

# Dominican Calendar

## January

Jan-3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus [C]

Bl. Stephanie Quinzani (1457-1530) Italian, virgin, mystic, sister

Jan-4 St. Zedislava Berkiana (1221-1252) Lay Dominican and wife. Bohemian, she carefully raised four children and founded 2 Dominican priories, her charities, at times miraculously confirmed, abounded for the needy, the sick, and indigent families, she died in her husband's arms. In 1989, through her intercession, a doctor was healed from a lengthy coma by a miracle. Canonized by John Paul II May 21, 1995.

Jan-7 St. Raymond of Peñafort (1175-1275) [M] Spanish, priest, canonist, diplomat, Third Master of the Order, Church appointed patron of canonists, canonized in 1601.

Jan-10 Bl. Gonsalvo of Amarante (+1259) Portuguese, priest, part-time hermit, miracle worker.

Bl. Ann of the Angels.

Jan-11 Bl. Bernard Scammacca (1430-1487) [M] Sicilian, priest, penitent, mystic.

Jan-18 St. Margaret of Hungary (1242-1270) [F] for the nuns, Hungarian, virgin, royal princess, nun, mystic, canonized 1943.

Jan-19 Bl. Andrew of Peschiera (1400-1485) Greco-Italian, priest, missionary to heretics.

Jan-22 Bl. Anthony Della Chiesa (1394-1459) Italian, priest, renowned mystic and author.

Jan-23 Bl. Henry Suso (Seuse) (+1366) German, priest, renowned mystic and author.

Jan-27 Bl. Marcolinus of Forli (1317-1397) Italian, priest, ascetic.

Jan-28 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274) [F] Italian, priest, renowned theologian, teacher, author of the "Summa Theologiae", AKA "Angelic Doctor" and "Common Doctor" of the Church, Church appointed patron of students and Catholic schools, canonized 1323.

Jan-29 Bl. Villana de' Botti (1332-1361) Italian, wife and mother, contemplative, worker among the poor, Lay Dominican.

## February

Feb-3 Bl. Peter of Ruffia (1320-1365) Italian, priest, Inquisitor General, martyred by heretics. AKA Peter de Ruffi; Peter of Ruffia; Peter Cambiani: Peter Cambiano av Ruffi.

Bl. Anthony Pavoni (1326-1374) Italian, priest, inquisitor, martyred by heretics. Bl. Bartholomew Cerveri (1420-1466) Italian, priest, Master of Theology, inquisitor, martyred by heretics.

Feb-4 St. Catherine de' Ricci (1522-1590) [M] Italian, virgin, cloistered sister, mystic, stigmatist, canonized 1747.

