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## Forming Intentional Disciples



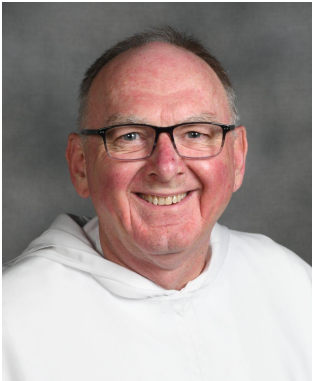
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# Pastor Again: The First 175 Days

By Fr. Peter Rogers, O.P.



After 5 ½ months, or about 175 days, since I became pastor of St. Dominic's on October 1, 2022, I have thought about my experience in these last months. To return to St. Dominic's after having been called away from my first assignment at St. Dominic's from 2010 to 2015 has been for me like coming back

home. I truly feel at home here at St. Dominic's. Why is that? Because you all welcomed me back so warmly and lovingly.

When I arrived in October, I realized that my first task would be to complete the fund-raising that Fr. Roberto had begun, to raise \$1,130,000, to achieve our goal in the Archdiocesan campaign, "Called to Renew, ". Through your amazing generosity, we raised \$1,776,357.92! We now have available to us to repair and update aspects of our facilities \$1,211,357. These funds will be made available to us as you continue to generously make your pledge payments over the next five years. We are working to begin some of these projects, particularly repairing the church dome roof and renovating the church bathrooms. These projects must be approved by the Archdiocese building committee. Once we receive approval we will begin. Thank you all so much for supporting this campaign which will help us to repair our facilities.

That project consumed my time and energy for my first three months. Now the Parish Pastoral Council is working with me to develop and implement a plan for parish discipleship. We are reading together, *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, by Sherry Weddell. Each month we discuss a couple of chapters and develop a list of ideas for discipleship formation programs we will implement in the parish. This will be a project that takes us through this June, and our goal is to implement at least one formation project in the Fall of this year. The theme for our mission at St. Dominic's is Spiritual Renovation. Not only do many of our facilities need renovation, but our spirituality and Catholic faith need renovation also, and that renovation leads to discipleship.

Fr. Francis, Fr. Isaiah, and I meet nearly every week, to discuss and plan the events that are in the near and distant future, especially those events of ministry in the parish. Part of our meetings includes looking ahead at the readings for the next few Sundays. We read them

together and look for a common thread that connects the readings for the next few Sundays. We discuss what the main preaching points could be for each Sunday and we work to build on each other's homilies week-by-week to show how the readings connect and build on each other. We want to provide you with insights to Scripture that relate to our daily lives and how we are called to grow in our faith and to live our faith in our daily lives.

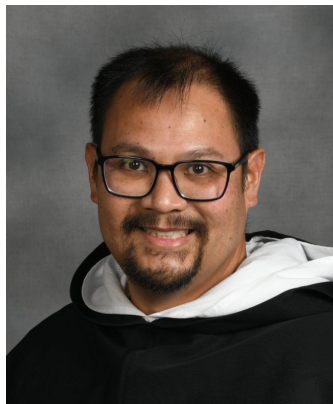
I am very excited about the direction we are going in our mission for St. Dominic's. I am so happy to have been able to return here for my second time as Pastor, and I love being here with all of you. Thank you for your generosity, your love, and your support as we journey together in following Jesus to become true disciples of Jesus. God bless you all.

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The book cover features a dark red background with the title "FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES" in large, white, serif capital letters. Below the title is a photograph of a glowing cross made of wooden beams. The bottom half of the cover is a yellow band with the subtitle "The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus" in a dark green, serif font. At the very bottom, the author's name "Sherry A. Weddell" is written in white, serif font on a dark red rectangular background.

# Novices Visit

By Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, O.P.



On February 3-7, Saint Dominic's Priory and Church had the privilege of receiving special guests! Father Anthony Rosevear and our four Dominican Novices visited us as the first stop on their Tour of the Southern Territory of our Western Dominican Province. The Novices shared their vocation stories at the Sunday

Masses, broke bread with our Dominicans Fathers and Brothers, visited Saint Dominic's School and visited the Monastery of the Angels.

The Novitiate Year is the first year for young men who seek and discern to be Dominican Brothers and Priests. Formation is eight years long. The man, once he had received the habit of the Dominicans, is called a Novice. Here, they receive their title ("Brother"), possibly a new religious name, and the ability to discern and live the Dominican way of life. The Novice Year is a discernment year, where, in a limited way, the Novices brothers live the Dominican Life to see if it is a good fit, to see if the Holy Spirit is truly calling him to this particular way towards holiness.

The Novice Tour was instituted over 40 years ago. This was a way for our Novice Brothers to encounter the Province as the whole, the ministries we serve, and the Brothers whom they may vow their lives to.

