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From the Provincial

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FRIARS,



Dominicans have always felt at home on the campuses of universities.

From the first days of the Order, when Saint Dominic sent his friars to the new universities, we have pursued doctorates in theology, philosophy, and canon law. We have obtained advanced degrees in the natural and social sciences and in the arts.

But we have gone to the university not only to study but also to teach and to serve in ministry. Over the years we have made our mark in theological education at colleges and universities across the Midwest, from University of Notre Dame to St. Louis University, from Loyola of Chicago to St. Xavier University, from Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, to St. Mary's University in Winona Minnesota. Apart from this work in the classroom, we have also served university communities as chaplains and pastors.

For more than 50 years we have been serving the students, faculty, and staff at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Before our Southern Province was formed, we were working at the University of Houston, the University of Dallas, and Tulane University. In the Midwest, we have served at the University of Minnesota, South Dakota State in Brookings, and Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. What we are especially excited about at the moment is the chance to preach and teach at three major Midwestern

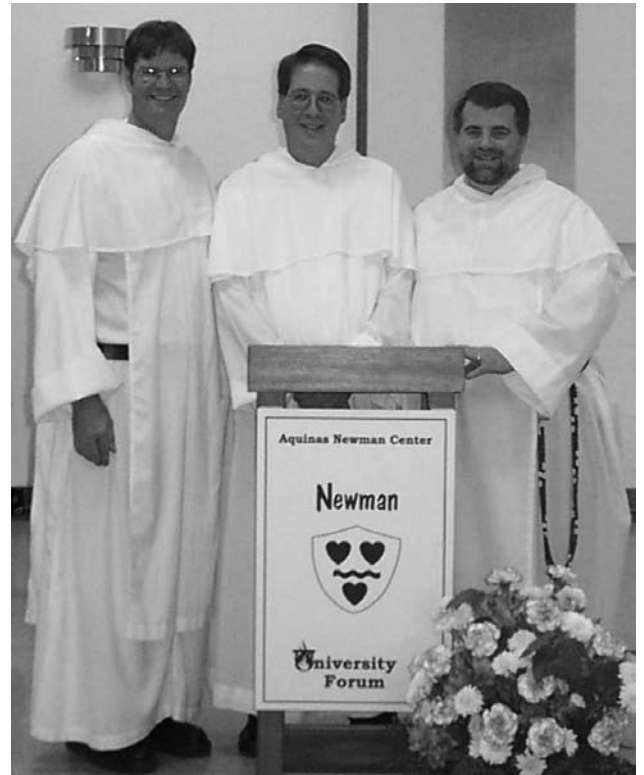
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Bringing Christ to the campus

FROM THE earliest years of the Order, Dominican Friars have gone to school, not only to study but also to teach. As soon as Saint Dominic gathered his first community of brothers at Toulouse in Southern France, he dispersed them, sending them to the new university towns of Bologna, Paris, and Oxford. Here his brothers would not only learn to read carefully the Scriptures and to dispute the theological meaning of the Word of God, they would also acquire the skill to share the knowledge of their study with colleagues and students. The friars of our Province have renewed this link between the Order and the university by returning there to teach, not as professors, but as pastors and campus ministers.

As Dominicans we have lectured, written, and preached in such a way that ordinary men and women might come to a deeper grasp of our Catholic faith. We are recognized as doctrinal preachers, meaning that when a Dominican Friar preaches, he should have an eye on communicating to his listeners not only the truth of the Scriptural text but also the manifold ways that this truth has found expression in the divine life of the Trinity, in the person of Jesus Christ, in the reality of the Church, and in our own experience as men and women created in God's own image and likeness. When a Dominican Friar preaches, therefore, he also teaches. He does this not only that his listener might know the truth, but that he or she might come to love it and be transformed by it.

Ministry at universities is a way for Dominicans to do what they do best: to preach so that our listeners leave the



church with their eyes opened to the beauty of the truth and to the riches of our faith so that their hearts and lives are radically transformed. Like any good teacher, a Dominican believes that the truth changes us, and the more compelling the truth is, the more profoundly it changes us.

For this reason, we are delighted to maintain our longtime commitment to campus ministry. For more than 50 years we have been serving in campus ministry at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and are grateful to have begun such work in the past few years at Purdue Uni-

Fr. Michael Demkovich, O.P. (from left), Fr. Thomas McDermott, O.P., and Fr. Andrew Pavlak, O.P. at a recent University Forum held at the Newman Center in Albuquerque.

