, on October 28. Over the past year, we have fostered increased devotion to Saint Jude by showing the relic throughout the province and inviting those whom we serve in ministry to venerate the remains of this much-loved apostle of Jesus.

The response, especially from young people, has been truly remarkable. While speaking of our ministry to young people, we are grateful for the auspicious beginning and enthusiastic welcome we’ve received at Indiana University, where four of our brothers have begun to serve the university community at St. Paul’s Catholic Center in Bloomington. Our presence on university campuses as pastors, teachers, and preachers is one that we will continue to promote in the future.

Finally, we are immensely grateful for the work that our brothers do in parishes, in hospitals, on preaching teams, and in their theological research and writing. They build up the church as the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit has indeed blessed us abundantly in the past year, and we remain profoundly grateful for the gift of His grace and for the gift of your friendship that makes all of this good work possible.

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

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The Fenwick Family responds

Our Southern Dominican Province was directly affected by the hurricanes that blew through the South. Our friars were proactive in raising funds in their ministry sites to help our brothers in need. Following are two short articles describing what was done at Fenwick High School and St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

AS I WALKED into my office, I knew the red message light would be blinking. I had a total of 26 messages, all with the same point: What would we, the Fenwick community, do to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina? One of the more touching messages was from a student who reported seeing a tattered flag of the Dominican Shield hanging over a flooded Dominican High School. Her plea: “Father, there are Dominicans down there. We gotta do something!”

And do something we did. We began with a simple “pass the bucket” collection. We raised \$5,000. This money was sent to the Dominican Friars Hurricane Relief Fund. There was no struggle to get volunteers to go around with the buckets to gather donations. Each student dug deep into their pockets, giving both from excess and from need. As I walked down the hall the day of the collection, a freshman was upset that he had missed the collection. He gave me a crumpled-up dollar bill. When I unfolded it, I found another bill behind that dollar bill; it was a hundred-dollar bill. Humble generosity!

Two days after the collection, a faculty member came to my office and asked to organize a collection of non-perishable items. Working with the Northern Illinois Food Pantry,

our Fenwick Family collected and bagged nonperishable food items. We loaded a van to the ceiling and sent it to the people of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast with love and prayers.

Certainly there was the spiritual side to this disaster. A teacher reminded students that we take for granted what our sisters and brothers in New Orleans now knew as precious gifts: water, shelter, food, and, certainly, family. Throughout the day, there were prayers for all the victims of Katrina.

Fenwick High School responded to the needs of the Dominican Family and all the people affected by Hurricane Katrina. Although I am the director of faith formation, every idea came from the students. What a marvelous future for our church and society!

—Fr. Jordan Kelly, O.P.
Fenwick High School



Above: St. Dominic Church in New Orleans. Notice the statue of Saint Dominic almost totally submerged in the photo at left, and the water lines when they receded in the photo at right.

Their crisis becomes our crisis

HURRICANE KATRINA seems like a long way from St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Castle Rock, Colorado. We are situated on a mesa overlooking the Rocky Mountains in the southern edge of Denver but are in the diocese of Colorado Springs. Fr. George Reynolds, my associate pastor, and I are ministering in this mission diocese, which has 25 diocesan priests serving 150,000 Catholics in 42 parishes. We have plenty of need right here!

In the flurry of news stories, everyone wanted to help. But the destruction seemed overwhelming and our help might seem puny. So I decided to make it personal. I shared with our parishioners how Fr. George and I had served in the South. I also related my conversations with our Dominican Friars who had experienced this disaster firsthand. What might have been some distant nightmare now became fellow Catholics we would be helping.

We had a special collection, in addition to our regular

weekly tithe, and the parish responded generously, contributing more than \$13,000! Between the weekly tithe from our collections and other freewill offerings such as the hurricane relief, the parish has been contributing more than \$90,000 a year to various groups in need.