Feb-7 Anniversary of deceased fathers and mothers of Dominicans

- Feb-12 Bl. Reginald of Orleans (1180-1220)French, priest, teacher, preacher, early Dominican, friend of St. Dominic, effective promoter of Dominican vocations.
- Feb-13 Bl. Jordan of Saxony (1185-1237) [M]German, priest, renowned preacher, diplomat, "the first university chaplain", successor of St. Dominic as Master of the Order, effective promoter of Dominican vocations, patron of Dominican vocation work.
- Feb-16 Bl. Nicholas Paglia (1197-1255)Italian, priest, mystic.
- Feb-18 Bl. John of Fiesole (1386-1455)AKA Fra Angelico and Beato Angelico, Italian, priest, celebrated artist, Church appointed patron of artists, especially of painters.
- Feb-19 Bl. Alvaro of Cordova (1360-1430)Spanish, priest, mystic, among the first promoters of the Stations of the Cross in the West.
- Feb-20 Bl. Christopher of Milan (+1484)Italian, priest, reformer, missionary preacher, the "Apostle of Liguria".
- Feb-24 Bl. Constantius of Fabriano (1410-1481)Italian, priest, ascetic, peacemaker.
- Mar-10 Ash Wednesday never occurs after March 10 nor Easter before March. Because of Lent, the saints and blessings of March have been transferred to other months of the year.
- Mar-24 Vigil of the Annunciation of the Lord. The Solemn Chapter according to the Dominican Rite may be celebrated.
- Mar-25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD. Special texts of the Dominican Rite may be used.
- April**
- Apr-5 St. Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419) [M]Spanish, priest, celebrated itinerant preacher and ascetic, Church appointed patron of builders, canonized 1455.
- Apr-10 Bl. Anthony Neyrot (1425-1460)Italian, priest, apostate and convert, martyr under the Muslims
- Apr-13 Bl. Margaret of Castello (1287-1320)Italian, abandoned as a child because of blindness and severe, unsightly handicaps, and so patron of pro-life causes, virgin, mystic, instructor of children.
- Apr-14 Bl. Peter Gonzales (+1246)Spanish, priest, evangelist, chaplain of sailors, who know him as "St. Elmo".
- Apr-17 Bl. Clare of Pisa (1362-1419)Italian, widow, nun, reformer, friend of St. Catherine of Siena
- Apr-19 Bl. Isnard of Chiampo (+1244)Italian, priest, preacher, one of early Dominicans.
- Bl. Sibylline Biscossi (1283-1367)Virgin, blind, contemplative, Lay Dominican.
- Apr-20 St. Agnes of Montepulciano (1268-1317) [M]Italian, virgin, nun, ascetic, mystic, administrator, admired by St. Catherine of Siena (April 29), canonized 1726.

Apr-25 (Easter never occurs after April 25.)

Apr-27 Bl. Hosanna of Kotor (+1565) Montenegrin, virgin, convert from Greek Orthodoxy, born Catherine but in admiration of Bl. Hosanna of Mantua (June 18; d. 1505) took the name of Hosanna, ascetic, enclosed anchoress, followed the rule of the Dominican Laity.

Apr-28 St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1700) French, priest member of the Dominican Third Order, brother of a Dominican priest, preacher of parish missions, author, founder of religious congregation of men and another of women, all to spread devotion to Mary and the Rosary as inspired by St. Dominic

Apr-29 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380) [F] Italian, virgin, renowned mystic, stigmatist, diplomat, peacemaker, author of *The Dialogue*, second woman Doctor of the Church, Church appointed patroness of the Dominican Laity, co-patroness with St. Francis of Italy, patroness of Rome, nurses, fire prevention, canonized 1461.

Apr-30 St. Pius V (1504-1572) [M] Italian, inquisitor, pope (1566-1572, 3rd Dominican pope), reformer, diplomat, great promoter of the rosary, canonized 1712.

## May

May-4 The Sufferings of Jesus Christ, Our Lord [C] The texts are from the Dominican Rite, formerly called "The Crown of Thorns," this day recalls the gift of a thorn from Christ's crown made to the Order by St. Louis IX, King of France (Aug. 25), in 1239.

Bl. Amelia Bicchieri (1238-1314) Italian, virgin, nun, mystic.

May-5 St. Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419) [M] Spanish, priest, celebrated itinerant preacher and ascetic, Church appointed patron of builders, canonized 1455.

May-7 Bl. Albert of Bergamo (1214-1279) Italian, husband and father, farmer, traveler on pilgrimages, lover of poverty, miracle worker, Lay Dominican.

May-8 The Patronage of the B.V.M. over the Order [C] Mary is the principal patroness, St. Dominic (May 24 and Aug. 8) the principal patron, while Mary Magdalene (July 22) and Catherine of Alexandria (Nov. 24) are secondary co-patrons.

May-10 St. Antoninus of Florence (1389-1459) [M] Italian, Archbishop of Florence, moral theologian, author, reformer, canonized 1523.

May-12 Bl. Jane of Portugal (1452-1490) Portuguese, virgin, crown princess and regent of Portugal, nun, penitent for the conversion of sinners and release of Christians captive in Africa, social worker.

May-13 Bl. Imelda Lambertini (1321-1333) Italian, virgin, child nun, contemplative, lover of Blessed Sacrament, Church appointed patroness of first communicants.

