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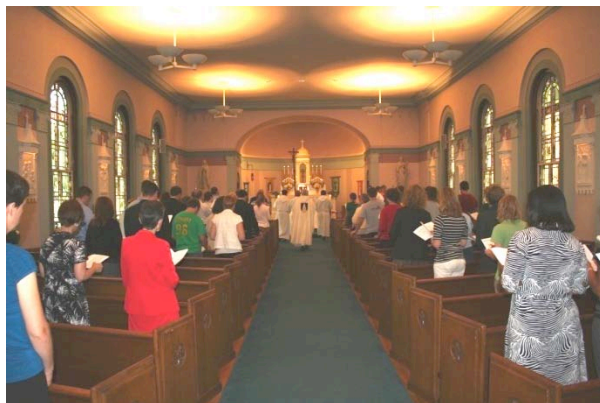
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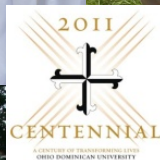


The Holy Spirit Mass and Blessing of the Memorial Garden

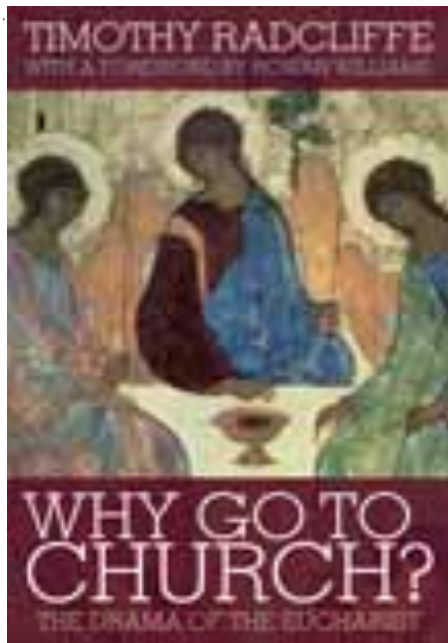
If the only prayer you ever say in life is "thank you," that is enough

- Meister Eckert

The 2010-2011 academic year opened with a refreshing start as we celebrated the Holy Spirit Mass and blessing of the new memorial garden that is located between Erskine Hall and the new Batelle Science Building. At the entrance to the memorial, the words of Dominican mystic Meister Eckert greets the visitor who is invited to pray and remember all those who have contributed their gifts and talents over the years to the Ohio Dominican community. This is just one part of our renovation of the campus to celebrate a century of transforming lives over the past 100 years. The community of learners were off to a good start for the year.



All listen intently and join in prayer at the Memorial Garden service. To the right, President Cimboic greets Sr. Maria Ciriello, OP, member of the Board of Trustees.



**FALL BOOK STUDY REFLECTIONS
ON THE BOOK, "WHY GO TO CHURCH?" BY TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE
BY CHRISTIE WEINER 11/10/10**

As I read the book, WHY GO TO CHURCH?, I was struck with the realization that perhaps I have greatly misunderstood exactly why I go to church and how receiving the Eucharist is related to being more fully human while living my life on earth.

Timothy Radcliffe takes the reader through the components of the Mass and creates the understanding that we are transformed and enriched when we celebrate the Mass with the culminating experience being when we receive the Eucharist. Rather than seeing the Mass as what is often seen as a "ritual" it becomes apparent that there is great depth and "movement" to what the Mass provides for us during our time on earth.

I realize now how much the Mass allows the deepening of the relationship with God through receiving the Eucharist. The Eucharist actually is the heartbeat of God that we receive and have the opportunity to be strengthened in faith, hope and community. The Mass provides the opportunity for us to experience God's communication with us and the love He has for us.

If one sees going to church as just an experience to go through motions, then it would be comparable to two people being in the same house, but trying to talk through two separate rooms with a wall between them. We may talk and we may hear, but we miss all that is in-between. We fail to listen to what the other person is saying and fail to feel the relationship that can be experienced due to the "wall" that creates distraction and distance. Prayer, music, the homily and receiving the Eucharist is what makes church more than just singing, hearing, saying words and just being in a room with other people.

So if one understands how the Eucharist is not only the changing of wine and bread to the body and blood of Christ, but is also integral to our relationship with God, one begins to realize that every moment experienced in the Mass through being in community, prayer and music, that we become more fully human individually and as a community of believers.



NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER

Father Scott Steinkerchner, OP, PhD, a member of the Central Province of Dominicans, is the new Associate Director of the Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University. He received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Akron in 1984; a Master of Arts in Theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology (St. Louis) in 1997; and a Doctorate in Systematic Theology from Boston College in 2005. Prior to joining ODU, Fr. Steinkerchner was a visiting professor of Interreligious Philosophy and Theology at Aquinas Institute of Theology and at St. Joseph University in Macau, China. Fr. Steinkerchner also currently serves as promoter of the Internet within the General Curia of the Order of Preachers in Rome, Italy. His book entitled ***Beyond Agreement: Interreligious Dialogue Amid Persistent Differences*** is available.



Dr. Ronald Carstens and an ODU Student

Dominican Life of the Mind Lecture Ronald W. Carstens, Ph.D.

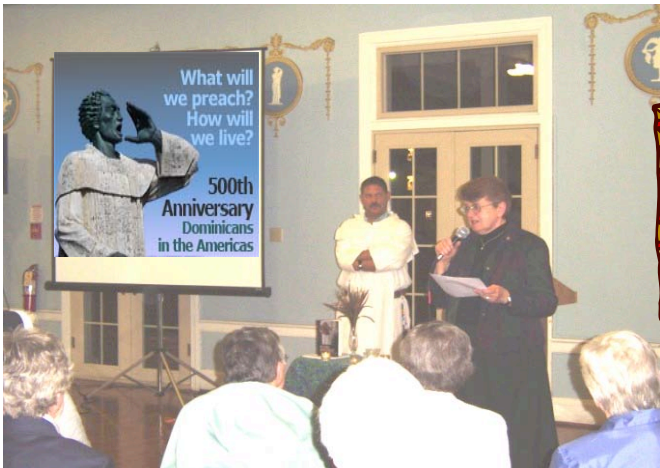
The Dominican Contribution to Human Rights: Bartolome' de Las Casas

On the evening of November 3, Dr. Ronald Carstens, Professor of Political Science at Ohio Dominican University, presented the first Life of the Mind lecture for this academic year. Since this year, the Dominican Order is celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the arrival of the Dominicans in the new world, Dr. Carstens scholarly and inspiring lecture set the stage for the many participants to learn more about the heritage of the Order of Preachers to the Americas



A Look at Samuel Mazzuchelli, OP: Model of Dominican Service

On the evening of November 11, 2010, Fr. Scott Steinkerchner, OP and Sr. Catherine Colby, OP, led a reflection on the life of Samuel Mazzuchelli, OP, The presentation format engaged the audience in listening to and reflecting with each other on the stories of Samuel's life and words from his *Memorie*. Sansbury Hall, Colonial Room

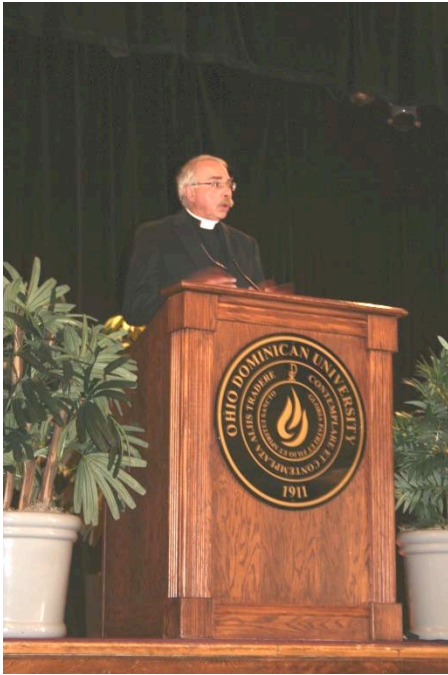


"Samuel was quick to translate theory into action when rights of various persons were disregarded. These he defended vigorously, not only for the soldiers at Fort Mackinac, but also the native tribes and early settlers, in their right to land and natural resources, and the education of their children." (Mary Nona Mc Greal, O.P.)

Truth Seekers Luncheon

***The Contemplative Spirit: Source of Transformation* Fr. Stephen Fitzhenry, OP**





**The Center for Dominican Studies
at Ohio Dominican University**
A Symposium: Interreligious Dialogue in the Heartland

On Saturday, September 12, 2010, **The Most Reverend Frederick Francis Campbell**, Bishop of Columbus, joined us as the keynote speaker presenting the topic, *Interreligious Dialogue in the Church: An Historical Context*.