Yet I didn't want us to forget that rebuilding New Orleans was going to take a long time. So I asked the people if they'd be willing to help send a group of parishioners to New Orleans once the rebuilding began. Fr. Ian Bordenave, the pastor of St. Anthony in New Orleans, suggested this might make a good Lenten project for us. How this will turn out is still up in the air. But, with the Holy Spirit and a very generous parish, I think we can continue our assistance to our Dominican brothers and their parishioners down South.

—Fr. Herb Hayek, O.P.
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish





NOTE

THE NEXT *Come & See* is Feb. 24–26, 2006 in St. Louis.

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Annual *Come & See* draws 19 “seekers”

NINETEEN FAITH-FILLED MEN gathered at the Dominican House of Studies in St. Louis for the annual fall *Come & See* vocation retreat. Similar to an “urban plunge” youth program where young people are immersed for a 64-hour period in the inner city to understand its rhythms and challenges, a *Come & See* weekend opens one to the rhythm and challenge of contemporary religious life, in our case, with a decidedly Dominican flavor. Those seeking a better understanding of God’s will for their life and clarity

“It’s amazing to see the strong presence of God in everyone here, despite the extreme diversity of personalities. It is beautiful!”

in their vocations came from many different walks of life including: a doctor of material science, a speechwriter for a university academic dean, and a Frontier Airlines lawyer. Many were still college students completing their studies in finance, fiber optics, and philosophy.

One of our speakers on vocational discernment made the point that this life is but a “short prelude to the real thing.” In a similar

way, the *Come & See* retreat might be described as a brief prelude to the “real thing” of religious life. It provides those discerning a chance to look at consecrated life from the inside out and helps to clarify any modern myths or misconceptions of today’s contemporary religious. From the evaluations, I am confident that we were able to achieve

“The love and brotherhood of the Dominicans here is truly inspired by the Holy Spirit.”



At the end of a great weekend of faith-sharing, the friars and participants share a laugh and a group photo.



Greg Miller, a student at Aquinas Institute, talks with Br. Mike about Dominican life during the *Come & See* weekend.

that. Twelve out of the fifteen who returned their evaluations reported that they could see themselves as Dominicans in the future; half within the next two to three years. What was the predominant impression left on these participants drawn

“The brothers were very honest and insightful, and their love of God and devotion to the mission of the Order was obvious.”

“I was reduced to awe by the character of Dominican prayer.”

to life as a Dominican? The brothers, the brothers, the brothers! The quotes throughout this page commenting on the strong community life of the friars and their joy and enthusiasm reinforce what Saint

Dominic made clear nearly 800 years ago: that the power of the Dominican charism begins and ends in the living witness of the friars themselves as the *Sacra Praedicatorio*, the Sacred Preaching.

“The water tasted as advertised . . . and it tasted good.”



—Fr. Andrew-Carl Wisdom, O.P.
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Straight from Iraq

THE WAR IN IRAQ is one of the most controversial topics of our time. It seems that nobody can agree on exactly what needs to be done as the Iraqi people amble toward some semblance of democracy.

The North American Dominican Promoters of Justice, Peace and the Care of Creation met July 9 through 13 in New Orleans. One of our guests was Sr. Marie Therese Hanna, O.P., former prioress of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine in Iraq. She spent two days with us, and we were the beneficiaries of much of her wisdom.

According to Sr. Marie Therese, the occupation of Iraq is unfortunate, but there is very little support for an immediate withdrawal of the troops. The troops are there, and if they left now the country would collapse. The greatest need of the Iraqi people is security. The biblical prediction of “brother turning against brother” seems to be coming true, as Iraqis are turning against Iraqis, and families are being torn apart. Sister said that the Iraqi people do not feel safe. The coalition troops, then, need to make the safety and security

of the Iraqi people their priority. The streets are very dangerous and there is great fear for the children. Sister said that there seems to be fewer children than ever.