May-15 Bl. Giles (1184-1265) Portuguese, priest, backslider & reconvert, mystic, prophet. Bl. Andrew Abellon (1375-1450) French, priest, ascetic, artist.

May-19 Bl. Francis Coll Guitart (1812-1875) Spanish (Catalan), priest, solitary because of anti-clerical laws, yet heroically faithful to Dominican life, founder of congregation of Dominican sisters, itinerant preacher occasionally accompanied by his friend, St. Anthony Mary Claret.

May-21 Bl. Columba of Rieti (1467-1501)Italian, virgin, inspired by St. Catherine of Siena to become a Lay Dominican, became a cloistered sister at the bishop's request, prophetess, peacemaker.

Bl. Hyacinth-Marie Cormier (1832-1916)French, originally a Lay Dominican, became a priest, devoted to Blessed Sacrament and to the restoration of the Order, author, confessor, spiritual director, Provincial of Toulouse, Master of the Order, founder of the Angelicum, he long labored strenuously for Dominican ideals.

May-24 TRANSLATION OF THE BODY OF OUR HOLY FATHER DOMINIC (1233) [S] Bl. Jordan, under pressure from Pope Gregory IX, transferred the body of our holy Father Dominic from where he had asked to be buried "at the feet of the brethren", i.e. in the floor of the choir, to a noble shrine in a side chapel. This or Aug. 8 may chosen as the principal celebration of the year; whichever is selected is a [S], the other an [M]

May-27 Bl. Andrew Franchi (1335-1401)Italian, Bishop of Pistoia, peacemaker, pastor.

May-28 Bl. Mary Bartholomea (1514-1577)Italian, virgin, life-long invalid, mystic, Lay Dominican.

May-29 Bls. William Arnaud, priest;Bernard of Roquefort, priest;Garcia de Aure, cooperater brother (+1242)French, along with two Franciscans, two Benedictines, four secular priests, and a layman, massacred by Albigensian heretics.

May-30 Bl. James Salomonio (1231-1314)AKA "The Venetian" and "Father of the poor", Italian, priest, mystic, wonder-worker, invoked for cancer.

## June

Jun-2 Bls. Sadoc & Companions (+1260);Hungarian, priest, preacher, plus entire Community of 49, massacred by Tartars at Sandomir, Poland.

Jun-4 St. Peter of Verona (+1252) [M]AKA "St Peter Martyr", Italian, priest, zealous preacher, inquisitor, martyred by a heretic near Como," Protomartyr of the Order" because canonized, but see May 29, canonized1253.

Jun-8 Bls. Diana d'Andalo (1200-1236);Cecilia Cesarini (1200-1290);Amata (or Amy) Italian, virgins, nuns, ascetics, friends of St. Dominic and Bl. Jordan. Bl. Amata had been part of this group, but is no where in the current, official Dominican calendar because nothing is known of her other than that she lived with the other two. All three were beatified by Leo XIII in 1891.

Jun-10 Bl. John Dominici (1357-1419)AKA "John Dominic", Italian, Archbishop of Ragusa, cardinal, renowned diplomat, educator.

Jun-12 Bl. Stephen Bandelli (1369-1450)Italian, priest, famous preacher, patron of Saluzzo, town in NW Italy.

Jun-18 Bl. Hosanna of Mantua (1449-1505)Italian, virgin, celebrated mystic, author, adviser to lawmakers, Lay Dominican.

Jun-20 Bl. Margaret Ebner (1291-1351)German, virgin, nun, well-known mystic of the "Golden Age" of German mysticism, friend of Tauler.

Jun-23 Bl. Innocent V (1224-1276)AKA "Peter of Tarentaise", French, pope (1276, first Dominican pope), scholar, administrator, Archbishop of Lyons.

