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## Dominicans in Action

### A History of Ministering To Immigrant Populations

by Sister Margaret Mayce, OP  
Councilor for Ministry/Study

“We go, we travel constantly, our life is a journey, and this world a place of pilgrimage.” So convinced of this was Mother Benedicta Bauer, Prioress of Holy Cross Monastery in Regensburg, Bavaria, that she sent four young women to America. In September 1853, Sisters Augustine, Jacobina, Francesca and Josepha arrived in New York Harbor to meet Dom Boniface Wimmer and go to Pennsylvania to work with German families. Left stranded at the pier in a strange place, not knowing the English language, we can only imagine the fear and disorientation they experienced. No doubt the same felt by countless immigrants today, who are eager to provide a decent living for themselves and their families. Fortunately for us, Rev. Stephan Raffener, himself a German immigrant, welcomed our Sisters into Most Holy Trinity Parish in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Their ministry to this German parish included caring for orphans and staffing the parish school. It is their spirit of adventure, and their deep faith, that imbue our Congregation even to this day.

Throughout our 153 year history, the Dominican Sisters of Amityville have always been attentive to the shifting waves of immigration, and have attempted to respond appropriately. Our roots, you see, are “immigrant” roots. From our foundation in Most Holy Trinity, our Sisters spread out to neighboring German parishes, including All Saints, St. Leonard’s and St. Nicholas. They also went to Manhattan, staffing Our Lady of Sorrows School (1868 to 1976).



Three of the Sisters who came to Brooklyn from Germany in 1853.



Opening Word is a literacy program designed to assist immigrant women.

Over the years, our Sisters have ministered to immigrants from Germany, Ireland, Italy, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Our Lithuanian Sisters served their roots in Brooklyn’s Annunciation Parish. One, Sister Nicodema Abromaitis, was so well-loved that a memorial to her stands outside the Church.

Our outreach to Italians centered in St. Joseph Parish on Suydam Street, where we taught in the school until 1975 and continued to serve the needs of an ever-changing population. Some other involvements included teaching at St. Joseph Polish Mission School in Jamaica (1904 to 1911) and teaching Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking immigrants at St. Pius, Jamaica (1943 to 1991) both in the school and at evening classes.

In response to the stream of Spanish-speaking immigrants into Nassau and Suffolk counties, the Diocese of Rockville Centre established the Spanish Apostolate Office. From its inception in 1968 thru 2001, four of our Sisters served as director. They were instrumental in seeing that people had access to liturgy, the sacraments and faith formation in their own language while helping them adapt to a new culture and language. They also raised awareness among the general Catholic population about the gift of cultural diversity and our responsibility as Church to be a welcoming, inclusive community. Our Sisters continue to minister to Spanish-speaking immigrants on the North Fork.

Another contemporary response to the needs of immigrants is Opening Word—a literacy program

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# From the desk of Virginia Maguire, OP Prioress



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Autumn Season! There is always excitement surrounding a change of season. Though you will miss the different rhythm that summer offers, you usually welcome the opportunity to begin a more routine way of life. Store your great memories of summer fun—vacation, the ocean, outdoor picnics and barbecues, etc.; let them unravel throughout the year to offer you solace when you find yourself in the midst of a snow storm or harried moments. In the meantime imagine the beauty of a golden harvest which will soon be coming your way!

This summer, in the height of a heat wave, 350 vowed and associate members attended our 21st General Chapter from August 3-8. Everyday at about 8:00 a.m. a steady procession of cars converged on the grounds of our Motherhouse. The days began with a liturgy in St. Albert Chapel. The actual work of the Chapter took place in Helen Butler, OP Hall which accommodated the large number of participants.