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Our mission is to make our university parishes true centers of evangelization.

versity, at Indiana University in Bloomington, and at the University of Missouri at Columbia. At these four university parishes, we are striving to assist the bishop and the priests of his diocese to carry out our particular mission to the Church, namely to preach and teach the Catholic faith.

This, of course, will involve the ordinary activities that we identify with parish ministry: preaching, celebrating the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, counseling, and sacramental preparation. On

a university campus, however, ministry requires something more. It calls for the ability to listen to the young, but also to engage them on topics as disparate as sexual morality and the plight of Third World subsistence farmers. Above all, it requires the ability to teach in the pulpit, in the student union, and in the soup kitchen. We do this by our words, by our actions, and by the integrity of our lives.

One of the ways that we hope to carry out our mission is to make our university parishes true centers of evangelization where our friars reach out to students, faculty, and staff who have never encountered the power of our faith or who have gradually drifted away from the Church over the years. In recent decades too many young people have not had an experience of Christian faith or have allowed their relationship with God to wither. The challenge is to introduce them to Christ so they might experience the depth of God's love for them. A university campus is a perfect place for us to undertake this task of making the good news of Jesus known.

At the same time, we see our university parishes as a

unique kind of classroom for catechesis where students, faculty, and interested Catholics can explore in a deeper and fuller way the mysteries of our faith and the riches of our Catholic tradition. Dominicans believe that living out our vocation as Christians demands an adult faith, grounded in a mature and solid knowledge of that faith.

On the campuses of large and secular state schools we see a unique opportunity to make a Dominican contribution, to focus upon the perennial issues of faith that continue to touch our relationship with God, as well as to explore more contemporary questions of justice, peace, and business and medical ethics that help to shape who we are as Catholics. We hope to bring the men and women we serve to a greater appreciation of God's unbounded goodness and his extraordinary invitation that has been made to us in the person of Christ Jesus.

Our recent initiative in campus ministry has generated among the friars of the Province a great deal of excitement, creative energy, and intellectual and pastoral planning. We see in campus ministry a way to remain faithful to a mission that goes back to the founding of the Order. Like those first friars who attracted many to Christ by their preaching and teaching, we hope to bring the young people of our time not only to a deeper understanding of their faith but to a more ardent love of Christ. May the Lord bless us as he did those early Dominicans, so that those whom we serve at our university parishes might receive the same light of understanding and the same grasp of the riches of Christ and of our Catholic faith. For as Saint Augustine never tires of reminding us, we cannot love what we do not know.

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universities: Purdue University, Indiana University at Bloomington, and the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Recognizing the unique pastoral needs of college students, we are striving to provide them with an understanding of our Catholic faith that will last a lifetime. This goes beyond the sacramental ministry that we ordinarily identify with parish ministry. It means being present to young people so that they will see in our lives as well as in our teaching and in our preaching the difference that faith in Jesus can make.

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


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Dominicans arrive in Columbia, Missouri

ON JULY 1, Fr. Joachim Culotta, Fr. Tom Poulsen, Fr. Steven Kuhlmann, and I officially began the Province's latest endeavor in Columbia, Mo. Frs. Steve and Tom will be ministering at Sacred Heart Church, and Fr. Joachim and I will be at St. Thomas More Newman Center on the campus of the University of Missouri. The past few weeks have been very busy opening boxes for offices and living quarters, meeting new staff, and forming a new community. It has been an exciting time. Sacred Heart Rectory is in the heart of the downtown area and within walking distance to most of Columbia's restaurants and the local Starbuck's.

Summers are relatively quiet on college campuses, which has been a blessing as we settle in and get to know the campus and community. The parish has almost 700 families who worship regularly with us, which means we are a full-time parish as well as a Newman Center. The University of Missouri has almost 21,000 undergraduates of which roughly 20 percent are Catholic and is nationally known as one of the best Journalism schools in the nation, and cer-



Frs. Culotta and Saucier are ready to give a "Dominican flavor" to services at the Newman Center in Columbia.

tainly the best public university in the Journalism field. The university has an active Greek system, and Joachim is hoping our appointment means he will become the chaplain to the football team.

The parish is in great financial shape. The previous pastor established a \$1 million endowment partially funded with a \$500,000 bequest to eventually fund the parish's commitment to campus ministry. The parish sponsors speakers such as Rev. Richard O'Brien of Notre Dame and Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J. We have many professors who worship here, which is good for the

students, and a member of the U.S. Congress is the drummer at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Columbia is very inviting, and you may want to come and visit the Newman Center; however, you'll want to avoid Columbia's heat in July and August.