## July

- Jul-4 Bl. Pier-Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) Italian, as a Tertiary took the name Bro. Jerome after Fra Savonarola, whom he venerated as a saint, popular among his peers, ardent athlete, tireless servant of the poor, apostle to his fellow university students in Turin, he died after 6 days with polio.
- Jul-7 Bl. Benedict XI (1240-1304) AKA "Nicholas Boccasini", Italian, pope (1303- 1304, second Dominican pope), 9th Master of the Order, Bishop of Ostia, diplomat.
- Jul-8 Bl. Adrian Fortescue (1476-1539) English, husband and father, cousin of Anne Boleyn, martyred by Henry VIII, Lay Dominican.
- Jul-9 St. John of Cologne and Companions (+1572) [M] German, parish priest, martyred with 18 companions at Gorkum, Holland, by Calvinists, patron of Dominican priests in parochial ministry.
- Jul-13 Bl. James of Voragine (1226-1298) Italian, Archbishop of Genoa, hagiographer, author of the famous *Legenda Aurea* (The Golden Legend).
- Jul-17 Bl. Ceslaus Odrowatz (c.1180-1242) Polish, priest, brother of St. Hyacinth (Aug. 17), one of first Dominicans, missionary.
- Jul-22 St. Mary Magdalen (1st cent.) [M] Jewish, dear friend of our Lord, "Apostle to the Apostles" because to them she proclaimed (i.e. preached) the resurrection of Christ, mirroring the mission of all Dominicans; therefore secondary co-patroness of the Order (see May 8) with St. Catherine of Alexandria (Nov. 24).
- Jul-24 Bl. Jane of Orvieto (1264-1306) Italian, virgin, worker among the poor, Lay Dominican. Bl. Augustine of Biella (c.1430-1493) Italian, priest, preacher, reformer, friend of the poor.
- Jul-27 Bl. Robert Nutter Martyr

## August

- Aug-2 Bl. Jane de Aza (+1205) Spanish, mother of our Holy Father Dominic (May 24 and Aug. 8) and of Bl. Mannes (Aug. 18), housewife.
- Aug-3 Bl. Augustine Kazotic (1260-1323) Croatian, priest, preacher, administrator, Bishop of Zagreb, later of Lucera.
- Aug-8 OUR HOLY FATHER DOMINIC (1170-1221) [S] or [M] AKA "The Apostolic Father", saint, Spanish, priest, scholar, ascetic, mystic, apologist, innovator, miracle-worker, laid foundation for the Rosary, founder of the Order of Preachers, eloquent preacher, Church appointed patron of the Order, of astronomers, of the Dominican Republic, and of religious priests as St. John Vianney is of diocesan priests. Can. 1234.
- Aug-9 Bl. John of Salerno (1190-1242) Italian, priest, early Dominican, close friend of St. Dominic, preacher, noted confessor.
- Aug-14 Bl. Aimo Taparelli (1395-1495) Italian, married, later priest and famed preacher, inquisitor.
- Aug-15 ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M. [S] Traditionally, the Order celebrates this as its special day of thanks to Our Lady with processions.

Aug-17 St. Hyacinth Odrowatz (1187-1257) [M]Polish, priest, brother of Bl. Ceslaus (July 17), one of first Dominicans, founder of the Polish Province, missionary to Slavs and Nordics, Church appointed patron of Poland, canonized 1594.

Aug-18 Bl. Mannes (+1236)Spanish, priest, brother of St. Dominic, preacher through out Spain, director of nuns.

Bl. George Thomas Rehm (1752-1794) & 63 Companions Priest, Alsatian of the Province of France, and companions were martyrs of the Diocese of La Rochelle during the French Revolution, Rehm beatified by John Paul II 1/10/ 95.

Aug-19 Bl. Jordan of Pisa (1260-1311)Italian, priest, scholar, teacher, eloquent preacher, reformer.

Aug-23 St. Rose of Lima (1586-1617) [M]Peruvian, virgin, great ascetic, Church appointed patroness of South America, first canonized saint of New World 1671.

Aug-26 Bl. James of Bevagna (1220-1301)Italian, priest, strenuous defender of orthodoxy, ascetic.

Aug-28 ST. AUGUSTINE (354-430) [F]North African, Bishop of Hippo, renowned theologian, author of The Confessions and The City of God, author of the Rule adopted by Dominican Order, Father and Doctor of the Church.

