The Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University Celebrates Five Years!

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The Center for Dominican Studies serves as a resource for those interested in learning more about Dominican education, the Dominican charism, the history of Ohio Dominican University and its mission and values. To fulfill its mission, the Center for Dominican Studies will sponsor and host a variety of programs and services for the students, faculty, staff and alumni/ae of Ohio Dominican University and for the members of the community.

In 2003, the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs gave $500,000 to support the establishment of A Center for Dominican Studies. In the Fall of 2004, the Center was initiated and housed in Erskine Hall.

The first CDS Advisory Board meeting was held in the Fall of 2004. The Advisory Board of the Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University includes faculty and staff of the University; members of the Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs; and members of the larger community who share the values and interests of the Center.

Programs and Activities that have supported Collaborative Study and Dialogue:

- Public Events: Symposiums, Concerts, Plays, Internationally Known Speakers
- Dominican Conversation Circles Dinner Sessions
- Book Study Groups
- Truth Seekers Reflection Luncheon Series
- Life of the Mind Lecture Series
- Employee Programs
- Study Abroad
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Scholarly Journal

The CDS has sponsored 170 programs and activities over a 5 year period that have had over 6000 participants.

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The Mission of the Center for Dominican Studies is to promote the Dominican charism of preaching; to provide opportunities for members of the University and the community to understand and experience the meaning and value of Dominican education; and to serve as a public voice at the University and in the community regarding issues of importance to church, culture and society.
MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS:
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CENTER:
FALL 2004
Blessing and Keynote Address
OFFICIAL CDS PUBLIC OPENING EVENT
FEB. 2005
Challenges for Colleges and Universities in the New Millennium: A Dominican Perspective
Donald J. Goergen, OP Keynote
Panel Responders:
Dr. Karen Holbrook (Pres. The Ohio State University; Dr. Jack Calareso (Pres. Ohio Dominican)
Three Symposiums:
Benedict XVI
Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell
Most Rev. James Griffin
Dr. Joseph Kelley
Sr. Joan Delaney, MM
Dr. Leo Madden
Barbara Krug, OP, D. Min.
Deacon James F. Keating, Ph.D.
The Role of Mary in the Church
Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell
Most Rev. James Griffin
Thoma Swanson, OP
Fr. Bertrand Buby, S.M. & Sr. Mary Jean Frisk
Catholic Social Teaching
Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell (keynote address)
Dr. William Finan
Dr. Darlene Fozard-Weaver
Dr. Cyril Orji
Dr. Kathleen Riley
Dr. Ronald Carstens
Aquinas Convocations:
Aquinas and the Life of the Mind
James V. Schall, S.J. (Dept. of Government, Georgetown University)
Aquinas, Feminism and the Common
Suzanne DeCrane, Ph.D. (Adjunct Faculty: College of Notre Dame of Maryland and St. Mary’s University, Baltimore)
Contemplative Wisdom: The Goal of a Dominican Education
Kurt Pritzl, OP, Dean of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America

Special Public Speakers:
The Church and Society: A View from the Vatican
John L. Allen Jr. (Vatican Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and NPR)
Interreligious Dialogue
Thomas Michel, S.J. (Director of the Jesuit Secretariat for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome and Ecumenical Secretary for the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences.
A Living Faith? A New Generation?
Peter Steinfels, Ph. D., New York Times columnist and co-director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture in N.Y. City

CONCERTS AND/PLAYS:
Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day
Lisa Wagner: Still Point Collective Theatre Group
The Power of Preaching through Sacred Music
Fr. Jim Marchionda, OP and John Angotti
St. Catherine of Siena
Nancy Murray, OP, Dominican Sister of Adrian, Michigan
Preaching Justice through Music
Fr. Jim Marchionda, OP and John Angotti
Thomas Merton: The Hermit of New York
Still Point Collective Theatre Group

DOMINICAN LIFE OF THE MIND LECTURE SERIES:
The Future of the Church: Insights from the Dominican Past and Present
Thomas O'Meara, OP
Bioethics and the Common Good
Dr. Maura Ryan
The Holy Preaching: The Holy Art
Thoma Swanson, OP
The Dominican Charism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition: A Curricular Vision for Interdisciplinary Study
Carol Dempsey, OP
DOMINICAN LIFE OF THE MIND
LECTURE SERIES CONTINUED:

The Life of Study and the Common Good
Richard Schenk, OP

Catherine of Siena
Suzanne Noftke, OP

A Contemporary Reflection on the Decree
on Ecumenism of Vatican II
The Most Rev. Robert J. McManus

Secularization, the Church and Society
Robert Royal, Ph.D.