I believe this is an important step for the Province and we are all proud to be a part of it.

—Fr. Thomas Saucier, O.P.

Pastor, St. Thomas More Newman Center

Book Review: *The Grace and Task of Preaching*

DOMINICAN PUBLICATIONS, Dublin, has recently released a valuable new volume on preaching, prepared by an international team of Dominican scholars with a strong representation of Chicago Province friars. *The Grace and Task of Preaching* is a collection of essays in which 18 Dominicans address the intersection between their own theological discipline (e.g., Christology, biblical hermeneutics, liturgy, etc.) and homiletics.

Father Michael Monshau, O.P., the book's editor, conceived the project and saw it as an opportunity to honor the late Father Damian Byrne, who promoted preaching zealously during his mandate as Master of the Order (1983-1992). Accordingly, the book is dedicated to him.

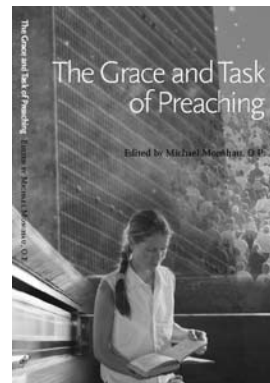
Chicago Province friars who contributed chapters to the book are: Father Thomas O'Meara, Brother Edward van Merrienboer, Father Donald Goergen, Father Charles Bouchard, and Father Monshau. Other authors with connections to the Province of St. Albert the Great are Cathleen M. Going (Sister Mary of the Savior) of the Farmington Hills Monastery, located within our Province territory, and Sister Mary Catherine Hilckert of Notre Dame University,

formerly of the faculty of our Aquinas Institute.

Other contributing authors are Father Albert Nolan (South Africa); Fathers Timothy Radcliffe, John Orme Mills, and Richard Finn, all of the English Province; Irish Dominican Fathers Vivian Boland, Paul Murray, and James Donleavy; Philippine Father Rolando V. de la Rosa; Father Mark O'Brien of the Australian Province; and scripture scholars Sister Barbara Green (San Rafael) and Sister Barbara Reid (Grand Rapids).

The essays are arranged in six topical divisions. The first section treats preaching and its liturgical context (Monshau), followed by a section providing theological reflection on preaching (Boland, Goergen, Hilckert, Radcliffe). The homiletic dynamic is addressed in the third section (de la Rosa, Donleavy, Going), while the fourth part treats scripture and preaching (Green, O'Brien). Dominican preaching is the subject of the fifth part (Murray, Nolan, O'Leary), and the final section is devoted to preaching and praxis (Bouchard, Finn, Mills, Reid, and van Merrienboer).

This book is available at: sales@dominicanpublications.com.





Joyful friars! The novitiate class of 2006 on the verge of making simple profession and moving on to the house of formation in St. Louis.

Six novices approved for vows

THE Provincial has accepted the affirmative vote of the Dominican Novitiate Senior Community and approved the petitions for Simple Vows of all six novices. The profession, taking place at

St. Dominic's Church in Denver on August 13, 2006, is a profession of temporary vows for approximately two years. It signals a brother's intention to continue his formation as a Dominican Friar as well as the local community's confirmation of his decision. Following their profession of vows, these brothers will be assigned to the House of Studies in St. Louis, where they will begin their academic studies in Philosophy and Theology at our Dominican school, Aquinas Institute of Theology.

They will also continue their formation as religious and Dominican preachers. As Fr. Herb Hayek, O.P. notes in the article below, they already have a promising start as traveling preachers.

Congratulations to our newly vowed brothers and please keep them in your prayers!

—Fr. Andrew-Carl Wisdom, O.P.
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"I, Brother _____ make profession and promise obedience to God, and to Blessed Mary, and to Blessed Dominic, and to you, Brother Michael A. Mascari, Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Albert the Great, in place of Brother Carlos Azpiroz Costa, Master of the Order of Friars Preachers and his successors, according to the Rule of Blessed Augustine and the Constitutions of the Friars Preachers, that I will be obedient to you and your successors until death."

FROM THE PROMOTER OF VOCATIONS

Jumping right in

IN OUR DOMINICAN tradition, there is the story that Saint Dominic sent out novices to preach. Even the very youngest in the community share in our charism of preaching.