## September

Sep-2 Bl. Walter (Guala) of Bergamo (+1244)Italian, early Dominican, friend of St. Dominic, preacher, Bishop of Brescia.

Bl. Ingrid of Skanninge (+1282)Widow, first Swedish Dominican nun, attracted other women to join her, used her inheritance to build for her group the first Swedish Dominican cloistered monastery after overcoming considerable civil and ecclesiastical hurdles both in Sweden and in Rome.

Sep-4 Bl. Catherine of Racconigi (1486-1547)Italian, virgin, ascetic, mystic, Lay Dominican.

Sep-5 Anniversary of Deceased Employees & Benefactors of the Order

Sep-6 Bl. Bertrand of Garrigue (+1230)French, priest, one of the original Dominicans, beloved companion of St. Dominic, ascetic, established the Order throughout France

Bl. Michael Czartorysky (1897-1944)Polish, priest, martyred by the Nazis, beatified 1999. Bl. Julia Stanislava Rodzinska (1899-20 II 1945)Polish, sister, virgin, teacher, administrator; under Nazis continued her apostolates clandestinely; as prisoner in death camp (Stutthof), covertly promoted the Rosary and nursed sick fellow prisoners, mostly Jews; martyr, beatified June 18, 1999.

Sep-18 St. John Macias (1585-1645) [M]Spanish-born Peruvian, cooperater brother, worker among the poor, miracle-worker, friend of St. Martin de Porres (Nov. 3), canonized 1980.

Sep-20 Bl. Mark of Modena (+1498)Italian, priest, studious contemplative whose preaching converted many.

Bl. Francis de Posadas (1644-1713)Spanish, priest, celebrated preacher, reformer, worker among the poor, author.

Sep-22 The 233 Blessed Martyrs of Valencia, Spain All killed for the faith in 1936 by the Communists. Of these, 20 are Dominican priests and brothers, Bl. Jacino Serrano and 19 Companions. Beatified by John Paul II

Sep-24 Bl. Dalmatius Moner (1291-1341) Spanish, priest, ascetic.

Sep-28 Bl. Lawrence of Ripafratta (1373-1456) Italian, priest, eloquent preacher, spiritual director, novice master of St. Antoninus and Bl. Fra Angelico .

The 16 Martyrs of Nagasaki Saints: Lorenzo Ruiz, husband and father, Protomartyr of the Philippines, member of the Rosary Confraternity (+1637); Dominic Ibañez de Erquicia, Spanish (+1633), and James Kyushei Tomonaga, Japanese, and 7 other Dominican priests; 2 Dominican Cooperator Brothers; 2 Lay Dominicans; 2 parishioners of Dominican missions, canonized 1987.

## October

Oct-3 Bl. Dominic Spadafora (1450-1521) Italian, priest, missionary preacher, teacher.

Oct-4 OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226) [F] Italian, saint, deacon, founder of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), preacher, stigmatist, friend of St. Dominic, Church appointed patron of ecologists, merchants, Catholic action; co-patron with St. Catherine of Siena of Italy, canonized 1228.

Oct-5 Bl. Raymond of Capua (c.1330-1399) Italian, priest, 23rd Master of the Order, reformer, confessor and biographer of St. Catherine

Oct-6 Bl. Bartolo Longo (1841-1926) Italian, lawyer, ex-priest of Satan, husband, widower, propagator of the Rosary, catechist, Dominican Laity, founder of orphanage of congregation of Dominican sisters, and of the Shrine of O.L. of Pompeii.

Oct-7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY [F] Because it originates from, and so well amalgamates the spirituality of St. Dominic, the Rosary is a special devotion of the Order. This day recalls its power at the victory of Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571, which that year fell on the first Sunday of the month. In Dominican institutions, the feast is celebrated not on Oct. 7 but on the first Sunday of October and usually includes the distribution of blessed roses and a procession.

