

Monastery Of The Blessed Sacrament

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Dear Friend:

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, we are going to inaugurate here, in the outer chapel of our Monastery, the Dominican Third Order, more properly called, after Vatican two, "Dominican Laity."

It is a special group of souls living in the world, but wishing to give their faith, not just the legal-like character of a few external acts, but a new impetus, capable of inspiring all the facets of life with the spirit of our Lord, a new strength against the difficulties of the multiple, all-pervading evil of our times. When faith diminishes we are all like Peter on the sea of Galilee, WE SINK. This is the sad experience of what is happening today with most of our once best men and women. The Church is thus left open to wide-spread criticism, to slander, to distortions.

Saint Dominic lived the same experience in his day and felt the necessity of founding a new body of apostles, religious and lay people, who through knowledge of their faith, loyalty to the Church and active virtue, would re-create the code of Christianity in a pagan world. It was a call for heroes and the Popes of Dominic's time did not hesitate to call them "Champions of the Faith." This is the same spirit that awaits our modern laymen in the battle for the survival of our faith; an intelligent, determined number of workers of Christ who could be of moral influence to the world and encouragement to the weak.

If you wish to be one of them, I urge you to join. The inauguration will take place at the 12 o'clock noon Mass. The Rosary will be recited at 11:45, immediately preceding the Mass.

This ceremony is being placed under the patronage of our Lady on her beautiful feast, because Mary was the greatest believer of all times. She believed and remained believing till the end of her life and it was not easy, even in her days.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary,

Fr. H. Frendo O.P.

Reverend Hyacinth Frendo, O.P.
Chaplain.