In trying to raise awareness of religious vocations in a parish, which has never had anyone enter the seminary in nearly 120 years, I hit upon a plan. The seminarians in the diocese of Colorado Springs, where the parish of St. Francis of Assisi is located, are few, and often in seminaries far away. The obvious choice was to turn to our own Dominican novitiate in Denver. The first year this began was in 1998, when Andrew Carl Wisdom, O.P. and Jordan Kelly, O.P. were invited to speak at our parish. Even today, people still ask about these two friars who preached and sang their homily!

Over the years each class has carried on this preaching tradition. This past year has been a wonderful continuation of what has gone before. Because the present class is numerous, they came to St. Francis on two Sundays to share the Good News.

After their first Sunday, the response from the parishioners prompted many parents to have our youth minister, Julie Escalante, ask the novices to spend an evening with our high school youth. These eight young men had a wonderful effect on more than 100 teens. They are still wondering how



Br. Nathaniel perfects his preaching techniques in front of parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

a novice can survive on an allowance of only \$40 a month!

Every year has seen a new class bring new gifts and talents to their preaching here at our parish. It confirms Saint Dominic's decision to send out novices to preach because they truly share in our charism of preaching the Good News and evidence of the most important quality a novice can have, according to Saint Thomas Aquinas: *joy!*

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

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God's love calling us to action

POPE BENEDICT XVFS first encyclical, *God Is Love*, is both a challenge and a reminder for all of us. The entire New Testament is filled with examples of the love of God at work in peoples' lives. Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, writes beautifully on the reality of love. He says that when everything we have is stripped away, what remains is love.

Benedict challenges us to reflect on God's love active in our lives. He admits that many acts of violence and destruction were done in the name of God. Who can forget images of the Crusades, with the cross being carried high in order to inspire the soldiers?

From the very beginning of Catholic Social Teaching, there has been an emphasis on the dignity of the human person. Catholic teachings on labor, family, the economy, war and peace, etc., always include the human element. Anything we do, any law that is passed, and any policy

that is enacted, has an effect on human beings. Benedict says that our relationship with God—whom he defines as love—must automatically lead us to acts of charity. He says that acts of charity—which can be as simple as helping out at a soup kitchen or as complicated as helping a recent immigrant settle in—transcend political and ideological boundaries. Acts of charity must naturally result from our relationship with God.

We often lose sight of the human faces that lie behind our ideologies and politics. The pope reminds us that love of God and love of neighbor cannot remain separate, and that love of God must lead to

love of our neighbor.

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Preaching with the Hearers in Mind

ALONG WITH RICHARD ROHR, O.F.M., and others, several noteworthy Dominicans will be featured presenters at the upcoming Catholic Coalition of Preaching Biennial Convocation on “Many Who Heard Were Astounded: Preaching with the Hearers in Mind” at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale, September 17-20.

The convocation will be preceded on September 16 with a Dominican Day of Study and Reflection on “Contemplative Dialogue . . . to be a Hearer, to be a Preacher,” facilitated by Steven Wirth, executive director of The Center for Contemplative Dialogue. A national meeting of Dominican promoters of preaching also will be held on September 17.

The Province of St. Albert the Great and Aquinas Institute of Theology are two of the members of the Catholic Coalition on Preaching, a partnership of member organizations that recognizes the primary importance of preaching in the Catholic Church and seeks to promote and energize quality preaching in the United

States. At this year's convocation, preachers from all over the United States will immerse themselves in the multi-faceted aspects of the hearers who come to the Sunday Eucharist—their joys and struggles, their pain and delight.

Preachers will be encouraged to walk in the shoes of their hearers, to be in their skin, figuratively to sit in the pews with them in order to understand more fully what their everyday lives are like. They will explore different ethnic and cultural realities, the different experiences of women and men, and the variety of world views experienced by the very young, the middle aged, and the elders in the assembly.

Registration information for all events can be found online by clicking the green “Coming Events” icon at Dominican Life USA at www.domlife.org.

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Tour de Force

ANTHONY HOLLOWELL is one of 11 children. A native of Indianapolis, Tony is the second of his family to embrace the priesthood (an older brother is studying for the diocese of Indianapolis at Saint Meinrad).



A graduate of Notre Dame, Tony has spent the past two years teaching in Pascagoula, Mississippi as part of Notre Dame's ACE program. He just completed his master's in education this year, and immediately prior to entering the pre-novitiate, Tony participated in a bike ride across the country to raise funds and awareness for Catholic education.