Oct-8 Bl. Ambrose Sansedoni (+1287) AKA "Bl. Ambrose of Siena", Italian, priest, fellow student with St. Thomas Aquinas of St. Albert the Great; as a child miraculously cured of congenital deformity; preacher, professor and peace-making diplomat.

Bl. Matthew Carreri (1420-1470) Italian, priest, preacher, greatly devoted to the Passion of Our Lord.

Oct-9 St. Louis Bertrand (1526-1581) [M] Spanish, priest, ascetic, novice master, missionary to South America, Church appointed patron of Colombia and of Dominican novice masters.

Oct-11 Bl. James of Ulm (1407-1491) German, cooperator brother, mystic, designer and maker of beautiful stained glass, whose only extant example is in the Cathedral of Bologna.

Oct-13 Bl. Madeline Panattieri (1433-1503) Italian, virgin, celebrated preacheress, adviser, Lay Dominican.

Oct-14 Bl. Marie Poussepin (1653-1744) Originally a Lay Dominican, then a Sister and foundress, served the youth, the poor and the sick, beatified by John Paul II 20/11/ 94.

- Oct-19 Bl. Agnes of Langéac Foundress, Lay Dominican, beatified by John Paul II 20 /10/ 94.
- Oct-21 Bl. Peter of Citta di Castello (1390-1445) Italian, priest, contemplative, preacher about death.
- Oct-22 DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH [S] Only celebrated in conventual churches whose date of consecration is unknown.
- Oct-25 Bl. Peter Geremia (1399-1452) Sicilian, priest, theologian of repute, ascetic, preacher.
- Oct-26 Bl. Damian of Finale Borgo (+1484) Italian, priest, renowned preacher.
- Oct-27 Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza (1200-1270) Italian, Bishop of Cyprus, later of Vicenza, administrator, founder of a crime-fighting group.
- Oct-28 Ss. SIMON AND JUDE [F] First century Jews, saints, apostles, American Dominicans have a special devotion to St. Jude because he continuously preserves our Houses of Study (seminaries) from desperate financial crises.
- Oct-30 Bl. Benvenuta Boiani (1254-1292) Italian, virgin, cured through the intercession of St. Dominic, extreme ascetic, penitent, experienced visions and diabolic assaults, greatly devoted to Our Lady, Dominican Laity.
- Bl. Terence O'Brien (1600-1651) Irish, bishop, martyr, one of 17 Irish martyrs beatified by John Paul II on 27/11/92.
- Bl. Peter Higgins (1600-1643) Irish, priest, martyr, one of 17 Irish martyrs beatified by John Paul II, 27/11/92

## November

- Nov-1 ALL SAINTS [S]
- Nov-3 ST. MARTIN DE PORRES (1579-1639) [F] Peruvian, first a Lay Dominican then a Cooperator Brother; infirmarian, barber, worker among the poor, remarkable wonder-worker, Church appointed patron of social justice, cooperator brothers, and hair dressers, canonized 1962.
- Nov-5 Bl. Simon Ballacchi (+1319) Italian, cooperator brother, catechist, gardener, blind.
- Nov-6 Bls. Ignatius Delgado, bishop; [M] Francis de Capillas, priest; Alphonsus Navarrete, priest; and Companions, Spanish martyrs of Japan, Vietnam, and China (1614 to 1862), 170 Dominican clerics and Dominican Laity of diverse nationalities are celebrated together.
- Nov-7 ALL SAINTS OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS [F] Priests, Nuns, Cooperator Brothers, Dominican Laity, Sisters
- Nov-8 ANNIVERSARY OF ALL DECEASED DOMINICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS [M] Priests, Nuns, Cooperator Brothers, Dominican Laity, Sisters
- Nov-14 Bl. John Liccio (1426-1511) Italian, priest, preacher, administrator.
- Bl. Lucy of Narnia (1476-1544) Italian, married, virgin, cloistered sister, mystic, stigmatist; lived in obscurity, but made known by miracles at her tomb.

