



August 7, 2016
Weekly Bulletin
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

The Parish of Saint Vincent Ferrer & Saint Catherine of Siena

Dominican Friars – 869 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10065

411 East 68th Street, New York, NY 10065

Call 212.744.2080 or visit www.svsc.info

MASS SCHEDULE

Saint Vincent Ferrer

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6:00 PM Vigil
Sunday: 8:00 AM, NOON
(solemn), 6:00 PM (sung)

Daily Masses

M – F: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,
6:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM

CONFESSION TIMES

M – F: 5:20 PM – 5:50 PM
Wednesday: 7:45 PM – 8:30 PM
Saturday: 5:00 PM – 5:50 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Saint Catherine of Siena

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil
Sunday: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Daily Masses

Monday – Friday:
7:00 AM, 5:15 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday– Friday:
4:40 PM – 5:05 PM
Saturday:
3:30 PM – 3:50 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Parish Contacts and Office Hours

Parish office address:
869 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10065

Parish office hours:
Monday through Friday:
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

SUNG MASS FOR ST. DOMINIC (AUGUST 8)

The 12:10 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer on Monday, August 8 will be celebrated as a Sung Mass for the Solemnity of St. Dominic.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program for adults who wish to become Catholic. Our parish RCIA program will begin in mid-September 2016. Those who are considering enrolling should contact the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P.

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir seeks additional members! The Parish Choir will begin its season by singing for a Mass at 10:00 AM for the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sunday, September 11th at Saint Catherine of Siena. Rehearsals for Mass will be on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 AM in Saint Dominic's Hall in the Priory of Saint Catherine's; there will be no weeknight rehearsals, which we hope will allow more people to participate! Anyone interested in finding out more or joining the Choir should contact James Wetzel, the Director of Music, at jwetzel@svsc.info or (412) 951-7441.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Each Friday, the 7 AM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena is offered for the deceased enrolled in the St. Catherine's Purgatorial Society. Enrollment of a deceased family member or friend is available in the church office for \$35.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education, and many other necessary programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. By funding these programs, the support you give today will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today's collection.

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which will take place this weekend in the second collection, supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home.

MUSIC FOR LIFE: A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR ELIZABETH DERHAM

On Sunday, August 28th at 3 PM, the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena will sponsor a Benefit Concert for Elizabeth Derham, a young woman who is preparing to enter the Sisters of Life and who needs to pay off her student loans to enter religious life. For the past year, Elizabeth has served as a member of the choir and as a cantor at both St. Catherine and St. Vincent. At the concert, she will play a selection of violin pieces by Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber, James MacMillan and other composers. A free-will offering will be taken.

PARISH DIRECTORY AND INFORMATION

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Vicar & Associate Director
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www.dominicanshrineofsaintjude.org

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Sr. Gail Morgan, O.P.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF SAINT VINCENT FERRER AND SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

REGISTRATION

Please register as a member of our parish if this is where you regularly attend Mass. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online at www.svsc.info/register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To arrange for the baptism of a child, call the Parish Office. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Saturdays, but other arrangements may be made depending upon the circumstances. A baptism preparation class is held at St. Vincent Ferrer on the second Saturday of the month at 12 pm. Please call the Parish Office to register.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info). Adults who have not been confirmed should inquire with the Parish Office about preparing for confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To begin making arrangements for a wedding at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with a priest. More information is available at www.svsc.info/weddings.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the parish, at a nearby hospital, or at home (for those who are homebound).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is a class for adults interested in becoming Catholic. To learn more, contact Fr. Innocent Smith, OP, at the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

For information and/or registration for classes held at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Parish Study is a program for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. It meets on Tuesday evenings in the Fall and Spring. To learn more, contact the Parish Office or check our website at www.svsc.info.

YOUNG ADULTS

St. Vincent Ferrer often hosts events of the New York Frassati Fellowship. For more information, visit www.frassatiny.com.

FROM FATHER WALTER, O.P., PASTOR

The Witness of Conversation

Tomorrow, Monday, August 8, brings the Solemnity of St. Dominic. This year the Feast will bring the conclusion of a "General Chapter" of our Order, held at Bologna in Italy, in the very church where St. Dominic is buried. General Chapters take place every three years, and these representative assemblies provide the essential organ of our governance. I humbly bring to your attention something that seems obscure and suggest that it merits a moment of your time.