A General Chapter occurs every six years. It is a sacred time for the Congregation to gather and reflect on the direction set by our last Chapter, examine its impact on our present reality in order to help set a course for a future direction for our Dominican life and mission. The theme for this Chapter was: *Empowered for Mission 1206-2006 and Beyond...* Through the use of contemplative dialogue we explored Religious Life—What are we being called to today? As we engaged in contemplative dialogue, we became more aware of the importance of the contemplative aspect of our lives. This contemplative aspect is not for ourselves alone, but to foster right relationship with God, others and Earth.

As I write this column, we are preparing for our celebration of Founders' Day on September 9, 2006, marking the 153rd Anniversary of our Congregation. In preparation for this celebration I came across letters written by Mother Josepha to the Ludwig Missionsverein. The first one is dated June 7, 1854, less than one year after the Sisters arrived in Brooklyn, requesting money from the mission society to help them raise \$3,000 by August 1, 1854, for the remaining payment for the purchase of a house and land. Mother Josepha informs them that the population of the school increased from 80 girls to 250 children. She states: "Of course, there are many poor children among them, and we accept them as willingly as we accept those who can pay."

In another letter, dated February 23, 1861, she writes to this same group to request money. She writes: "We have now received gracious and merciful support from the praiseworthy Ludwig Missionsverein for seven years for Williamsburg, and since last year also for New York. In fact, this year I feel all the more urgency, since the most worthy Central Administration of the Ludwig Missionsverein will be aware of what difficult times have come upon America because of the dreaded civil war. We, too, are feeling the consequences of this oppressive time, for among the eight hundred children here in our school and in New York, nearly half have money enough to get by."

The above accounts tell of our dependence on others to partner with us in our ministries. From our humble beginning in Williamsburg, Brooklyn we have had and continue to have the support of our generous benefactors these 153 years. The articles featured in this edition of *Our Preaching* portray the ways that our story continues 153 years later.

Thank you for being on this journey with us and for the many ways that you assist and support our fundraising endeavors. Our lives and our ministries have been enriched by your involvement. You are remembered in the daily prayers of our Sisters.

*May the holy preaching be a part of our very lives!*

Gratefully,

*Virginia Maguire, OP*

Virginia Maguire, OP  
Prioress



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The American Congregation of the Holy Cross, Dominican Sisters of Amityville, is a Congregation of more than 500 women religious. Our Motherhouse is in New York but our Sisters minister in six other states, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. We are a preaching/teaching Congregation always seeking creative ways to minister in the present moment.

### Excerpt from the Vision Statement of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville

*We Dominican women religious called to be signs of joy and hope, commit ourselves to incarnating the Gospel, deepening our life of prayer, searching for Truth, discerning the needs of the Church and ministering to the people of God.*

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# Dominican Preaching in Action Conference

Students and mentors from fifteen colleges throughout the United States met in May at Caldwell College in Caldwell, NJ for the Fourth Annual "Preaching in Action" Conference directed by Sister Gina Fleming, OP. The group, including students from Molloy College in Rockville Centre, gathered to learn how the Word of God is so vital to Dominican life and how that charism can be incorporated into their lives.

During the week students used their creativity and musical talents to prepare the prayer service and liturgies that are a vital part of the conference schedule. This was a powerful experience for those who do not ordinarily have this opportunity either in their parishes or colleges. As a result, many expressed the desire to become members of the planning committee for their campus prayer services and liturgies. At the closing liturgy each student was encouraged to fulfill her/his own Christian mission of preaching the Good News to all she/he comes in contact with. The wonderful memories of this week will surely last for a long time.



"Preaching In Action" participants enjoyed expressing their spirituality via song and dance.

# Dominican Women Gather at Kaleidoscope III



Dominican Voices from Amityville (L-R): Sisters Flor deMaria Buruca, Denise Havilland, Laura Arvin, Barbara Schwarz, Eileen Connor, Terry Gallagher, Gina Fleming, Yveliesse Surliel, Beth McGarvey and Joan Harnett.