The Sisters of St. Catherine have a dream, and the dream focuses on healing. They want to create a Dominican Healing Center in Baghdad. This would be a place where all the ethnic groups and religions would be welcome and encouraged to dialogue. They also want to expand their maternity hospital and establish a university.

It is evident that there are many people in Iraq who want to move forward and bring peace and security to their nation. Desmond Tutu titled his post-apartheid memoirs *No Future Without Forgiveness*. For the Iraqi people, there is no future without security. And according to Sr. Marie Therese, the mission of the Dominican Order in Iraq is to help people heal.

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The ministry of the Word as Christian conversation

PRIOR TO VATICAN II, preaching often came across as clerical, patriarchal, and paternalistic: people being preached at, with little spirit for conversation or dialogue. Since Vatican II, a more interactive and critically engaged ministry of the Word has emerged—beginning with a reappropriation from early Christianity of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA is a communal process of reflection among candidates and their sponsors and catechists about Jesus Christ, the scriptures, the liturgy, and other core traditions and practices of the church. The goal is full, conscious, and active participation in the church and active discipleship at home, at work, and in the world.

Also since Vatican II, popes Paul VI and John Paul II have promoted what they termed “Evangelization of Culture” or a “New Evangelization.” This process often is described today as a triple dialogue of the church and Christian faith with the poor, with other religions, and with local cultures and traditions.

Another important ministry of the Word has to do with the one-on-one encounters we call pastoral care or spiritual companionship. These conversations are not so much about moralizing or giving advice as they are about discernment: We engage in holy conversation with one another in order to discover meaning in our experience, to make moral

choices and practice lives of virtue, and to respond as best we can to faith’s call to discipleship.

The ministry of the Word—what I am calling here Christian conversation—is meant to involve everyone in lifelong processes of reflection, dialogue, and discernment. Together, we are engaging the gift of salvation through ecclesial practices of reflection, initiation, and reconciliation; social practices of dialogue, inculturation, and solidarity; and interpersonal practices of discernment, participation, and healing.

In this rich ecclesial, social, and interpersonal context, we speak of liturgical or homiletic preaching as the summit and source of the ministry of the Word. Sunday preaching seeks to be ecclesial, social, and interpersonal in its message and reflective, dialogical, and pastoral in its spirit. The word *homily* in Greek means conversation. Conversation is the process, the metaphor, the measure, and the goal. In all our Christian conversations—be they within the church, in the context of society, or with our companions—God listens and God speaks.

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A visit to South Africa



THE DOMINICANS in South Africa invited me to teach a course at St. Joseph's Theological Institute in Pietermaritzburg. South Africa is a large, beautiful, and populous country with 40 million people of whom 30 million are black. I was given a professional tour of Soweto, a city

of 3 to 4 million with 21 Catholic parishes, one of which is lead by the Dominicans and one of which is where the early opposition to apartheid first began. Fr. Albert Nolan, O.P. is well known in South Africa, and some of the Dominicans and professors at the theology school were in prison in the 1980s for protesting the system of enslaving blacks.

Pietermaritzburg is the city where Gandhi was thrown off a train for not being white, the event beginning his life's work. The Dominicans built a fine house of studies near the state university with a chapel with African motifs and a conference center. Dominican students come from South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Angola. The priory was not given the name of a saint but "Emaphethelweni": in Zulu meaning, "On the boundary."

The school where I taught a course on Thomas Aquinas and part of a course on ministry was founded and directed by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. It has 210 Catholic students from a dozen African countries, mostly religious seminarians with a few sisters and lay ministry students.

In the past 13 years the country has prospered. Nonetheless, there is 30 percent unemployment and so a lot of crime. One can be driving through areas that look like Beverly Hills and then move into the city of markets and small homes and thousands of people living in great poverty. You can be in a new mall where most people are speaking Zulu or Sutu. Durban is a remarkable city of millions on the Indian Ocean. In the center of Durban, I visited a Hindu temple (my first) and then the great Mosque. We went to the Catholic Cathedral, newly restored, where the famous Archbishop Hurley, a pioneer of new ideas for English-speaking Catholicism and a major figure at Vatican II, once lived.