General Chapters bring together Friars from all over the world for a period of three weeks to a month, so that by any estimate they are an expensive and inefficient way to conduct business. But take a second look. The very breadth and length of these gatherings puts a countercultural premium on conversation. In the end the worldwide Order of Preachers governs itself through conversation. Everything has to be talked out by the group. Only then do we accord a proposal the force of law. For example, a change in our Constitutions (the major legislation of the Order) becomes effective only after three successive chapters have reflected upon it. over a period of nine years. (There is of course a more immediate method of making a measure effective on an interim basis.)

After three weeks of deliberation the Chapter will address the whole Order conversationally. They will issue its "Acts." These will include laws, but also recommendations, exhortations, and praises. The delegates will place their legislation in context. The rules will follow from a reflection upon the nature of our times as seen by Christians called to follow the Lord as Dominicans. All of us Friars will then have the work of obeying, that is listening (obedire) to what the delegates have written, not only the rules they specify, but the reflections which give them coherence.

This lumbering medieval mechanism has kept the Order essentially faithful to itself for eight centuries. The chapter structure acts like a wetland, blunting the storm surge of various religious movements, so that the Order has a chance to ponder each new enthusiasm and its lasting relevance.

We Friars cherish the perhaps "urban legend" that Thomas Jefferson had read our *Constitutions* when he addressed himself to the system of checks and balances that marks government of these United States. Even if this is only a great story, it makes a strong point. If we examine the branches and levels of our government, can we not perceive its essentially conversational structure? Even campaigns with all of their sound and fury are meant to have a

role in the dialog of the present moment, and in the dialog, between successive eras. A question we can ask ourselves is: how vital and real is our public conversation at this time? I do not think the answer to this question is obvious, because a conversation may be emotionally fraught and contentious and still be very real. What seems important to me is realizing the essential value.

In their ways, Jesus and Dominic both present themselves as men who listen. Their example challenges to take a longer and quieter way to discovering truth and finding ways to live in it.

Summer Peace!



Fr. Walter, O.P.

Two appeals

At St. Catherine's it has been customary for parishioners to greet those arriving for Mass and to hand them the material they need for worship. Now that we use the same worship booklets at St. Vincent's, we are looking for people who worship regularly at SVF who might be willing to come a bit early and carry out this service of greeting. If you are interested, please contact Rachel.

At St. Vincent's, members of the Social Concerns Committee have collected donations at Mass once a month to benefit the New York Common Pantry, which feeds homeless and low-income people. We would like to extend this custom to St. Catherine's. Again, if you would be interested in this generous service, please call Rachel at the main desk.

JOIN *us* IN PRAYER

SAINT VINCENT FERRER
MASS *Intentions*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Nineteenth Sunday of
Ordinary time

6:00 pm (Vigil) † *Lucille Murena*

8:00 am † *Catherine & Patrick McGlade*

NOON † *Rev. Patrick M. Durkin*

6:00 pm † *Margaret Burns*

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

St. Dominic

8:00 am † *Fr. William C.*

Cunningham, S.J.

12:10 pm *For the People of the Parish*

6:00 pm † *Philippe & Lily Matar*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

Weekday

8:00 am † *Millard Wallace Dexon*

12:10 pm † *Jack, Natalie, Marie, &*

Francis Egan O'Brien

6:00 pm † *Frank Patrick McGuinness*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Weekday

8:00 am † *Deceased members of the*
Parish & the Order

12:10 pm † *Sylvia Mae Faw*

6:00 pm † *Claudia Trahan*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Weekday

8:00 am † *William Taxeras*

12:10 pm † *Joseph McGovern &*
Kathleen Redmond

6:00 pm † *Benjamin Mendez*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

Weekday

8:00 am † *Dolores Goettisheim*

12:10 pm † *Mark Flesher*

6:00 pm † *Isabelle Mueller*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am † *Teresa Huster*

6:00 pm † *Jake Phelan*

SAINT CATHERINE OF
SIENA MASS *Intentions*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