*With thanks to Sister Eileen Connor, OP for these excerpts from her story.*

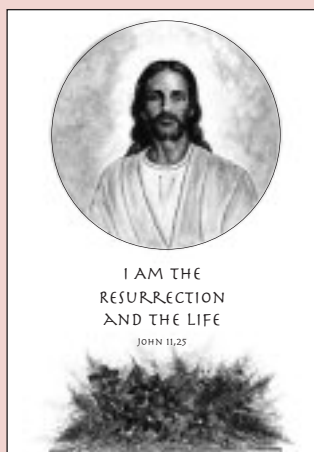
Younger members of twenty Dominican women's congregations from the United States and International Provinces abroad (including Dominican Republic, Iraq, Korea, Mexico, Peru, and Viet Nam) gathered in July at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio for *Kaleidoscope III—Dominican Women Singing Our Song 1206-2006*. Those 55 years of age or under (and/or 10 years or less Finally Professed) participated in three "movements" of this awesome symphony: *Humming the Melody: a Polyphony of Voices*; *Singing in Tune: the World's Deep Hunger and a Person's Deep Gladness*; and *The Rhythm of Memory, Love and Understanding: The Vows in Dominican Life*. Interpretation into Spanish and Vietnamese enhanced the harmonious voices of these women, all of whom were encouraged to *Be Natural* when singing their individual melodies. An uplifting time was had by all...

*"Sing, sing our Song, keep it simple, to last our whole lives long, don't worry that it's not good enough for anyone else to hear, just Sing, yes, sing our Dominican Song!"*

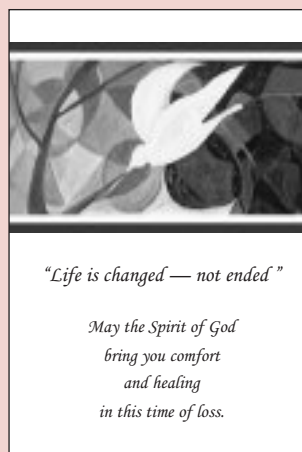
# New Enrollment Cards Feature Art By Sisters

Enrollment cards are a wonderful way to honor loved ones while supporting the Congregation. The Dominican Family Prayer Office is pleased to introduce new cards highlighting artwork by the Sisters. Sympathy cards by Eva Mazzetta, OP and Barbara Schwarz, OP are currently available.

Each full-color card measures 5 7/16" x 7 7/8", larger than previous cards. A simple inscription inside acknowledges a donor's gift to the Dominican Sisters of Amityville on behalf of the enrollee, who is remembered in the daily prayers of the Sisters and at a special monthly Mass. Future enrollment cards, including *Special Occasion*, *Get Well*, *Thinking of You* and *Happy Birthday*—will be announced in a January 2007 flyer.



Sympathy cards by Eva Mazzetta, OP (left) and Barbara Schwarz, OP (right).



*About the Artists:* Eva Mazzetta, OP first met the Amityville Dominicans while attending All Saints School in Williamsburg. From an early age her artwork has been motivated by the desire to reflect the beauty of God's creation through the use of oil paints and water colors. Sister Eva has been a Dominican Sister for 54 years.

Barbara Schwarz, OP describes her art as coming from "that sacred place of contemplation." She earned a Certificate from the Institute of Healing Through the Expressive Arts at Salve Regina University and she recently received the 2006 Spirit of

DIA Award from the Dominican Institute of the Arts.

To request enrollment cards or to receive the upcoming flyer, please call the Development Office at 631-842-6000 ext. 269 or 246.

# Our History

## Empowered For Mission: Chapter of Affairs 2006

There were six rows of six tables.

Ten Dominican Sisters of Amityville sat at each table, for six days.

Why? Because every six years we meet in this way.

Why? Because our Founder, St. Dominic, a revolutionary in his day, founded a religious congregation that would be governed democratically. The year was 1216.