The Death Penalty: How Just is our System
of Justice?
Sr. Helen Prejean

One People, One Planet, One Spirit
Eileen Gannon, OP

What Does it Mean to be Human?
Reflections on the Christian Response to
Homelessness
Anthony Gittins, CSSp.

Speaking with Authority: Catherine of Siena
and the Voices of Women Today
Mary Catherine Hilkert, OP

A Global View of the Dominican Family
Adele Sheffieck

Promoting the Search for Truth via the
Internet
Scott Steinkerchner, OP

Catherine of Siena: Emissary of Peace
Mary O’Driscoll, OP
TRUTH SEEKERS
LUNCHEON SERIES:

Contemplation and the Workplace
Noreen Malone, OP (Spirituality Network) and John Christopher Scott (Forum for Faith in the Workplace)

Honoring Common Ground Amid Diversity
Ellen O’Shaughnessy-Padberg, D. Min. (Executive Dir. of the Downtowners; Ecumenical Campus Ministry)

Common Ground and Dominican Disputatio: A Practical Approach
Catherine Patten, RSHM, (Coordinator of the National Pastoral Life Center, N.Y.C., Catholic Common Ground Initiative)

Modeling Stewardship of the Earth in the University Community
Jane Belanger, OP and Melissa Camp (Shepherd’s Corner)

Seeking Truth a Daily Event
Noreen Malone, OP and John Christopher Scott

Dominican Spirituality: Thoughts on Dominic, Preacher of the Word
Stephen Fitzhenry, OP

DOMINICAN CONVERSATION CIRCLES
DINNER SERIES:

The Catholic Intellectual Tradition
The Most Rev. James A. Griffin

Ex Corde Ecclesiae
Dr. Jack Calareso

Dominican Roots and Our University Culture
Mary Joel Campbell, OP

Political Issues in the Church and Society
Dr. Ron Carstens

What Make Us Unique as a Dominican Institution?
Bill Marquis, OP

Deus Caritas Est: The First Encyclical of Benedict XVI
The Most Rev. James Griffin

Islam
Stephen Fitzhenry, OP

Insights on Becoming Fully Human: Discovering the True Self
Faculty Panel: Dr. Michael Dougherty, Dr. Barbara Finan, Dr. Leo Madden

Reflections on Friendship: A View from Aquinas
John Corbett, OP
DOMINICAN CONVERSATION CIRCLES DINNER SERIES CONTINUED:

Celtic Spirituality  Fr. Stephen Fitzhenry, OP
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Publication of G.K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy  Dr. Walter Kokernot, Dr. Leo Madden, Dr. Juliette Schaefer
We are Programmed for Heaven  Fr. Edmund Hussey
Catherine of Siena and Her Circle of Dominican Lay Women: Practical Mystics  Dr. Ann Hall, Ph.D.

ADVISORY BOARD LUNCHEON SPEAKERS:

+ The Value of a Center in Promoting the Dominican Charism
  Ruth Caspar, OP
+ How a Center Changes the Culture of a College/University
  Dr. Joseph Kelley
+ Preaching and the Public Square: The Dominican Contribution to Identity and Mission in Catholic Higher Education
  Charles Bouchard, OP
+ The Dominican Ashram
  Donald Goergen, OP
A Center for Dominican Studies: Promoting the Mission and Identity of Dominican Colleges and Universities
  Thomas McGonigle, OP
The Dominican Sisters in Collaboration: The Cluster Discernment Process
  Anne Kilbride, OP
  Arlene Flaherty, OP
Promoting Mission and Identity in Dominican Colleges and Universities
  Diane Kennedy, OP
The Catholic Intellectual Life: Challenge and Support to Our Search for Meaning
  Rev. Terrance W. Klein

ADDITIONAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CDS

Special Conference for Administrators, Faculty and Staff of Dominican Colleges and Universities
February 9-10, 2006
Theme: The Dominican Charism and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition: Vision and Connections

Faculty Presentations and Conversations:
Fulton J. Sheen: An American Catholic Response to the Twentieth Century
Dr. Kathleen Riley

What it Means to be Human: Social Science and Philosophy
Dr. Nancy Beran and Roberta Miller, OP, Ph.D.

Virginia Cyr: An American Saint
Dr. Quentin Colgan

DOMINICAN HERITAGE WEEK

Employee Programs on History of ODU, The Dominican Charism and History of the Dominican Sisters

Video, Bag Lunch and Conversations

Book Study Groups

Workshops for Student Mentors & RA’s Mini-Grants for Student Retention and Mission Animation

175 Years: A Celebration of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs

In Gratitude to Those Who Have Served on the CDS Advisory Board

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