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4:00 pm (Vigil) † *Alfonso Martin*

del Campo

10:00 am *For the patrons of the Shrine*
of Saint Jude

5:00 pm *Eleanor LaPorte*

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

St. Dominic

7:00 am *For the Province of St. Joseph*

5:15 pm *For the Holy Father*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

Weekday

7:00 am *For Vocations to Marriage*

5:15 pm *For the Novices*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Weekday

7:00 am *For those studying for the*
Priesthood

5:15 pm *For Vocations to Brotherhood*
in the Dominican Order

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Weekday

7:00 am *For the Homeless*

5:15 pm *For the Unemployed*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

Weekday

7:00 am † *St. Catherine of Siena*
Purgatorial Society

5:15 pm *Harry J. Scott*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am *For the Aged & Infirm*

4:00 pm † *Mr. Jayner Demeterio*

PARISH PRAYER *Requests*

Contact the Parish Office at 212.744.2080
or e-mail parish@svsc.info to add a name
to this list.

*Specialist Jake Duncan, Arsev Eraslan,
Henrietta Eraslan, Suzan Eraslan, Monica
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Christopher Heath, Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P.,
Helen Johnson, John Kelly, Tony King,
Leondardo Lupac, Jr., Sarah McDermott,
RoseMarie Morace, Stephen Osso, Richard
Sanchez, Neel Stallings, Joel Thorpe & Family,
William White, & Shizuko Yoshida.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of
the souls of Sr. Ann Bailie, O.P., Nicholas
Demasi, Tommy Gimbel, & Wayne Rudolph,
and the souls of all our recently
deceased.

As is our mission, we continue to pray
for the sick, the dying, and their
families in Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center, NewYork-Presbyterian
Hospital, the Hospital for Special Surgery,
and Rockefeller University Hospital.

CANDLE *Intentions*

The seven-day candles, which burn in
the lamps before the tabernacle and the
Madonna at the entrance of the
sanctuary, and at the Pieta in St.
Vincent Ferrer are available for an
offering of \$15 each. These lamps are
both an act of devotion and a source of
beauty in our church.

SANCTUARY LAMPS -
ST. VINCENT FERRER

Rene Concepcion (d)

Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (l)

Anthony Morelliti (l)

Raymond J. Schwede (l)

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Special Intention

SANCTUARY MADONNA

Jack Ryan Keegan (l)

PIETA LAMP

Well-being of Christians in the Middle
East

SANCTUARY LAMPS -
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

The Sanctuary Lamp and the Blessed
Virgin Mary Candle at St. Catherine of
Siena burn for the intentions of any
parishioner or in memory of any of our
deceased. The offering is \$15.00 for one
week, Sunday through Saturday. The
Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is lit for
Priscila Ventigan.

MASS INTENTIONS CAN BE RESERVED IN THE PARISH OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH
FRIDAY, 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM, AND IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ST. CATHERINE OF
SIENA MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

On Saturday, August 13, Juliette Jeanfreau and Steven Picciano will be married at St. Catherine of Siena at 12:00 NOON. Juliette and Steven met at Saint Catherine's, and they are particularly grateful for the support of our parish community. They cordially invite all parishioners and friends of the Parish to join them in prayer at their marriage and Nuptial Mass.

Juliette and Steven will be married according to the rituals of the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite, which means that their exchange of vows will precede the Nuptial Mass, and that the Mass will be offered in Latin from the high altar. The Schola Dominicana will also be present to sing the Mass. All are welcome!

TODDLER PLAY GROUP

Registration is now in progress for the September 2016 - June 2017 session of our St. Jean's Toddler Play Group. Space is available in the Monday - Wednesday 10:45 AM Group and the Tuesday - Thursday 10:45 AM Group. Children from 18 months to 4 years are welcome.

We offer a loving atmosphere where the little ones can come and have their first school experience, making new friends and learning how nice it can be to go to school. Call the Director, Pauline Rednock, at 212-472-2853, ext. 2 for more information and to arrange a visit.