How did you hear about the Dominicans?

I spent the past two years knowing that I had a vocation to the priesthood, but I spent a lot of time discerning *how* God was calling me to live out this vocation.

I was pretty sure I would enter a religious order because of the joy that I had found in education. I thought I might join the Archdiocese where my brother was studying, and one day I asked my brother, "Do you know anything about the Dominicans?" As soon as I said this, two things happened. One, I realized I knew nothing about the Dominicans. And two, I had a massive burning in my heart to learn more. My body literally ached to find out



more, and I can only attribute this aching to the Holy Spirit.

As I got on the internet and read more and more about the Order, I knew this was where I was called to be. My visits to Chicago and St. Louis only confirmed this. I was excited to be a part of a group of men who sought to integrate the fruits of contemplation with their service in the world, a group who lived in true community, and a group that treats formation and the vocation to priesthood with such great respect. It has become apparent to me that this is where God is calling me to spend my time next year as I seek to live out my vocation.

You spoke at your graduation ceremony. Tell us a little about this.

As part of my coursework, I was sent to Pascagoula, Mississippi, to work in a Catholic school. It was the same year that

Hurricane Katrina hit. It was an incredible experience and one that I will not soon forget. We had three feet of water throughout the school, and we were out of school for seven weeks. It was an incredible year for me as I was able to be a part of a community that is still rebuilding to this day. To share in solidarity with those struck by this natural disaster was something that changed me forever.

It is true that I was able to speak to my classmates as the commencement speaker for our graduation exercises. One of my favorite parts was having five Dominicans there in the crowd. Numerous people said to me afterwards, "It was powerful to see so many Dominicans at your graduation. That is a true sign of community." I couldn't agree more. I knew they would probably analyze my "preaching," and they all made sure to give their critique afterwards. I was a bit concerned that if I messed up, Fr. Wisdom would reconsider my entrance into the novitiate! I guess I did OK.

Tell us about your bike tour. Why are you doing this, and why religious education?

This summer, I rode my bike across the country with seven other classmates from the Notre Dame ACE program. The trip has served numerous purposes, including raising money for three of the more deserving schools served by the ACE program. But the "mission statement" for this trip has been to promote awareness of and foster support for Catholic schools in the United States that lack resources. The United States Catholic school system is in a crisis. Many schools face plummeting enrollment, financial insecurity, and underpaid teachers, which often leads to unprofessional teachers, archaic buildings, and outdated technology.

The reasons for this crisis are complex, and our goal on the trip was to not only better understand this situation and the complex issues at their roots, but to also affirm the great value of Catholic schools and to join in fellowship with those communities who are struggling and to say, "This is worth fighting for."

One of the greatest assets the Church in the U.S. has are its Catholic schools because they have helped develop generations of young adults who are not only aware of, but also live out the fundamental truths of the Catholic faith. If we let our Catholic schools crumble, the Church will lose a powerful gateway to the heart of the youth, and if you don't touch the heart of the youth, upon what will you build your future?

Catholic schools are also often a rare source of community and quality education in areas lacking in these values. Throughout the trip, we have spoken with Catholic school administrators, priests, teachers, and students to better understand their schools, their struggles, and their blessings. It has been powerful to see how hard people are working in these schools and to see the good that is coming from their dedication and commitment. I personally have benefited from my Catholic education and feel a debt to those who have sacrificed so much. It is my hope that someday as a Dominican, I will be able to help foster the mission of Catholic education in the United States and to work in this field where truly, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

Tony Hollowell is a new novice for the Province. He will begin his novitiate year later this month.

Telling the story of our Bolivian mission

WHEN YOU FIRST MEET Fr. Jorge Saldias, O.P., you will likely characterize him as a gentle, somewhat reserved, and maybe slightly timid man. Be prepared to adjust that impression when you see



him transformed in the pulpit as he preaches about his homeland in Bolivia and the Dominican missions there! Fr. Jorge's enthusiasm, charm, and vitality light up the church when he speaks of the wonderful work

of the Dominicans and the number of seminarians who have joined the Bolivian Vicariate in the past few years.

Fr. Jorge is the current Vicar Provincial of Bolivia. He came to the United States this summer to preach about the Bolivian missions and to raise funds for their seminarian students. Of the 31 native Bolivians Dominicans, 15 are in some stage of studies. He has already preached in our university parishes in Albuquerque, Bloomington, and West

Friars in Print

✦ **FR. THOMAS DOYLE, O.P.** co-authored a new book, *Sex, Priests and Secret Codes*, along with A. W. R. Sipe and Patrick Wall. Published by Bonus Books, 2006.

