Study Questions for Dominican Laity Candidates

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1. Did the statutes of these early groups of Lay Dominicans bind under pain of sin? (Tugwell)

2. What are some of the similarities and differences of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic from the earliest days to today? (Tugwell)

3. Selections from the constitutions of two early groups of Lay Dominicans are given. (Tugwell)
    a. Why were these groups founded?

    b. How does it compare with the present circumstances in your chapter/group or with other chapters with which you are familiar?

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4. How did St. Dominic's poverty inspire or penetrate into his prayer life? (Murray and Excerpts from Canonization Proceedings)

5. What are some ways that I can deepen my life of prayer? In what ways can I imitate Saint Dominic's prayer?

6. Describe some of St. Dominic's virtues. How can I imitate these same virtues in my own life? (Murray and Excerpts from Canonization Proceedings)

7. Comment on some of the early Dominicans and how they lived a life of the Beatitudes with evangelical joy. (Muray)

8. Describe the purpose in the Dominican call of the founding of the Lay Fraternities with the practice of the works of mercy and the care of the poor. (Tugwell)

9. What are some ways that Jordan of Saxony influenced the growth of the Order in its infancy and also in our own times? (Jordan of Saxony)