



Why Dominican?

Study Guide for Inquiry Module 9: Basic Study of the Rule

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 Rule of Life for Lay Dominicans.

PRAYER/CONTEMPLATION

Ask God to conform your will to His as you read through the assignment. As you read, note the various topics that make an impression on you in your journal. In praying and journaling, ask yourself if the direction given by the Rule is something comfortable to you, something that you truly believe you can gradually incorporate into your daily life.

STUDY

The new English translation of the Rule for Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic is available by searching for “Rule” at www.op.org. The text includes a brief history of the Rule, the Rule in Latin, and, in Part V, the English translation. Read through the Rule. If there are things that you question, make note of them in your journal and be prepared to discuss these items at the next gathering.

COMMUNITY and APOSTOLATE

These aspects of Dominican life will be apparent to you as you read through the Rule.