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# Our Preaching

## Dominicans in Action

### Sisters Continue the Preaching Whether in Active Ministry or in Retirement

by Mary Porter and Patricia Chambers Daly

To continue the preaching, wherever and however it is perceived is the burning desire of each Amityville Dominican. Many people remember us as either teachers in the traditional sense within the Catholic School system or as health care providers. Today, more than 150 years after our beginnings, we continue to preach the Good News through a variety of ministries. Our efforts in education have broadened to include outreach to the marginalized and to the immigrant community. We also share our gifts and talents as preachers, educators, lawyers, artists, peace and justice advocates and in the social service and health care arenas. Even with an aging Congregation and diminishing numbers we have been able to initiate ministries that respond to the pressing needs of our time, while continuing to support our traditional ministries. Many times we are able to do so much because our Sisters continue to minister long after the official retirement age of seventy. This article provides examples of active and retired Sisters who are continuing the preaching through both paid and volunteer work.

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S. Clare Louise Melzer, OP is an example of a Sister happily aging in place in the community where she has developed strong connections. She is going strong at age 87, is actively involved in her parish, she cooks for others, and lends an ear when someone needs her to listen. Sister Clare Louise was born in Ridgewood and entered the Sisters of St. Dominic in 1935 from Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish. She taught elementary and high school for 40 years and also served as Assistant Novice Mistress at the Novitiate in Amityville and later as Director of Junior Professed Sisters and Coordinator in the infirmary.

After "retiring," Sister Clare Louise became a cook at Good Shepherd Convent, cooking for 18 Sisters and visiting the sick and elderly in her spare time. She was then asked to cook at Siena Spirituality Center in Water Mill, which she did for several years. At age 80 Sister Clare Louise retired from cooking, but hasn't stopped volunteering to cook for events in her parish and convent. When I telephoned her, she had just taken four loaves of pumpkin bread out of the oven for a church fair. Presently, Sister is active in the Bellerose Parish of St. Gregory the Great's craft club and leisure club, works at the annual festival, manages the country store booth, and visits the sick and elderly. She makes herself available to listen to people who want to talk and ask for prayers. Sister also volunteers to assist when retreats are held at Siena Spirituality Center.



Sister Clare Louise visits with a friend

"I'm supposed to be retired, but I got tired of being retired, so I became engaged again," she said. "What I can do I want to do"—a good motto for anyone at any age.

When a Sister is no longer able to age in place, she usually moves to the Motherhouse in

Amityville. Here she can live in one of two retirement communities or, depending on her medical needs, in Carlin Hall, our Infirmary. One of the more active Motherhouse residents is Sister Grace Regina Wingenfeld, OP. At age 93, Sister Grace Regina has celebrated 77 years as an Amityville Dominican but has the energy of someone much younger. She ministered in education for 51 years, teaching at the elementary, high school and college levels. She taught math and psychology at Catholic University in Puerto Rico and at Molloy College where she was the Director of the Counseling and Placement Office. After retirement from the formal classroom she was trained in at-home retreats and began to lead seminars and discussion groups. In time she developed quite a following from those who attended her group discussions.

## From the desk of Virginia Maguire, OP Prioress



Dear Friends,

Blessings of Peace in this New Year!

Writing this letter as one year draws to completion and a new year awaits on the horizon directs my reflection to the happenings of this past year and the surprises that await us in the year ahead. The following words from Isaiah 52:7 appropriately describe our mission of preaching in this new year: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace."

The year in review reveals the many ways that God has blessed the Dominican Sisters of Amityville. Many of these blessings are intertwined in the stories about our Sisters' ministries and the activities of the Development Office. What a blessing you have been for us through your prayers, friendship and support! A most recent blessing given to our Congregation was Sister Ruth Latt's Final Profession of Vows on December 19, 2004. Ruth is the fourth Sister to make final profession this year. New vocations are a source of hope for the continuation of our preaching.

The horrific situation in Iraq brings great sadness to us. Needless suffering continues to happen daily for the people and for the soldiers. First hand reports from our Dominican Sisters there and our news coverage put a face on the war which makes us acutely aware of its violence. Our hope for this new year is to be the feet of the messenger who announces peace. Our God is a God of surprises. Imagine the outcome if our world leaders searched for alternative ways for achieving peace!