Nov-15 ST. ALBERT THE GREAT (1206-1280) [F]German, Bishop of Ratisbon, now known as Regensburg, in S. Germany, theologian of renown, philosopher, scientist, diplomat, teacher, inventor, teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas, called great already in his lifetime, criss-crossed his diocese on foot and so nicknamed "Doctor Boots" by his contemporaries, "Universal Doctor" of the Church, Church appointed patron of scientists, medical technicians, proclaimed Doctor and thus equivalently canonized 1931.

Nov-19 Bl. John Benefatti (+1332)Italian, Bishop of Mantua, known for his prudent administrative abilities.

Nov-24 [St. Catherine of Alexandria (+310)Egyptian. Virgin, martyr, one of the voices heard by St. Joan of Arc, Church appointed patroness of philosophers, consequently secondary co-patroness of the Order, together with St. Mary Magdalen.

The 117 Martyrs of VietnamSaints: Ignatius Delgado, Spanish, (+1838) and 5 other Dominican bishops; Vincent Liem, Vietnamese, and 15 other Dominican priests (+1773); 3 priests of the Third Order; Dominic An-Kham, Vietnamese, (+1859) and 9 other Lay Dominicans; 24 parishioners of Dominican missions; and 58 others not associated with the Order, canonized 1988.

Nov-25 Bl. Margaret of Savoy (1382-1464)Italian, noblewoman, wife, stepmother, widow, foundress of nunnery, nun, worked for healing of the Great Western Schism, mystic, friend of St. Vincent Ferrer (April 5).

## December

Dec-1 Bl. John of Vercelli (+1283)Italian, priest, 6th Master of the Order, preacher, earnestly promoted devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus in consequence of the commission to do so given him and the Order by Pope Gregory X in implementation of the Second Ecumenical Council of Lyons (1274), at which St. Bonaventure assisted and died, and on the way to which St. Thomas expired, Church appointed patron of the Confraternity of the Holy Name.

Dec-8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY [S]. S

Dec-16 Bl. Sebastian Maggi (1414-1496)Italian, priest, celebrated preacher, reformer, confessor of Fra Girolamo Savonarola, O.P.; Fra. Girolamo was burned at the stake by order of Pope Alexander VI Borgia, 1498, for publicly criticizing the latter's immoral life style.

Dec-22 Anniversary of the Approval of the Order of Preachers (1216).The Dominican liturgical tradition gratefully commemorates Mary's intervention in starting and protecting the Order. Appropriate intercessions should be made at the prayer of the faithful in the Mass and the Divine Office.

Dec-24 [Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord.]

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## Latest Dominican Saint

Mother Ascension Nicol (Florentina) Goni, of Tafalla, Spain, (14 March 1868–24 February 1940) Was inspired to become a nun by the example of the Dominican sisters who taught her in school. At the age of seventeen, she entered a Dominican convent, and became a teaching sister herself. After serving in this capacity for twenty-eight years, she volunteered for a mission in Peru, where a local bishop was in need of missionary sisters to catechize the people living in the Peruvian forest. Following their arrival in Lima, Peru, Sister Ascension and the other nuns accompanying her made a dangerous journey across the Andes and along treacherous rivers to reach their final destination. The nuns founded a girls' school and nursed the sick. Upon the request of the Dominicans' master general, Sister Ascension co-founded with the local bishop a new congregation, the Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Rosary, 15th October 1918. Today we are present in 21 countries with 144 communities, 785 number of sisters with 24 nationalities. Our presence is found in: Angola, Australia, Bolivia, Cameroon, Chile, China Continent, Democratic Rep. of Congo, East Timor, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Spain, and Taiwan. As the first superior of this institute, Mother Ascension was sustained by deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. Beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on May 14, 2005.

# The Dominican Family Celebrates

66 male saints	(54 martyrs)
8 female saints	(2 martyrs)
177 male blesseds	(117 martyrs)
31 female blesseds	(5 martyrs)

**282 altogether**

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The mother of St Dominic

204 friars

14 nuns

5 sisters

33 Dominican Lay men

20 Dominican Lay women

4 with other Dominican connections

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3 popes

16 bishops

2 doctors of the church

7 masters of the Order