

Study Questions for Dominican Laity Candidates

Meeting 3 – November

Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments. *Ritual Order for the Reception and Profession into Clerical or Lay Fraternities of Saint Dominic*, 1998. Promulgated by Timothy Radcliffe, OP, 1999, pp. vii-ix; xiv; and pp. 7-28.

Code of Canon Law (1983): Applicable canons from “Associations of the Christian Faithful” (#298, 301, 303-306).

Selections from the *Rule and Directory of the Southern Province* (2016)

- I - Letter of Father Kammler, Oct 2007
- II – Historical Development of the Rule (p. 6)
- III – Decrees of Cardinal Hamer & Master General Fr. Damian Byrne, OP (pp 7-8)
- IV – General Declarations of the rule of the Lay Fraternities (1987), (pp 13-16)

Saint: Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati <http://www.nashvilledominican.org/community/our-dominican-heritage/our-saints-and-blesseds/bl-pier-giorgio-frassati/>

1. Describe the special character of the Lay Dominican promise as stated in the Ritual Order and the earliest statutes. (Ritual Order p 2 Part II #4 and p 3 #7)
2. How does a lay person become a member of the Order of Preachers? (Ritual Order p 7 Ch. 1 #1)
3. How is the local chapter connected to the Dominican Order? To the Universal Church? (Ritual Order p viii and xiv and p 7)
4. How is the rite or act of profession an ecclesial action? (Ritual Order p viii Letter of Promulgation)

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5. Why does the Church hold the importance of the Rite of Profession within the Mass? (Ritual Order p 21)
 - a. What is the significance in using the rite of sprinkling with holy water? (p 22)
 - b. What is the significance of the lighted candle during the Rite of Profession? (p 23)
6. According to Canon Law, Lay Associations are a public association with ecclesiastical authority. As a member of the Order of Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, how can I better live out a “more perfect life” in Christ? (Code of Canon Law 301)
7. Explain the historical development of the Rule of Lay Dominican Fraternities. (Rule, 2016 p 6)
8. “What was there about this young person – fun-loving, energetic, forthright in his convictions – that provides youth today with encouragement in their own search for goodness and truth?” (Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati from Sisters of St. Cecilia)