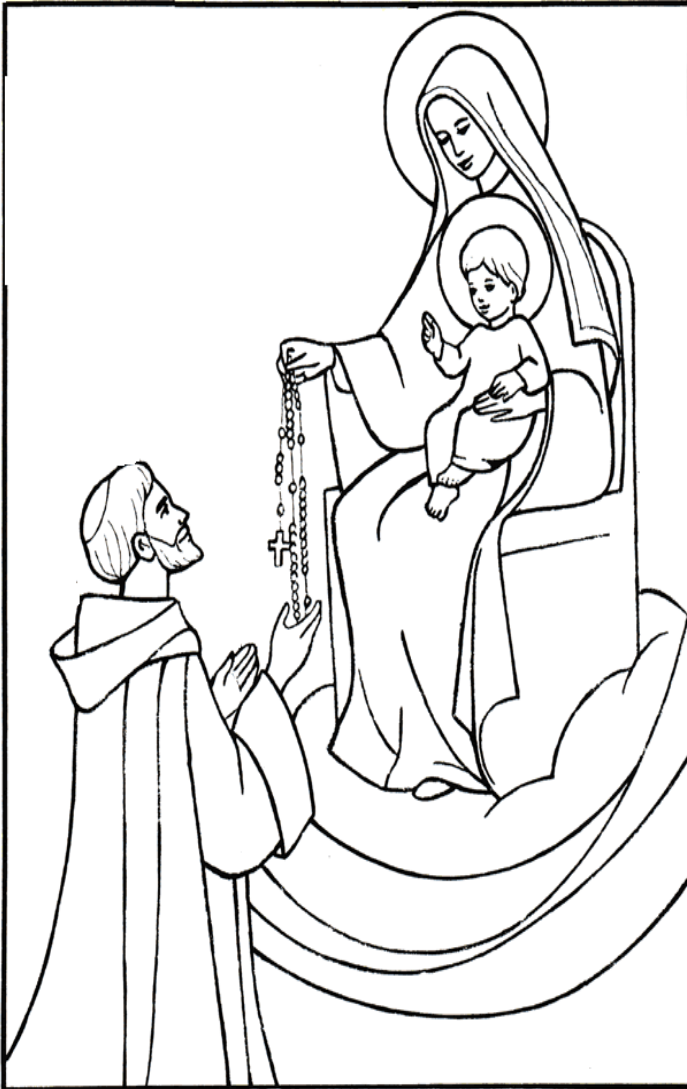




## ST. DOMINIC DE GUZMAN FEAST DAY: AUGUST 6



St. Dominic was born in 1170 in Castile, Spain to a well-respected couple. Before Dominic was born, his mother went on a pilgrimage to the Abbey at Silos. There she dreamed that a dog leaped from her womb and set the earth on fire with a torch. Dominic grew up to love God and his neighbor. He was ordained and in 1194, he was appointed the Canon of Regular to a religious community that followed the rule of St. Benedict.

In 1208, Dominic exercised his priestly ministry in the southern region of France called Languedoc. It was in this region that St. Dominic came in contact with the Albigensian heresy teaching against the church. St. Dominic at first had little success: but one day, complaining of this in pious prayer to our Blessed Lady, she replied to him, saying: 'Wonder not that you have obtained so little fruit by your labors, you have spent them on barren soil, not yet watered with the dew of Divine grace. When God willed to renew the face of the earth, He began by sending down on it the fertilizing rain of the Angelic Salutation. Therefore, preach my Psalter composed of 150 Angelic Salutations and 15 Our Fathers, and you will obtain an abundant harvest.' Mary taught him the current form of the Rosary, praying a decade for key mysteries of the life of Jesus. Dominic preached the Rosary as Mary taught and had great success converting the heretics.

St. Dominic de Guzman died in **Bologna** on 6 August 1221, surrounded by the love of his brothers. He was canonized in 1234.

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