The natural disaster of the tsunami ended the year on a very somber note. The reports about the devastation – the number who died, the places destroyed and the survival stories have left us speechless. Again, the great manifestation of compassion on the part of the global community indicates the desire and need for nations to be interdependent. The celebration of Epiphany this year will assume a special meaning as members of the global community follow a star to bring aid to the people in South Asia and Africa. What remains consistent in our blessings and sorrows is that God is already in our midst.

This edition of *Our Preaching* attempts to portray the many ways that our Sisters are involved in preaching in their ministries. The article about the 150th Anniversary Campaign explains the goal we need to achieve to balance the care for our retired Sisters and the response to the needs of this time through our ministerial endeavors.

Though our numbers have diminished, our Sisters approach Dominican life and mission with great hope and energy. The human interest stories about our Sisters in ministry, the lists of locations of some of their ministries and the volunteer work of our retired Sisters witness to this fact. The fundraising events featured in this edition are sponsored by our Development Office to support our ministries.

Thank you for partnering with us and accompanying us on this journey of peacemaking. May you be open to the surprises of God that await you this year!

Gratefully,

*Virginia Maguire, OP*

Virginia Maguire, OP  
Prioress

The American Congregation of the Holy Cross, Amityville Dominican Sisters, is a community of more than 600 women religious. Our Motherhouse is in New York but our Sisters minister in eight other states, Puerto Rico, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic. We are a preaching/teaching community always seeking creative ways to minister in the present moment.

### Excerpt From the Vision Statement of the Sisters of St. Dominic

*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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Sister Grace Regina still loves teaching which she now does in small groups, combining spiritual insights with psychological truths in an intimate setting. These groups often discuss books that have a spiritual emphasis. Some of her favorite authors are Pierre Teilhard De Chardin, Henri Nouwen, Fr. Joseph Girzone, and S. Joan Chittister. She also meets regularly with the Sisters in the Infirmary to talk about “healthy spirituality,” and is a Eucharistic Minister for Sisters in the Infirmary. Once a week she meets with the residents at Dominican Village, the senior residence sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic on the Motherhouse property, to share thoughts on the coming Sunday’s Scripture readings. She tries to plant new insights and make the readings come alive. She has inspired many through her joyful approach to living. Sister says, “I feel blessed by God, in that, at my age I am able to share my faith in God with many of His people.”

Before they retire, Dominican Sisters serve in a variety of ministries. While it is not possible in one issue of this newsletter to describe the full scope of their ministries, we’d like to tell the story of a few who exemplify the Congregation’s Preaching Mission.

Sister Margaret Krajci, OP is one of those Sisters who responded to the needs of God’s people. Sister “Peggy” taught on the elementary level for many years, was a high school math teacher and a principal for 17 years. When it was time to undertake a new challenge she requested some time to reflect on her life’s direction. In 1997 several Sisters were working on a project to create a day care program at the Motherhouse that would care for the children from the neighboring community and also include the children of employees. Another group of Sisters was exploring their dream of establishing social service centers in each of the four Long Island counties. Sister Peggy was asked to develop both concepts under the auspices of a single not-for-profit umbrella organization. Thus Benincasa Family Services (lovingly called Benincasa), dedicated to the needs of families and their communities, was created with Sister Peggy as Executive Director.

Sister Peggy raised money to build KinderTowne which provides quality affordable childcare for a diverse population in Amityville. The presence at KinderTowne of senior Amityville Dominicans and volunteers from Dominican Village and the surrounding neighborhood provides an intergenerational component which enriches the families and the staff.

Benincasa Family Services also operates the Jamaica Neighborhood Center located in the former Dominican Commercial High School building in Jamaica, Queens. The stately building has taken on a new life as the hub for many groups that share a common aim—to improve the quality of life and respond to the needs of the people. The building now houses the offices of many not-for-profits, including a Catholic Charities Head Start Program. Benincasa also conducts an Advisory Council that promotes cooperation among over 200 service providers and local residents to ascertain the specific needs of the Jamaica community and then develop programs to meet those needs. One such program is the JOB CLUB that offers career services to individuals who are reentering the job market.