Now in 2006 three hundred fifty of us—vowed and associate members—kept that democracy alive and active during the hot end-of-July into beginning-of-August days as we attended the first segment of our 21st General Chapter, our Chapter of Affairs.

We met to decide, together, on the focus of the Congregation for the next six years. Much detailed and competent committee work had been e-mailed periodically to the members at large during the preceding year. Some of the Congregation's "business" was taken care of that way, always with input from any of us who offered it. At this Chapter of Affairs we concentrated on the core of our life as Dominican Sisters of Amityville. And, for the first time we conducted this Chapter in a way that speaks to that core; using a contemplative stance to go deeper into the issues that we will be addressing over the next six years.

In our 800-year old Dominican tradition we continue to live out the two great commandments of love through preaching. It is through our varied ministries that our love of God and neighbor, our prayer, takes tangible form. To ready us for these ministries which are dictated by people's needs at a given time, we are educated, yes. But education is hardly enough. As Dominicans we are called "to contemplate and to give others the fruit of our contemplation." Therein lies our vocation!

Praying contemplatively requires strong desire and discipline on our part, and the gift of grace to do it on God's part. This combination of human effort and divine assistance makes contemplative prayer a living reality. Of course it does not stop there. If "neighbor" can also mean "one in need," the needs of our neighbor must be written in our heart. If our heart is in union with God, their needs must be addressed. Addressed, not merely with educated "know how," but, and most importantly, suffused with "loving the Lord our God" with all we are and all we have, and loving the ones in need as ourselves.

At this Chapter of Affairs, the 350 of us reached consensus that we shall intentionally re-claim our heritage of contemplative prayer. We renewed our commitment to engage in a contemplative manner of praying, along with its implications for ministering to others.

### Chapter 2006 Prayer

Holy Wisdom, Source of Life and Truth,  
be with us in our Chapter of life and mission.

Open our hearts that we may learn  
how deeply and invisibly you are present everywhere.

We pray to you, Spirit of God,  
to ground us in a contemplative spirit  
and in deep respect for You, ourselves,  
each other, and our Earth.

Empowered by 800 years of Dominican life,  
we pray with Dominic and Catherine  
to be signs of joy and hope in 2006 and beyond.  
Amen.



The future path of the Congregation is determined by a democratic vote of the Sisters (pictured above) at Chapter 2006.

An inevitable result of this commitment is given expression in another way. When we actually contemplate and give to others the fruit of our contemplation, what happens from this experienced relationship with God?

- We are sustained day in and day out.
- Our various ministries come to be.
- Work becomes our ministry.

*Empowered for Mission—1206 and Beyond* was the theme of this Chapter of Affairs. Each member of the Congregation was called to a deeper living of and recommitment to our Goal and Vision. With this focus we will strive

- to transform our Dominican Life by renewing ourselves individually based on the four pillars of Dominican Life – Prayer, Study, Common Life and Ministry.
- to transform our lifestyle into a more conscious, contemplative way of living by fostering all-inclusive right relationships and deepening an openness to the Spirit which empowers us for mission.
- to transform our prayer life in order to reclaim our contemplative roots which are the source from which every Dominican value flows.
- to transform our lives in order to hear the prophetic message of the Gospel as it is revealed daily.

Marlene Halpin, OP

# Dominicans in Action

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that provides women with the tools needed to secure education and employment. These women are from Central and South America, Poland, and other countries.

In our Congregational Vision Statement we commit ourselves “to promote the dignity of marginalized persons,” many of whom are immigrants. Our Sisters continue to serve their needs in a variety of ways: in educational institutions, outreach programs, religious education and adult faith formation, to name a few. Just like Mother Benedicta, we believe that “our life is a journey, and this world a place of pilgrimage.” The “call” to accompany immigrants will always be heard by us, for our roots, as stated earlier, are “immigrant” roots. And in the midst of great anti-immigrant sentiment throughout our country today, our response is more important than ever. Many of our Sisters actively engage in letter-writing and phone calls to our legislators and are participating in acts of public witness, urging immigration legislation that is both comprehensive in scope and humane in the treatment of all persons involved.