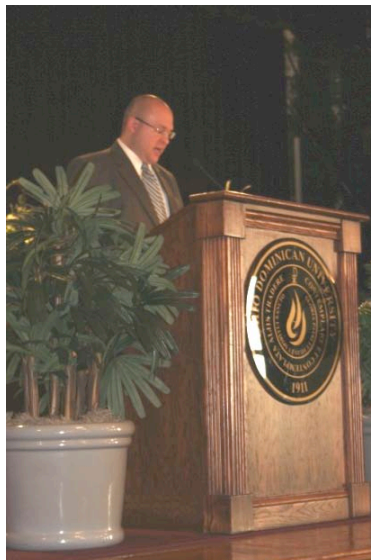


Participants joined in conversation with each other on the topic of interreligious dialogue. President Cimboric circulated through the crowd.

The morning session explored some important people and moments from our history and tradition that highlight possibilities we might want to recover today, and perennial and global problems we need to address. **Scott Steinkerchner, OP, Ph.D., Associate Director of the Center** was moderator. Panel members included: **Stephen Fitzhenry, OP** (*Islam*); **Jose Santiago, OP**, (*Bartolomé de Las Casas*); and **Fr. Daniel J. Millisor** (*World Religions*),

12:00 Noon
Lunch in Sansbury Hall Colonial Room

The afternoon session addressed local interreligious concerns in the heartland of America. What is possible? What is needed? **Joan Monica McGuire, OP, Ph.D.** served as moderator. The afternoon panel members included: **Marianne Farina, CSC**, (*Faith in Human Rights: Interfaith Dialogue Workings*); **David Caron, OP**, (*Interfaith Studies through Mission Effectiveness*); **Adam Duberstein**, (*The Jewish Perspective*); and **Rebecca J. Tollefson** *Perspective from the Ohio Council of Churches*.



Pictured left, Adam Duberstein delivers his comments. At right, President Cimboric and Sr. Catherine Colby, OP, welcome Fr. Dave Caron, OP.



**Building the Catholic Culture in the Dominican Tradition
on our Campus**
**Roots of Our University Culture: The Catholic Intellectual
Life and the Dominican Tradition**



Sr. Catherine Colby, OP and Fr. Scott Steinkerchner, OP conducted two luncheon sessions this Fall for employees as part of the ongoing orientation program. President Peter Cimbalic joined the group. Opportunities followed that included the history of the Dominican Sisters of Peace and a tour of their residence at St. Mary of the Springs



**Truth Seekers Luncheon
Series #1**

Fr. John Boll, OP
*The Dominican Culture: A
Democratic Approach to Collecting
the Wisdom of the Community*



The annual Truth Seekers Luncheon Series took place in the Colonial room on September 28th. Father John Boll, OP, campus Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry led the participants in a challenging discussion on the topic of community building through a democratic



process of collecting the wisdom of the community. A lively discussion took place that engaged representatives from various departments and divisions of the university that included reflection and the sharing of practical ideas to enhance our moving forward together.



Bishop Griffin greets participant Lynda Huey a member of the University Advancement Staff.



Dominican Conversation Circles Series
The Most Rev. James Griffin
Topic: Faith and Transformation

On the evening of September 28, 2010, over 30 members of the faculty, staff and friends of ODU were present to hear Bishop James Griffin deliver an inspiring and thought provoking lecture on the topic of Faith and Transformation. The talk was followed by a question and answer session that engaged The entire audience. Dinner was served and all agreed it was a special evening!





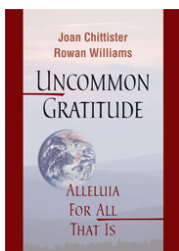
The Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican, in partnership with the Foundation for Sacred Arts and the Art Department of ODU, was proud to present *Picturing the Rosary*, an exhibition of twenty paintings of the mysteries of the rosary done by Philadelphia artist Antony Visco. The works displayed before our eyes the mysteries of the rosary, depicting the events of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, inviting us to enter these mysteries through a contemplative experience. The spirituality of the Dominican Order from its beginning over 800 years ago has had particular devotion to contemplating the mysteries of Christ's life as a source of preaching. The exhibit was featured in the Wehrle Art Gallery from October 3rd through the 27th. Over 250 visitors from on and off campus enjoyed the contemplative experience.



Spring 2011 Book Study

Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is

By Joan Chittister, OSB & Rowan Williams



"A soul-stretching book by two contemporary prophets. Alleluia for Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams for this inspiring and timely message of hope in the midst of so much fear and violence. A faith-filled and prophetic perspective on the dark and hurting spaces in our world and lives. We are both invited and challenged to pick up our pieces, dry our tears, shake ourselves down, and continue the journey with renewed hope and joy. Alleluia indeed." (Edwina Gateley: Poet, writer, international speaker and women's advocate)