Trinity Human Service Center in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, is located at the site of the Sisters of St. Dominic’s first school at Most Holy Trinity Parish. Like the Jamaica Neighborhood Center, it has its own Advisory Council to define the needs of the community and develop programs that address those needs. Trinity Center handles more than 2,000 client contacts each month through its food pantry,



Sister Peggy Krajci (on the right) and her assistant, Rena Nowacoski



Sister Grace Regina teaches a class



Sister Charlene Kay and Judy Flanagan

Thrift Shop, immigration and housing advocacy, health programs, ESL classes and adolescent after-school programs.

Benincasa has a unique approach to assisting people. Instead of applying a standard package of services, each community is asked to define its own needs so that the programs can be specifically tailored to meet those needs. Benincasa is able to provide direct assistance to many families, to employ about 40 people from local communities and to provide quality day care for 47 children on Long Island. Benincasa has received grants from the Sisters of St. Dominic’s Ministry Support Fund and from outside sources; however, ensuring ongoing funding requires continuous fundraising. Sister Peggy says “It is challenging work, but I love what I am doing because of a wonderful staff and the services we provide.”

Many Amityville Dominicans minister at a parish level. As an example, S. Charlene Kay, OP and S. Judy Flanagan, OP both hold the title of Pastoral Associate for St. Laurence Parish in Brooklyn, dividing between them many of the critical tasks of this small parish. Sister Charlene ministers to the adults of the parish, directing its RCIA Program, the adult retreats and Days of Prayer, and coordinates the Liturgy and Evangelization Committees. She also administers some financial tasks and supervises volunteers. Prior to this position, Sister Charlene was a teacher, assistant principal, principal, Director of Religious Education, and worked with the elderly in a parish in Brooklyn. She holds a Master of Divinity Degree.

Sister Judy is responsible for the religious education of the children of the parish. She also oversees a small outreach program, does pastoral visits, and moderates the Black History Committee. Like Sister Charlene, she too had a long career in education as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal. Both of them note that the work they do is rewarding because of the diverse character of the parish which includes black, Hispanic, and white ethnic groups, with a Caribbean flavor predominating. Even though they represent many nationalities, the parishioners are very accepting and do not segregate themselves. Sister Judy says she is enriched by the cultural diversity and inspired by the warmth, generosity and sincerity of the parishioners. Sister Charlene appreciates the openness in the way the people express their relationship with God. She says, “This is very rewarding because you know that your work and ministry are needed here.”

...and the preaching continues!

# Our History

We remember in our hearts and prayers the following Amityville Dominican Sisters who were called home to God in 2004.

*In Loving Memory*



S. Ana Josefa Colon, OP



S. Noreen Dailey, OP



S. Thomas Joseph Daly, OP



S. Caroline D'Esposito, OP  
(S. Mary Nazarita)



S. Bernadette Therese  
Fortier, OP



S. Una Marie Frey, OP



S. Melanie Marie Kalata, OP



S. Frances Raphael Kantra, OP



S. Rita Konen, OP  
(S. Dorothy Ann)



S. Joan Marian Loffredo, OP



S. Mary Judith McCance, OP



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McLaughlin, OP



S. Mary Bernadette  
McLoughlin, OP



S. Carolyn Therese Nastor, OP



S. Mary Cecilia O'Malley, OP



S. Patricia E. Smith, OP



S. Claire Anna Strack, OP



S. William Mary Sweeney, OP



S. Mary Regina Tiernery, OP



S. Rita Vlacancich, OP



S. Rose Blanche Wandell, OP



S. Catherine Anna Wolf, OP

## Dominican Sisters in Education

The last issue of *Our Preaching* listed many schools where our Sisters minister as teachers or staff. We inadvertently did not list all the schools and we apologize for this oversight. We have listed the additional schools below.

