



# Why Dominican?

## **Study Guide for Inquiry Module 10: Basic Study of the Lay Provincial Directory**

The purpose of the Inquiry phase of formation is to provide individuals an opportunity to begin discerning a vocation to the lay Dominican life. Essential to living this active contemplative life is a fundamental understanding of the Lay Provincial Directory and how it dictates the living of the Rule in the particular province in which you live.

### **PRAYER/CONTEMPLATION**

In your journal, note the various topics that make an impression on you as you read through the assignment. In praying and journaling, ask yourself if the directions given by the Directory are reasonable ways to live the intent of the Rule. If there are things that you question, make note and be prepared to discuss these items at the next gathering.

### **STUDY**

Visit the web site of your lay province and read through the Lay Provincial Directory. The web site for the Southern Dominican Lay Province is accessible at [www.southerndominicanlaity.org](http://www.southerndominicanlaity.org).

### **COMMUNITY**

Dominican Community is a critical component in the effectiveness of the governance of the lay province. Keep the qualities fostered in such a Community in mind as you learn how this governance of the lay province becomes reality through the Lay Provincial Directory.

### **APOSTOLATE**

You can only preach effectively what you live authentically. Reflect on where you personally stand in being able to live by the spirit and rules of the Directory. How do you feel your group/chapter and lay province “walk the talk” of the spirit and rules of the Directory? How might discrepancies be addressed?