



# Why Dominican?

## **Study Guide for Inquiry Module 8: Dominican Apostolate/Mission/Preaching**

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 this process is a fundamental understanding of the apostolate/mission of the Order and how each person as well as each group/chapter fulfills this mission.

### **PRAYER/CONTEMPLATION**

At this point, journaling should be getting easier and more routine for you. As you gain insight as to the overall activities of the Order, continue to make notes on areas of interest that make an impression on you. In what ways can you see yourself becoming part of this mission? Ask God to enlighten you as to how you might participate in the mission of the Order. Be prepared to discuss your impressions at the next gathering.

### **STUDY**

Read the following:

- [Praying with Dominic](#), pp.84-116
- [Dominican Laity / 2000](#), chapters 4-5
- “The Ministry of the Word” taken from “Dominican Spirituality” by Benedict M. Ashley OP available at: [www.op.org.domcentral/study/ashley/domspir.htm](http://www.op.org.domcentral/study/ashley/domspir.htm)

### **COMMUNITY**

Be prepared to take a listening heart with you to the study session. Participants will be providing an unguarded look into issues about which they feel passionate. This will be an excellent opportunity to discover both some character traits and priorities of those with whom you are forming community.

### **APOSTOLATE**

Bring in a newspaper article that reflects a sign of the times and an area in which an apostolate/mission/preaching might be directed. Be prepared to express your personal views on the issue you have chosen.