For 153 years, our Congregation has been blessed by the great tapestry of persons whose lives have mingled with our own. God’s face has been revealed to us in many different shades and hues; and God’s voice has spoken to us in languages not our own. May we continue to be open to the journey ahead, and welcome with open arms the precious gift of God’s presence among us in the person of our immigrant brother and sister.

## Excerpts from Reflections by Patricia Anglin, OP

Immigration has never touched me as much as it has in the last two or three years in our Brooklyn Diocese. As a Director of Religious Education in the Flushing area of Queens, I have seen how immigration impacts our local parishes and our clusters (several parishes linked together).

Our parish, St. Ann’s, is a mosaic of many nationalities. We include Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Spanish, Italian, German and Irish parishioners. Our parish staff consists of a diocesan priest, our Pastor, who ministers to the people in English. In addition, we have two priests from Ghana (native language is Fanti) as our parish associates. They celebrate our weekday/Sunday Liturgies. Each Sunday we have two visiting priests; one celebrates our 12:30pm Spanish Liturgy and one celebrates our 5:15pm Urdu Liturgy for our Pakistani community.

Our cluster has recognized other issues beyond the spiritual. Communication avenues must be enhanced; language concerns discussed; and the medical needs for families without insurance addressed. Today most of our parishioners are older and live on fixed incomes. Because we have more senior parishioners active in our parishes than younger parishioners (who are active in the business world), there are fewer volunteers to minister to the needs of the people. Housing is also difficult. Rents are high for our low income families, especially our immigrants.

I ask myself as a religious, as a preacher, and as a parishioner during these transitional times in our Church where there are so many needs and concerns for all peoples: “*What is our God calling / challenging me / us to do?*”

**ON VOCATION...** Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it, listen for what it intends to do with you. Before you tell your life what truths and values you have decided to live up to, let your life tell you what truths you embody, what values you represent.

Parker J. Palmer  
*Let Your Life Speak, Listening to the Voice of Vocation*

*As prophetic witnesses in collaboration with others...  
we will be responsible members of the universe,  
we will promote the dignity of marginalized persons...*

Excerpt from the Vision Statement  
of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville

## Mission Statement of the Development Office

*“With the world as our frontier, we are open to the Spirit working through all creation.”*

The ministry of Development embraces the mission of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville: to search for truth, preach the Gospel and serve God’s people. We invite others to share in these efforts by becoming Partners in Mission. In this way our partners enable us, through our many ministries, to touch the lives of the most vulnerable. In addition, these partnerships make it possible for us to provide for those Sisters who, by their lives of service, have sustained our Congregation and its mission.

## Philosophy of the Development Office

*We are rich only through what we give,  
and poor only through what we refuse ...*

Anne Swetchin

The activities of the Development Office are designed to assist the Congregation in fulfilling its commitment to respond to the needs of the people of God. We invite others to partner with us and join in our efforts to preach God’s Word. Our Development efforts enable the Congregation to be more effective stewards of its resources. The Development Office has as its main purpose the building of financial resources so as to enhance the viability and longevity of the Mission of the Congregation. The Ministry of Development is the conduit through which a relationship is established and nurtured with each person who invests in the Congregation.

### The goals of the Development Office are—

- ✦ to assist in planning for a viable future;
- ✦ to research the needs of the Congregation and assist in identifying and soliciting funding sources;
- ✦ to coordinate fundraising projects that benefit the Dominican Sisters of Amityville.

### The Ministry of Development focuses on the belief that—

- ✦ everything we have is a gift from God and we are stewards of all we receive;
- ✦ Development is a vehicle that enables us to discern and respond to the needs of God’s people;
- ✦ as responsible stewards we have an obligation to provide the highest level of trust, confidentiality and accountability to our donors.