### Elementary and early childhood schools:

Assistant Superintendent and Director, Diocese of Rockville Centre  
 Corpus Christi School, Mineola, NY  
 Holy Family Regional School, Commack, NY  
 Holy Name of Mary School, Valley Stream, NY  
 Holy Spirit School, New Hyde Park, NY  
 Long Beach Catholic School, Long Beach, NY  
 Nassau County BOCES Program, Massapequa, NY  
 Notre Dame School, New Hyde Park, NY  
 Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School, Bayside, NY  
 Our Lady of the Hamptons School, Southampton, NY  
 Our Lady of Hope School, Middle Village, NY  
 Our Lady Queen of Apostles School, Center Moriches, NY  
 Queen of Peace School, Flushing, NY  
 Sacred Heart School, East Glendale, NY  
 St. Anselm Parish, Brooklyn, NY  
 St. Clare School, Rosedale, NY  
 St. Joachim School, Cedarhurst, NY  
 St. Joseph Elementary School, Garden City, NY  
 St. Joseph School, Long Island City, NY  
 St. Margaret School, Middle Village, NY  
 St. Patrick School, Huntington, NY  
 St. Rose of Lima School, Rockaway Beach, NY  
 St. Thomas the Apostle School, West Hempstead, NY

### Secondary Schools:

West Park Union Free School District, West Park, NY

### Higher Education:

Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, NY  
 St. Joseph's College, Patchogue, NY

### Adult Education:

Groveland Correctional Facility, Sonyea, NY  
 Sewanhaka School District, Franklin Square, NY

### Special Education:

Cleary School for the Deaf, Nesconset, NY

In a future issue of *Our Preaching* we will feature other ministries related to teaching such as Campus Ministers and Chaplains.

## The Preaching Continues... Through Religious Education

The following Parishes employ Amityville Dominicans who serve God's people through the ministry of Religious Education:

Archdiocese of New York  
 BKT Religious Education Center, Liberty, NY  
 Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville, NY  
 Holy Name of Mary Parish, Valley Stream, NY  
 Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Port Washington, NY  
 Our Lady of Grace Parish, Howard Beach, NY  
 St. Agnes R.C. Church, Brooklyn, NY  
 St. Ann Parish, Flushing, NY  
 St. Anthony Parish, Rocky Point, NY  
 St. Bernard Parish, Levittown, NY  
 St. Brigid Parish, Westbury, NY  
 St. Ignatius Human Service Center, Hicksville, NY  
 St. Teresa Parish, Woodside, NY

*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 Sisters of St. Dominic

## Mission Statement of the Development Office

As Dominican women we are committed to proclaim the Gospel in an ever changing world and to serve the people of God. Through this Mission the Ministry of Development has an emphasis on our retired and infirm Sisters and those who work in service for the people of God.

## Philosophy of the Development Office

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

Anne Swetchin

The Mission of Development flows from our goal and philosophy as Sisters of St. Dominic. The activities of Development are designed to assist the Congregation as it adapts its ministries and renews its commitment to continue its work in response 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 through our ministries.

The Ministry of Development 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 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 Amityville Dominicans.

Our work in Development allows the Congregation to exercise more faithful stewardship of its resources. The Congregation invites people to share and to believe in the Amityville Dominicans by establishing and nurturing relationships with each person who invests in the Congregation. The Ministry of Development is the conduit through which these relationships are built.

### 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 the needs of the Church;
- we have a responsibility to our donors to provide the highest level of trust, confidentiality and accountability.

# Help Us Continue the Preaching...

In the Summer 2004 issue of *Our Preaching*, we introduced you to the Amityville Dominican's 150th Anniversary Campaign—an ambitious endeavor to raise \$5 million in pledges and gifts over the next three years. In that issue we gave you a brief overview of the three focus areas of our story: The Pastoral Care of Our Retired Sisters; Amityville Dominicans in Action; and, Continuing the Preaching. In this issue, we'd like to give you some further information that makes our story not only a compelling one but confirms why this Campaign is so important to the future of the Amityville Dominicans.

## Pastoral Care of Our Retired Sisters

The Pastoral Care of our Retired Sisters is defined as the current and future needs of all our retired Sisters. Our total retirement need is \$179,000,000; we have accumulated only 50% of that amount. If every Sister retired today, we would be able to support only half of them. It is imperative that we launch financial endeavors now in order to provide quality care for every Sister when she retires.

At the present time, the Congregation supports over 225 retired Sisters. It costs the Congregation approximately \$20,000 a year for each retired Sister aging in place. Carlin Hall, our infirmary, is an unlicensed facility so we receive no financial reimbursement. Depending on the level of care needed, it costs between \$39,000 and \$58,000 a year for each Sister living in the Motherhouse. Over 20 Sisters are now residing at Maria Regina Residence, a licensed skilled nursing facility in Brentwood operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Here we are able to continue to provide quality skilled care for our Sisters where the medical expenses are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and other government entitlements.

