

**BLESSED SACRAMENT MONASTERY LAY DOMINICANS  
PROVINCE OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, U.S.A. FAR-MI  
FRATERNITY MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 2025**

**Attendance:** Maria Dyer, O.P., Vyvian Gorbea-Oppliger, O.P., Brenda Hayes, O.P., Rocio Hopkins, O.P., Ellen Licavoli, O.P., Zachary McAllister, O.P., Jan Wicks, Christine Hoeft-Loyer, O.P., Christopher Sas, O.P., Gregg Nannini, Mary Kay McClorey, O.P.

**Excused:** Ed Kolodziej O.P., Bill Loeber, O.P., Cheryl Beckman, O.P., Pat Shea, O.P., Ed Shea, O.P., Dave McDonald, O.P.

**Absent:** Elizabeth Petzer

**Visitor:** Aprill Ebejer

**Opening Prayer:** Christine Hoeft-Loyer, O.P. led us in prayer to honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May.

**Divine Office:** Liturgy of the Hours, Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Vice- President's Comments:** Christine Hoeft-Loyer, O.P. welcomed everyone and thanked the group for all their help with packing lunches for God's Favor today.

**Old Business:**

The **minutes** were read by Ellen Licavoli, O.P.

The **treasurer's report** was read by Zachary McAllister, O.P.

**Preaching Schedule:** May: Maria Dyer, O.P.; May; September: Christopher Sas, O.P.

**Nursing Conference July 11-13:** The following members have signed up to be present at a table:

**July 11:**

12-1 Jan Wicks, Maria Dyer, O.P.

1-2 Jan Wicks, Maria Dyer, O.P.

2-3 Christine Hoeft-Loyer, O.P.

3-4 C. Hoeft-Loyer, O.P.

4-5 Christopher Sas, O.P.

**July 12:**

5-9 Breakfast—Jan Wicks

9-10 Christine Hoeft-Loyer, O.P.

10-11 Christine Hoeft-Loyer, O.P.

11-12 Christopher Sas, O.P.

**Day of Recollection:** Christine Hoeft-Loyer, O.P. said that all was set for our Day of Recollection on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> with Father Samuel Hakim, O.P.

**Pilgrimage for 2025:** The Chapter decided on the Blessed Solanus Casey Center for the Pilgrimage visit.

The Chapter is leaning toward a September date but that has yet to be determined.

\*\*\*Note: Ed Shea, O.P., mentioned at April 13 meeting that he has a meeting with Capuchin priest Father David Preuss from the Blessed Solanus Casey Center and will give a report. Report pending Ed's return from Virginia.

**Picnic at Heritage Park:** Discussion was held on whether to have a potluck instead of a barbeque. Most would like a pot-luck. There is no word on whether the Ann Arbor chapter will be joining us. We decided to finalize planning at our lunch on June 22.

The following members have signed up to attend the picnic:

Christine Hoeft-Loyer, O.P., Jan Wicks, Christopher Sas, O.P., Vyvian Gorbea Oppliger, O.P., and Maria Dyer, O.P.

### **New Business:**

**Feast of Corpus Christi:** June 23 at 11:00 am at the Monastery. Lunch will follow at John Cowley and Sons Irish Restaurant and Pub, 33338 Grand River, Farmington, 38446, 248-474-5941. It is located in the area of Grand River and Farmington Roads. Google johncowleyandsons.com for complete directions.

Those who signed up to attend are:

Christine Hoeft-Loyer, O.P., Zachary McCalister, O.P. Jan Wicks, Christopher Sas, O.P., Ellen Licavoli, O.P., Vyvian Gorbea Oppliger, O.P., Maria Dyer, O.P. *If anyone else would like to attend but has not yet signed up, please contact Pat Shea, O.P. so that she can add you to the reservation.*

**Preaching:** Maria Dyer, O.P. gave a beautiful reflection on Mary, our Mother and the love all Dominicans have for her.. Christopher Sas, O.P. will preach in September.

**Chapter Study:** Vyvian Gorbea Oppliger, O.P., led the discussion accompanied by the written questions provided by Vyvian on Chapters 10 and 11 of our book, “The World’s First Love: Mary Mother of God”, Fulton J. Sheen. Our discussion in September will continue with Chapter 12, 13 and 14, led again by Vyvian.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

Feast of Corpus Christi: Sunday, June 22, at 11:00 am Mass at Monastery, lunch following at John Cowley and Sons.

Nursing Conference: July 11-13, Madonna University.

Fraternity Picnic: July 20, 1:00 pm, Heritage Park, Farmington Hills

Lay Dominican Retreat: August 15-17, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

### **Preaching Schedule:**

September—Christopher Sas, O.P.

October—Ed Shea, O.P.

November—Mary Kay McClory, O.P.

December—Vyvian Gorbea-Opliger, O.P.

### **Closing Prayer:** O Lumen

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ms. Ellen Licavoli, O.P.  
Chapter Secretary

## **GOD’S FAVOR APOSTOLATE MAY 18, 2025**



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