# In Our Donors'

# WORDS

*Do you have fond memories of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville? Letters are published in Our Preaching as space permits.*

## A Grateful Graduate Remembers

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thanks to the Dominican Sisters who have touched my life in a very positive way. I am a 1941 graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grammar School in Lindenhurst. Because of the education I received from the compassionate, self-sacrificing Sisters of St. Dominic, I had the privilege of being grounded in the Catholic faith that has sustained my life over these many years.

When I became a busy mother, I came to know a very special Dominican Sister (Sister Providence Giammalvo) who is now in her 90th year of life. She came to O.L.P.H. parish and invited men and women to participate in Scripture studies and home retreats. Because of her enthusiasm, we were encouraged to better know, love and serve God and neighbor. While reaching out to all parishioners in their needs, Sister Providence had a special ministry to the sick and shut-ins of the parish, bringing them renewed hope and faith. Thank you dear Dominican Sisters for the presence of Christ in our world.

Sincerely, Dorothy Grover

## Giving Back For Gifts Received

Dear Friends,

The Dominican community has nurtured me since 1955 when I entered Sacred Heart School, and I have loved the individual Sisters (some of whom are still alive and vibrant friends) and the Congregation as a whole.

I give because I believe that the Amityville congregation is still faithful to the call of the founder and that they are, to the best ability, spending what I give to ease the suffering of the poor in a way I cannot personally do and to insure that the sisters who gave up their individual lives to consecrate themselves to community are not, in their final hours, denied a warm and comforting place to live as the worthy persons they are and always were.

Aware of your kind intent, I only ask that you rest easy and know that my generosity, if you consider it so, comes from what I have already absorbed from the women I want to help; I am only saying thanks to devotion that can never be thanked enough.

Father Tom Catania

## Spring Events Kick Off the Season



Golfers take to their carts at the second annual *Dominican Golf Classic* in May.



Dominican Commercial High School alumni enjoy the *Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon* in June.

This past Spring, the 2006 fundraising calendar began with two popular outdoor events. Great weather and enthusiastic participation contributed to the success of both.

Once again, the *Dominican Golf Classic* defied gloomy weather predictions to delight golfers with a sunny day at Pine Hollow Country Club. The day included a fabulous brunch and closed with a relaxed reception. The Sisters acknowledged with gratitude honoree Philip Panarelli, Senior Vice President, HSBC Bank USA, N.A. and all the generous sponsors who supported this event. Proceeds will fund many of the Congregation's ministries.

The fifth annual *Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon* was held in June under a large tent on the grounds of the Amityville Motherhouse. Over 540 participants gathered for a delicious buffet and to reunite with old friends. All in attendance were inspired by Sister Mary Butler, OP who spoke to the group about "The Wisdom of the Ages." And, as always, the raffle prizes were a popular part of the day. Proceeds from this successful event will be used to assist in the care of the retired Sisters in Rosary Hall. Thank you one and all!

## Class of '56 Reunion

*by Clara Sarrocco*

On the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 2006, Dominican Commercial High School's Class of 1956 gathered at Dominican Village's Helen Butler Hall in Amityville to celebrate its 50th Reunion. Many smiles and cries of joy filled the room as we reminisced about our schooldays, explained the roads we've traveled and expressed gratitude for the many great teachers we had—twelve of whom were present. A prayer was offered and a white rose placed on a memorial board for our deceased classmates and teachers.

We arrived from all ends of the country—Wisconsin, California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Maryland, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Maine, New Jersey and New York. We were 106 strong, which is no meager feat after 50 years.

A raffle drawing was held which included 10 tickets, raffled off in pairs, to the Sister's *Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon* held each June on the Motherhouse grounds. Thanks to the generous spirit of all in attendance, the raffle earned over \$1,000 for the retired Sisters—a small gift for those who dedicated their entire lives to the education of so many.