By American standards, life in the Dominican priory is unusual linguistically. The Africans all know their own language and the language of the former colonial masters (English, Portuguese) and usually a second African language. South Africa is a country of great energy, a laboratory of human religion in which Catholic Christianity is a voice and sacrament. It was truly a remarkable journey.

—Fr. Thomas O'Meara, O.P.

Dominican Friars flourish at Bloomington

ON JULY 1, 2005, two other Dominican Friars, Fr. Stan Drongowski and Fr. Rich Litzau, and I assumed pastoral ministry at St. Paul Catholic Center at Indiana University in Bloomington. A fourth friar, Br. Benedict Baer, joined the community in late August. It hasn't taken long for this university parish to notice that the Dominicans have arrived and have brought a certain flare to campus life!

We pray Morning Prayer each weekday before Mass and have Vespers in the evenings. This has been well received by parishioners and university students. At any weekend Eucharist you will see all of the friars greeting parishioners. This is the most optimal time to meet people, although it has never been done here before.

The preaching has been noticed. I have no idea how different our preaching is from the previous pastor, but people are talking about our homilies. I also supply a reflection piece each week for the bulletin called Keller's Corner, addressing topics of interest to the university community or timely issues for all Catholics. My goal is to generate discussion and e-mail and to give thinking Catholics a forum for expressing their thoughts.

Perhaps the major difference we are providing St. Paul's is a more comprehensive involvement and outreach to Indiana University. These past couple of months our campus minister, Conor McIntyre, and I visited several deans and faculty members on campus to further our collaboration



The Dominican Friars at St. Paul's visit with some students and their young child (hopefully a future member!).

with them. We have also instituted a Thursday noontime Mass on campus with the help of some undergrads. As a university parish, St. Paul Catholic Center has the primary mission of ministry to higher education. This is taking on an exciting and creative dimension as we Dominicans joyfully embark on this new adventure.

—Fr. Robert Keller, O.P.
Pastor, St. Paul Catholic Center

Fr. Bob perfected charity with patience and humor



“A life of preaching, a life of study, a life in common, a life of contemplation’ describes the life of Robert J. Miller. May it continue to describe our life as well.”

WHEN a friar invites and inspires you to join the Dominicans, it can seem hard to imagine living as a Dominican without the living presence of that friend and brother. Yet, now that Robert Joachim Joseph Miller, O.P., a professed member of the Order for more than 50 years, has died, my Dominican life and our Dominican life continues. We continue without his bodily presence, while we rely on his prayers and intercessions for us, the church, and the world. He interceded

for us while he was alive. We now ask for his prayers with the same confidence we had when we knew him in the flesh.

A Chicago native, Robert was educated by the Jesuits at St. Ignatius Academy and by the Vincentians at DePaul University. While he respected the religious members of both congregations, he never seriously considered becoming one of them. Since childhood, he knew he would become a priest and answered that call by following the way of the preacher, as Fr. Simon Tugwell, O.P. refers to Dominican life. Like all Friars Preachers, Robert dedicated his life to the preaching, supported by a life of study, a life in common, and a life of contemplation.

Until Robert was afflicted with Alzheimer’s disease, he preached often and well. He apparently did not believe in long homilies. With eloquence and precision, he interpreted the gospel message with clear insight that always challenged his listeners to consider the teaching of Jesus anew. Very often he quoted one or another of the thought-provoking theologians of our time. Robert could do this because he constantly studied. While he could still read, he usually read four or five books simultaneously. They were stacked by his armchair, with bookmarks locating passages he wanted to remember. If you passed by his room, you could sometimes hear him typing a quotation from a favorite theologian or author. Like Dominic and the early friars, and friars today, his life of study was dedicated not only to the gospel, but also to the world.

