



Why Dominican?

Study Guide for Candidacy Module 1:

History and Traditions of the Order of Preachers

The purpose of the Candidacy phase of formation is to provide individuals with an opportunity to participate in continued discernment to Dominican life as a layperson. Essential to this process is a fundamental understanding of the History and Traditions of the Order.

PRAYER / CONTEMPLATION

In your prayer time, ask God to reveal experiences and traditions from your own life that helped you become the person you are today. Make a list of these experiences and bring them with you to the next gathering.

STUDY

Peruse various available books, articles, and web sites about the History of the Dominican Order such as <http://opcentral.org/resources/2012/08/18/the-dominicans-a-short-history/>

Select an appropriate topic and make notes in preparation for an in-session discussion of the history of the Order.

COMMUNITY

At this point, you are a member of the Order of Preachers and part of a growing community of laypersons sharing a common journey. As you reflect on your own personal traditions, consider how you are incorporating Dominican traditions into your daily life.

APOSTOLATE

Part of belonging to a community is not only what you receive, but also what you can share with the other members. Consider how your unique gifts can be shared with the community to enhance its own history and traditions.