ST. JOSEPH HILL ACADEMY PRINCIPAL

Founded by the Daughters of Divine Charity, St. Joseph Hill Academy, an all girls High School of approximately 400 students on Staten Island, is seeking a Principal to uphold its mission of preparing its students, academically and spiritually, to become confident young women ready to meet society's challenges. The ideal candidate will be a practicing Roman Catholic with prior relevant experience with school administration, fiscal and strategic planning, and will possess excellent communication skills necessary to interact with the Board of Trustees, faculty, the student body, and the Staten Island community. Candidates should hold a Master's Degree. Please send resumes and cover letters to sisterwilliam@gmail.com

CHILD PROTECTION

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

The Ladies of Charity are a diverse group of Catholic women who volunteer to meet the critical needs of those in challenging situations through:

- Engaging in Ministries with flexible time commitments in parishes, nursing homes, child care agencies, and other institutions that care for the marginalized.

- The creation and donation of handmade items for those we serve.

- Providing spiritual and social support for our volunteers.

For more information, or to become a Lady of Charity, please contact us.

Ladies of Charity of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York

1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022

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ARCHCARE CARE NAVIGATION CENTER: RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn? ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York has a Care Navigation Center staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the services for which they are eligible. Call 855-951-2273 between 8 AM and 8 PM seven days a week.

THANK YOU
*for your continued support of
Saint Vincent Ferrer and
St. Catherine of Siena!*

JULY 31, 2016

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Regular Offertory: \$7,420

Attendance: 551

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Regular Offertory: \$2,800

Attendance: 346

DOMINICAN PROVINCE OF SAINT JOSEPH

800th Jubilee ~ Order of Preachers ~ 1216-2016



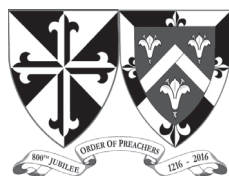
Dominican Contemplation

What does it mean to contemplate? Ultimately it means to intellectually gaze at an aspect of truth, whether it be in mathematics, physics or a doctrine of faith. Often natural truths can become integrated with truths of faith and at the same time cause wonderment and delight, the fruits of thinking or meditation. While there is such a reality as sinful contemplation as often happens when someone is plotting a crime or a sin, religious contemplation is meant to stimulate a particular virtue of the spiritual life. This virtue is called by St. Thomas Aquinas, “devotion.” Often many think this means a feeling of delight in prayer, but it is more substantial than this. He teaches it leads one “to do what pertains to the worship or service of God, belongs properly to religion...Wherefore it belongs to that virtue to have the will ready to do such things, and this is to be devout.” This is primarily a matter of the will but may also cascade down into the feelings but not necessarily.

Further, Thomas asks the question: what causes devotion? He answers that it comes from God’s grace but we mortals have to think about the goodness of God to stimulate this virtue into action. As he says, “Through meditation man conceives the thought of surrendering himself to God’s service. Indeed a twofold consideration leads him thereto. The one is the consideration of God’s goodness and loving kindness.” However, there is another route also, namely, the “consideration...of man’s own shortcomings, on account of which he needs to lean on God.”

One of the difficulties most people have is thinking about the Triune God since our thoughts are abstract and we have not experience of “infinite love,” “all powerful,” “omnipresent,” or God the Father generating God the Son. If someone studies the science of theology, one can get a handle on these concepts. Thomas knows this and so explains that there is another way of contemplating: “Yet such is the weakness of the human mind that it needs a guiding hand, not only to the knowledge, but also to the love of Divine things by means of certain sensible objects known to us. Chief among these is the humanity of Christ, according to the words of the Preface [for Christmastide], “that through knowing God visibly, we may be caught up to the love of things invisible.” Wherefore matters relating to Christ’s humanity are the chief incentive to devotion, leading us there as a guiding hand, although devotion itself has for its object matters concerning the Godhead.” So, there we have Dominican contemplation.

~ Fr. Basil Cole, OP · Professor of Moral and Spiritual Theology · Dominican House of Studies, Washington



On December 22, 1216, Pope Honorius III formally approved the Order of Preachers (Dominican Order) as a religious order with the mandate to preach for the salvation of souls.

From November 7, 2015 until January 21, 2017, the Dominican Order is celebrating the 800th Jubilee of its founding. Please join us in this wonderful celebration.