# VERITAS SOCIETY

*leaving a legacy of Truth*



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Sisters plan for the future at Chapter 2006.

## Win-Win Partnerships Begin With Charitable Gift Annuity Programs

As word gets out about our Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) Program, several interesting partnerships are developing. Of course, the obvious one is with our donors. They are able to increase their annual income with the guaranteed interest earned on their Annuity. The Dominican Sisters of Amityville become the beneficiary and the donors create their "Legacy of Truth."

But two new partnerships were created after we received calls from interested donors residing outside New York State. When a New Jersey donor and a Pennsylvania donor inquired about the Sisters' CGA Program, our Planned Giving Consultant Jim Meyer went to work to make this happen without going through the arduous task of filing for CGA permits in each state. After much research, Jim identified two organizations that will capably set up and manage our donors' CGA's so that they can name the Dominican Sisters of Amityville as the beneficiary. And so, the New Jersey Community Foundation and the Univest Foundation of Pennsylvania have become our newest partners in mission!

Ironically, because these new partners are organizations with established CGA Programs, our New Jersey and Pennsylvania CGA's will probably be set up before our own CGA Program permit becomes effective in New York! However, we are pleased to announce that by the time you read this, Charitable Gift Annuities will be available to our New York donors as well. We appreciate the assistance of Jim Meyer, who skillfully navigated the lengthy process of gathering the required elements for application, and we thank our trust officers at Merrill Lynch who will be managing the CGA Program funds.

Donors from New Jersey or Pennsylvania who would like to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Sisters as beneficiary can call 631-842-6000, ext. 241 and speak with Pat Chambers Daly. She will be happy to connect you with the appropriate people. Pat will also assist New York donors in creating a CGA. Either way, all donors who establish a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Dominican Sisters of Amityville as the beneficiary become members of our VERITAS SOCIETY, *Leaving a Legacy of Truth.*

OUR LEGAL TITLE IS SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF ST. DOMINIC, AMITYVILLE, NY

### *Did you* Know?

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 is one of the most comprehensive reforms of federal pension funding legislation since 1974. While this bill focuses mainly on pension reform, charitable giving incentives were also included. The IRA Charitable Rollover provision is of particular interest.

Under this new law, tax-free distributions of traditional or Roth Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) assets to nonprofit organizations will be allowed. Up to \$100,000 per donor may be given. Gifts must be completed by December 31, 2007. The person giving the IRA account must be 70½ or older and the gift must be given so that it is fully deductible.

## Help us build a legacy of Truth

Please contact me with more information about the VERITAS SOCIETY.

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This annual Program, created especially for our event sponsors, invites their participation in support of

the *Dominican Golf Classic*,  
the *Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon*  
and the *Dominican Gala*.

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## Did You Know?

- ✠ You can make a gift to the Sisters of St. Dominic in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Any gift can be made in the name of another person, living or deceased, as a lasting memorial on our Tree of Life or as a Memorial Tree planted on the Motherhouse grounds or on our donor wall in St. Dominic's Park.
- ✠ If your company has a matching gift program, you can double your gift to the Sisters of St. Dominic.
- ✠ You can remember the Sisters of St. Dominic in your Will. Our legal title is: Sisters of the Order of St. Dominic, Amityville, NY.

For more information call Eileen M. Nolan, OP, Director of Development, (631) 842-6000, ext. 238, or Patricia Chambers Daly at ext. 241.

*We continue to be so grateful to all our generous friends who support the Sisters of St. Dominic and their ministries.*

## Calendar of Events

### Join us in our Evening Vesper Service

Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in St. Albert's Chapel  
Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse  
555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY

**October 15, 2006**

**November 19, 2006**

**December 10, 2006**

**January 21, 2007**

**February 18, 2007**

### *Save The Date:*

### **Dominican Gala**

**Friday, October 27, 2006**

Garden City Hotel

Garden City, NY

## Help Us Build Connections

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