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President Jack Calareso and Fr. Gregory Jones lead the community in prayer.



Sr. Catherine Colby, O.P., presented the symbols to the community.



Ritual of Blessing

On Thursday, August 19, 2004, the University community gathered in the vestibule of Erskine Hall to pray for God's blessing on the newly established Center for Dominican Studies. Symbols representing the Dominican Charism of prayer, study, community and ministry were blessed and carried to the Center.

Focus Groups

During the first weeks of the semester, faculty and staff attended focus groups sponsored by the Center for Dominican Studies. Sr. Catherine presented an overview of the activities of the Center for Dominican Studies that was followed by participants engaging in a brainstorming activity. Some responses included:

My hope for the Center for Dominican Studies is:

- that it will be an integrating force for classes, experiences, Life of the Mind and campus ministry.
- that there will be an increased and steadfast focus on the Catholic angle of the institution
- that it will be "Leaven in the Lump"....that it will be the spark to excellence in study, scholarship and prayer
- that it links the past with the present and the future with things Dominican and worldwide
- that it will be a "place for intellectual conversation"
- that it will be a place on campus that promotes: 1. Roman Catholic Faith as Truth 2. Ethics, fair and just treatment of ODU faculty, staff and students, 3. Outward movement to the marginalized in Columbus

Faculty/Staff Orientation Sessions for September & October Open to All Administrators/Faculty & Staff

Session One: *The History of the University
*Dominic's Charism: Roots of Our University Culture

Presenters: Ruth Caspar, O.P. & Catherine Colby, O.P.
Date & Times: Friday, Sept. 3rd, 8:00am & 1:00 pm

Session Two: *The Catholic Intellectual Tradition of the University: The Contemplative Way
*Reflective Practice: A Dominican Activity for University Teaching

Presenters: Dr. Ron Carstens & Catherine Colby, O.P.
Date & Times: Friday, Oct. 1st, 8:00am & 1:00 pm

Tour Italy the Dominican Way: June 13-25, 2005



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Peace and Justice

"As we approach the elections of 2004, we renew our call for a new kind of politics – focused on moral principles not on the latest polls, on the needs of the poor and vulnerable not the contributions of the rich and powerful, and on the pursuit of the common good not the demands of special interests.

...this is not a time for retreat or discouragement.

We need more, not less engagement in political life."
(Faithful Citizenship, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2003)

Visit the Center for Dominican Studies Web Site and click on Peace and Justice.

Reflections on the Common Good

The common good exists only where the foundation is the dignity of the human person which cannot be violated in any human.

The common good requires development of the group and social well-being.

The common good requires peace and security of order.

Don't live in isolation, but come together to seek the common good.

"St. Thomas Aquinas argued that God's own self is the highest good we can attain, and that a right relation to God requires a commitment to the common good of our neighbors and of all creation." (David Hollenbach, S.J.)

Advisory Board

The first meeting of the Center for Dominican Studies Advisory Board will meet at Ohio Dominican on October 8, 2004. For a complete listing of Advisory Board Members visit the ODU web site and click on Center for Dominican Studies, Staff.

Upcoming Events

📖 *Dominican Study Collaborative*

📖 *Dominican Heritage Week*

📖 *Common Grounds Conversations*

📖 *Lunch & Video*