A very important reality for us is that in 2007 the number of Sisters not receiving a stipend or salary will exceed the number of compensated Sisters. Therefore, all things being equal, we will be expending more to support our Sisters than we take in. We have to be able to turn the tide before that moment in time.

## Amityville Dominicans in Action

In each of our newsletters, we proudly highlight some of our Sisters and the ministries in which they work. Whether in the traditional ministries of education and healthcare or in various other ministries, Amityville Dominicans continue to be signs of joy and hope for so many people. On an annual basis we distribute grants through our Ministry Support Fund assisting Sisters ministering in situations that might not otherwise be able to provide a Sister's stipend or provide financial assistance so that a ministry may expand and flourish.

The economic instability of the last few years has wreaked havoc on almost every budget, including the parishes and organizations in which our Sisters work. The reality is that the number of people who are in need of help from parish outreach programs, soup kitchens, shelters or social services has increased tremendously. Government funding, corporate support and church assistance cannot keep up with the demand and are being cut drastically. Our Sisters have turned to the Congregation to help bridge the gap.

Through a formal process, Sisters submit grant requests to the Ministry Support Fund. Unfortunately, every year the requests exceed the Fund's capacity so there are always those who do not receive funding or do not receive the full amount requested. We are doing all we can so that our Sisters can continue to do God's work in their chosen ministry.

Besides offering grants through the Ministry Support Fund, the Congregation also provides direct financial assistance to its Sponsored Ministries. Sponsorship is a relationship of mutuality existing between a ministry and the Congregation. It is a provision that we have made now so that our Charism and Mission will thrive, not only through the presence of our Sisters, but also through the dedicated lay women and men who collaborate with us in these ministries. In addition to providing spirituality and family service programs, our Sponsored Ministries reach the frailest members of the human family—the elderly, the uneducated, the poor and young children—and include St. Agnes High School, College Point; Dominican Village, Amityville; Opening Word in Wyandanch and Amityville; Benincasa Family Services in Jamaica, Brooklyn and Amityville; and, Siena Spirituality Center, Water Mill.

## Continuing the Preaching

As we celebrate with joy our long history, we look with hope to the future. The Amityville Dominicans need funds now to: (a) create programs and enhance our public relations efforts which will encourage membership in the Congregation; (b) strengthen our partnerships with the lay people who have witnessed our service and/or are only learning about them; (c) provide long term funding for our Ministry Support Fund; (d) provide continuous care for our retired and infirm Sisters; and, (e) create future strategic planning steps in conjunction with other Dominican religious organizations.

Much of our money is "designated" and thus we are unable to use it for things such as the operating budget. The Development Office tries to make up for the shortfall. If we are successful in our Campaign efforts, we should be able to put monies in all three focus areas. It will certainly help the immediate situation.

We, the Amityville Dominicans, have been given a tremendous task. As a Congregation of almost 600 women religious, it is our belief in Divine Providence coupled with our willingness and commitment to do everything in our power to sustain this Congregation that urges us forward with this Campaign. We know there are wonderful lay people who have witnessed our service, who have benefited from that service and are now in a position to assist us. We ask in the name of every Amityville Dominican for the opportunity to create partnerships that will endure well into the future. The Congregation has been ministering to God's people for 151 years; we are ready to begin the next 151!

Within this 150th Anniversary Campaign there are many giving opportunities for donors to consider, which range from \$2,500 all the way up to \$1 million. These gifts are payable over a three to five year period and can take the form of cash, stocks, annuities, or bequests. A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated to help us reach our goal. If you would like to receive a campaign packet that includes a beautiful video presentation, please call the Development Office at 631-842-6000 to speak with Sister Eileen Nolan (ext. 238) or Patricia Chambers Daly (ext. 241).