✦ **FR. DONALD GOERGEN, O.P.**'s new book, *Fire of Love, Encountering the Holy Spirit*, will be available from Paulist Press in September.

Fr. Don also had four articles published this past year: "The Spirit, the Spiral and the Future of Religious Life," in the Proceedings of the Religious Formation Conference, 2005; "A Spirituality of the Preacher," in *Liturgical Ministry* (Winter, 2006); "Atman, Grunt, and Spirit: An Unfinished Reflection," on Eckhart and Hinduism, in *Eckhart Review* (no. 15, 2006); and "Jesus: Itinerant Preacher," in *The Grace and Task of Preaching*, edited by Fr. Michael Monshau, O.P. (Dominican Publications, see Book Review on page 3).

He also co-edited the first issue of *The Parable, Dominican Theological Reflections for the 21st Century*, A Parable Conference Publication (Spring, 2006).

✦ **FR. RICHARD WOODS, O.P.**'s article on *The Da Vinci Code* phenomenon has appeared in the summer issue of *Spirituality*, Vol. 12, No. 67 (July-August, 2006), pp. 195-99. The article, called "*The Da Vinci Code: The Movie*," was published by the Irish Dominicans.

Lafayette and at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Castle Rock, Holy Rosary and St. Albert's Churches in Minneapolis, St. Dominic's Church in Denver, and Blessed Sacrament Church in Madison. His last stops before returning home to Bolivia in mid-August will be to St. Thomas Aquinas in River Forest and St. Pius in Chicago. Although Fr. Jorge studied English when he came to the United States as a student brother, he has taken additional courses that have helped him speak more fluently, and he is now able to converse with parishioners after Mass.

"I am excited to be here preaching about my homeland, and I am very grateful to all the people who have listened to me preach and who have helped our brothers in Bolivia," said Fr. Jorge. "Thank you for your hospitality and may God continue to bless your life."

Fr. Jorge entered the Dominican Order in 1994. After his ordination in 2001, he was assigned to work at the Shrine of Our Lady of Cotoca, a large shrine dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. In 2002 he became the pastor and director of the Shrine. In 2005 he was elected Vicar Provincial by his fellow Dominican Friars. His term will end in 2009.



Fr. Jorge Saldias, O.P. thanks the parishioners for their genuine interest and support for the Province's mission in Bolivia.

—Lucy Sanchez

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DOMINICAN DOINGS

On June 22, **FR. DENNIS WOERTER, O.P.** was a panelist during a session of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church meeting in Denver. The panel's purpose was to discuss issues surrounding immigration. The panel also consisted of a Methodist bishop and an immigration lawyer.

BRS. DOUGLAS GREER, O.P. and **ANTHONY JOSEPH CALVI, O.P.** attended the Eighth Annual Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference at Siena Heights University in Adrian, MI, from June 24-29. Br. Doug presented a "one-man act" on Thomas Aquinas, O.P. and Br. Anthony preached. Br. Anthony received an honorary award at the ceremony.

FR. JORDAN KELLY, O.P. preached a retreat at the Liturgi-

cal Institute of Mundelein Seminary in June. The retreat, titled "Let Us Sing to the Lord," will be published as a book by Hillenbrand Books, a division of Liturgy Training Programs.

BR. JOSEPH KILKEVICE, O.P. and the SHEM staff invite you to the Interfaith Camping Retreat for Men on September 22-24, 2006 in Ottawa, IL. Call Brother Joseph at Shem Center at 708-848-0195 for further information.

FR. THOMAS McDERMOTT, O.P., former Provincial of Nigeria and pastor of St. Dominic's in Yaba, returned to Nigeria to preach at the St. Jude Novena. He was also present for the ordination of six new priests and seven deacons for the Province of Nigeria.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . . to **FR. JORDAN KELLY, O.P.**, who in addition to his responsibilities as Theology Chair and Director of Faith Formation, was named Dean of Students along with Mr. Joseph Konrad and Mr. Joseph Di Canio, to form part of a "Dean Team" at Fenwick High School.

. . . to **FR. THOMAS McDERMOTT, O.P.**, who completed his doctorate in Sacred Theology (S.T.D.), which was conferred *magna cum laude* from the Angelicum in Rome. A chapter of his dissertation will be published in the *New Blackfriars* next March.

