



# Why Dominican?

## Study Guide for Inquiry Module 7:

### Dominican Community

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 the process is a fundamental understanding of community and how that is lived in its fullest as a Dominican.

#### PRAYER/CONTEMPLATION

Continue to journal as you read and pray. Your journal is a safe place to be completely honest with how you feel; this is essential to productive discernment. As you read, note particular thoughts concerning community that make an impression on you. How is this definition of community different than your understanding prior to this study session? What are the challenges you anticipate in incorporating this part of the active contemplative life into your own? Ask God to instill an understanding of biblical community within you.

#### STUDY

Read the following:

- *Dominican Laity / 2000*, Chapter 6

#### COMMUNITY

Ask God to help you begin to see the other members of the group as brothers and sisters with whom you will form community.

#### APOSTOLATE

What opportunities for holy preaching has God revealed to you? In what ways might the community support these preaching opportunities? Try to identify common interests that you share with other members of the group and reflect on how those interests might be channeled to grow into a possible group apostolate.