Robert also preached through his priestly ministry, as parish priest, pastor, campus minister, hospital chaplain,

and vicar for health care for his fellow Dominicans. In all of these pastoral settings, Robert enjoyed life in common with others. Whether in a parish rectory with one other friar, or in the largest priories of our Province of St. Albert the Great, he distinguished himself as a true gentleman. He cherished the memories of Dominican friends who preceded him in death. With his living confreres, he perfected charity with patience and humor, as well as generous service to the needs of other friars. One noticed clearly that he shared the fruits of his life of contemplation, as Saint Thomas Aquinas taught. Robert was very thoughtful in his estimation of others. His life spent in prayer shaped the whole of his life. You knew you were in the presence of a man who knew God well.

“A life of preaching, a life of study, a life in common, a life of contemplation” describes the life of Robert J. Miller. It described the life of those in whose footsteps he followed. May it continue to describe our life as well.

—Fr. Michael Garcia, O.P.

Dominican Doings

✠ **FR. PAUL COLLOTON** gave a series of workshops for the presbyterate and diaconate of the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minn., the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., and at the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions Conference in Buffalo, N.Y.

✠ **BR. REID PERKINS-BUZO, O.P.** spoke at the Christians in the Visual Arts biennial conference at Azusa Pacific University. His talk was on the moving image and contemporary Christian art.

✠ **FR. RICHARD WOODS, O.P.** gave two lectures in Melbourne, Australia in early October on the “Relevance of Meister Eckhart Today” and “Major Themes in Eckhart’s Doctrine” for the Australian Eckhart Society at Queens College.

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FRIARS IN PRINT

✦ **FR. CHARLES W. DAHM, O.P.** had two articles published: “Hispanic Catholics: A Blessing for Our Church” in *Today’s Parish* (October 10, 2005); and “A Pastor’s View of GIRM (General Introduction of the Roman Missal)” in *Celebration* (August 2005).

✦ **FR. MICHAEL DEMKOVICH, O.P.** wrote a book titled *Introducing Meister Eckhart*, published by Novalis Press, Canada.

✦ **BR. DWIGHT LEWIS, O.P.’s** poem, “I have seen a face,” was recently posted on the *DomLife* website and was chosen to be published in *The League of American Poets*, 2005 book edition.

✦ **BR. REID PERKINS-BUZO, O.P.** had two of his artworks included in the recent anthology of Christian art in the 21st century, a book titled *Faith + Vision: 25 Years of Christians in the Visual Arts*, edited by Cameron Anderson and Sandra Bowden, Square Halo Books, 2005.

✦ **FR. MATTHEW POWELL, O.P.’s** short story, “Mr. Gilhooley’s Coffin,” was published in the July 2005 issue of *Liguorian*. He also has a readers’ theatre dramatization, “Hamelin Town,” available for download at www.scriptsforschools.com. The script is based on the poem “The Pied Piper of Hamelin,” by Robert Browning.

✦ **FR. ANDREW-CARL WISDOM, O.P.** wrote an article, “The Catholic Flavor of a Vocation,” which was published in *VISION*, the magazine for the National Religious Vocation Conference. He also wrote “Homily Notes and Guidelines” for the National Vocation Awareness Week (2006 kit), annually published by the National Coalition for Church Vocations.

✦ **FR. RICHARD WOODS, O.P.** wrote two articles, “Dominican Spirituality” and “Rhineland Mysticism,” in the *New Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, edited by Philip Sheldrake and published by the SCM Press in London.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

✦ . . . to **FR. ANDREW CY FABIAN, O.P.**, who was awarded the John Lancaster Spalding Medal 2005 for his remarkable contribution to the church and its mission, by Bishop Daniel Jenky of the Diocese of Peoria.

✦ . . . to **FR. MATTHEW POWELL, O.P.**, whose short story, “The Great Pizzelle War,” published in the February 2004 issue of *Liguorian*, won second prize in the short fiction category of the 2005 Catholic Press Association Awards.



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