For more information, go to: jubilee.opeast.org.



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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

EDITOR: FR. JONAH POLLOCK, O.P., S.T.L.

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY *in the* SPIRIT of SAINT DOMINIC

By Fr. Jonah Pollock, O.P., S.T.L., Associate Director, Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York

SAINT DOMINIC IS THE HOLY FOUNDER of the Order of Preachers (the 'Dominican' Order) that serves the parish community of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena on New York City's Upper East Side and offers particular service to the health care community in that area and beyond through Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York. Saint Dominic founded the Order exactly 800 years ago for the purpose of preaching for the salvation of souls, which remains the mission of the Order to this day. Preaching for the salvation of souls was Saint Dominic's specific purpose. However, a major part of his preaching and that of his followers has to do with the salvation of bodies.

SAINT DOMINIC PREACHED against the Albigensian heresy, which denied that human bodies are created by the one true God, that Jesus had a true human body, and that human bodies will be resurrected and share in the life of the world to come. Opposing this heresy, Saint Dominic proclaimed that the human body is the good creation of the good God, is redeemed by the bodily sacrifice of Jesus Christ and will share in the eternal salvation of God's holy ones in heaven.

FOR EIGHT CENTURIES Saint Dominic's preaching has continued in the order he founded. Dominicans have always proclaimed God's saving purpose for the entirety of the human being, both soul and body. Saint Thomas Aquinas, Dominican friar and Doctor of the Church, taught the Church to understand the integral connection of soul and body. Saint Thomas shows us that, while our souls, being spiritual, continue to live when they are separated from our bodies at death, the life of a "separated soul" is incomplete until it is reunited with the body at the resurrection on the last day. Once again, God's salvation is about the whole person, soul and body together.

IN THE SPIRIT OF SAINT DOMINIC, health care ministry is properly ordered to the salvation of the whole person: soul and body. Those of us who minister on behalf of the Church have as our primary purpose the purpose of Saint Dominic and his Order of Preachers, namely, the salvation of souls. We are to serve as a reminder to the health care community – patients, families, professional caregivers – that healing is not just about the body and salvation is not only about this life. We preach this message most especially to the sick and the dying. We do this by visiting the sick and bringing them Holy Communion, by listening to the sick and their families

share their fears and pour out their grief, and by assuring them gently and compassionately of the truth of God's love and our hope in the fullness of the salvation God has secured for us in Christ.

FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL and the dying, the question of eternal salvation is especially practical. They are confronted with the reality of death, that moment when they will make a definitive offering of their life to God. To them and their families, preaching for the salvation of souls becomes something very concrete. By proclaiming the saving hope of the resurrection and administering the sacraments of Christ's healing and sanctifying grace, we strive to be God's instruments for the salvation of the souls for whom the decisive encounter with God is imminent.

THE CHURCH'S MINISTERS of health care also fulfill the purpose of Saint Dominic by preaching the saving truth that God reveals to us in Christ. The truth about human flourishing and how we can cooperate in God's saving plan for us is continually being challenged; technological advances in health care pose new questions about what is and is not consistent with God's saving purpose. In the spirit of Saint Dominic, those of us who minister in the rapidly changing world of health care are called upon to answer the challenging questions of our day with the clarity of gospel truth.

FINALLY, WHILE WE who are the Church's ministers rightly remind the entire health care community to be concerned with the soul as well as the body, we ourselves must show concern for the body as well as the soul. As Saint Dominic and his Order of Preachers has continually proclaimed, salvation is about the whole person. So while we labor for the salvation of souls, our ministry is also ordered to the salvation of bodies. In prayer, we call upon God, who is the source of all healing in this life and in the life to come. We beseech the Lord for healing both bodily and spiritual. We can also serve as God's instruments for healing, most especially through administering the sacraments of God's Church through which the Lord's healing grace is unfailingly bestowed. Moreover, we seek to assist the professional healers among us by providing spiritual and ethical formation, enabling supportive communities, and proclaiming the truth about the goodness and salvific purpose of the healing vocation. The vocation, that is, to work in the spirit of Saint Dominic for the salvation of the whole person: both body and soul.