## 2004 Dominican Gala Celebrates a True Partnership in Mission

On October 29, 2004 the Sisters of St. Dominic celebrated the *2004 Dominican Gala* with 450 friends at the Garden City Hotel. The Gala was a joyful event and very successful—netting \$247,582 for the Sisters’ Ministry Support Fund. All proceeds from the Gala are used to support our Sisters in ministry. The active ministries of the Sisters serve the neediest members of the community in countless ways through services such as education, health care, social services, and peace and justice advocacy.



S. Virginia Maguire with honorees S. Dottie Ammon and Salah Hassanein

The Gala was a resounding success in large part because of this year’s honorees. The Sisters of St. Dominic were pleased to honor Salah Hassanein with the Veritas Award, and Sister Dorothy Ammon, OP, with the Catherine of Siena Award. Salah Hassanein is Chairman of Variety Children’s Lifeline, an organization that enables lifesaving surgeries to be performed on underprivileged children who would otherwise not survive. Through her Heart-to-Heart Ministry, Sister Dorothy worked in partnership with Salah Hassanein and the doctors at North Shore Long Island Jewish Hospital and Schneider Children’s Hospital to select the children and care for them and their families throughout their stay in America. As he received his award Salah Hassanein told the audience that over the years Sister “Dottie,” working with Variety Children’s Lifeline, was responsible for providing lifesaving surgery for 2,000 children. It was a privilege to honor these two dear friends who have spent their lives serving the least among us.

We would like to thank our Co-Chairs, Sister Kathleen McCarthy, OP and Joseph Caltagirone, and the Gala Committee members. We thank all who participated and we rejoice to see what can be accomplished together in mission.



S. Dottie with friends and family members



The Dominican Gala Committee

## Mark Your Calendar for the 4th Annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon

Please join us for the annual *Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon* on Friday, June 17, 2005 at Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse in Amityville. This event has become an annual tradition that connects the Sisters with many old and new friends to celebrate the “beauty of the spirit of women.” Guests gather under a large tent on the Motherhouse grounds and enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie, delicious food, an inspirational speaker, and basket raffle, with proceeds benefiting the Congregation. For more information or if you would like to receive an invitation, please call the Development Office, (631) 842-6000, ext. 246 or email [aellingham@amityop.org](mailto:aellingham@amityop.org).

## Sisters of St. Dominic’s First Annual Golf Classic

Come out and enjoy golf at an exclusive club, meet old and new friends while helping to support the many ministries of the Sisters of St. Dominic! We are proud to announce that the Sisters of St. Dominic’s First Annual Golf Classic will be held on Monday, May 23, 2005, at the Pine Hollow Country Club in East Norwich, NY. Joseph F. Purcell, Senior Vice President of JPMorgan Chase will be the honoree. JPMorgan Chase is our corporate sponsor at the \$10,000 level, and additional corporate sponsors to date include ChemRx; Ernst & Young; Holtz, Rubinstein & Co.; Koehler Masonry Corp., and Acme Bus Corp. Proceeds go toward the Sisters’ Ministry Support Fund which provides grants for the Sisters’ active ministries in need of funding.

Sponsorship packages are available, ranging from \$100 for a cocktail reception guest to \$5,000 for a platinum sponsorship as well as numerous other recognition opportunities. For information, please contact Eileen M. Nolan, OP, at 631-842-6000, ext. 238, or Patricia Chambers Daly at ext. 241.

We wish to recognize and thank the members of our

### 2004 Dominican Partners Program

This annual Program, created especially for our event sponsors, invites their participation in support of the *Dominican Gala* and *Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon*.

Our sincere thanks to

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- ✦ 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 the Evening Prayer Vesper Service

Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

In St. Albert's Chapel, Sisters of St. Dominic,  
555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY  
on the following Sundays:

February 20, 2005      April 17, 2005  
March 13, 2005        May 15, 2005

Save The Date:

### Irish Night

Saturday, March 5, 2005 – St. Brigid's, Westbury, NY

### Sisters of St. Dominic First Annual Golf Classic

Monday, May 23, 2005 – Pine Hollow Country Club, East Norwich, NY

### Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon

Friday, June 17, 2005 – Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse, Amityville, NY

## Help Us Build Connections

Do you have friends or family members who would like to receive this newsletter? If so, please fill in their name and address below and mail this coupon to: Ann Ellingham, Development Office, Sisters of St. Dominic, 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701. *Thank you.*

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