For us Dominicans here in Eagle Rock, it is an edifying and challenging message to us as we encounter our Novice Brothers. Firstly, it reminds us that the Holy Spirit still works actively within the young Church, calling young men and women to a peculiar and wonderful way of life. This reminds us old guys—Brother Xavier Marie, not so much—to remember the ideals that compelled us to discern and enter the Order, and to renew that Novice Spirit within us. Secondly, it reminds us—and I would imagine, our parish too!--that Saint Dominic's in Eagle Rock isn't some oasis in the middle of Southern California. Saint Dominic's South is part of a greater Dominican project, all of our ministries and Brothers together to renew and reinvigorate the Word of God to the entire West Coast. It reminds the Novices, our Brothers in Eagle Rock, our parishioners and students at the school that we Dominicans are not merely parish priests in white—that we belong to a greater Dominican project "To Praise, To Bless, To Preach" that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Dear friends, may we gather our prayers to pray for our Novices Brothers: Brother Paul, Brother Anthony Michael, Brother Alphonsus, and Brother Thomas Maria.

*Let us pray for vocations together:*

*Lord Jesus, moved by the urgent need of priests, religious and apostles, and following Thy recommendation to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to work for the salvation of souls, we implore Thee, through the intercession of Thy Most*



*Holy Mother Mary, Virgin Immaculate and Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and also through the intercession of Dominic the Holy Patriarch, to increase the number of Friars Preachers.*

*Pour forth into families, colleges and seminaries the precious grace of the apostolic vocation, and enkindle in young hearts the sacred fire of the love of God and of souls. Mayest Thou, Thyself, deign to prepare those whom Thou dost call, and incline them to desire and ask for that grace. Preserve them from sin and the many dangers of their age. Enlighten their minds, purify their hearts, strengthen their wills, aid them to cultivate constantly and diligently the divine seed planted in their souls, and guide them on the upward path of toil and purity that leads to the summit of truth. And as thou, O Mary, Mother of Mercy, didst long ago present thy servant Dominic to Jesus so now offer thy sons to Him each day, and make them worthy of their sublime mission.*

*Obtain for Thy Order faithful followers of its religious traditions, numerous apostles after the heart of their Blessed Father Dominic, holy and zealous for the salvation of souls. Amen.*





## Mission Update

By Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, O.P.

On February 16, Lay Missionary Tricia Bolle took a flight to Hong Kong, where she will minister for the next several months. As you remember, I am the Spiritual Director of the Saint Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society. We train and support lay Catholic men and women to be traditional foreign missionaries in various parts of Asia. In the last newsletter, I told you that Tricia flew to many places in Asia as an assessment trip, visiting all of our mission stations, in order to see which ones are still viable and pliant enough to have us preach the Word Made Flesh.

Tricia flew out this time, focusing her attention on Hong Kong, and possibly, Malaysia. I have a special love for the Church in Hong Kong as well as the territory itself; for I gave missions, retreats, and the Called and Gifted Workshop several times before the pandemic.

As of this writing, Tricia has met with the Bishop of Hong Kong, as well as with the Papal Nuncio (ambassador), and a number of lay leaders. Her focus is to revive the English and Chinese speaking young adult ministries, which have floundered during Covid-19. (To give you some perspective, masks were still mandatory indoors till the last week of February.) She has engaged in hikes, lunchtime lectio divina sessions, theological book studies, and individual counselings.

I invite you to be part of our prayer team for Tricia and our missionary endeavor. Team members are

asked to dedicate one sort of prayer once a week for our mission till the team returns home. If you would like to be part of the prayer team, please email [frisaiah@laymissionary.org](mailto:frisaiah@laymissionary.org). Moreover, we estimate that this mission will cost \$12,000 - \$15,000. Please remember the St Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society in your Lenten Almsgiving at:

<https://www.laymissionary.org/support>.

### ***Prayer of the Saint Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society***

*Lord of All Nations,*

*We thank you for giving us the command to proclaim  
Your message of compassion to all people.*

*Bless all missionaries, called to this unique work  
of proclaiming Your Name to foreign lands.*

*May Your Spirit of Providence be with the St. Francis  
Xavier Lay Missionary Society.*

*Bring them holy men and women dedicated to  
spreading Your good news, the opportunity to do Your  
work and the fortitude & grace to bring Your Name to  
all.*

*Through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.*

# The Greatest Promise

By Br. Xavier Marie



“When I grow up, I will buy you a big house.” There was the big promise of a little boy to his grandfather on a balmy afternoon. The grandfather listened as he carried the child on a bike where there was a little backseat attached. There was silence.

Before his big promise, the child had just repented of his little mischief that morning and apologized for talking back to his grandfather. He was so happy and so proud of himself for humbling his little pride and admitting his faults before his loving grandpa. So excited was he that he went on to make a promise. It was the greatest promise the child had ever made in his life. And he did not even know how he was going to fulfill it. All he knew was that their apartment was tiny, poorly furnished, and his grandfather deserved something better. “Of course, I will figure out a way”, the child thought.

I was that child. And the one to whom I had promised a big house was my grandfather who has just now passed away. Ever since he passed, memories of him have come to me as I pray for the repose of his soul. When I traced his fingerprints on his handiwork—my soul, I could feel the warmth of his loving hands all over. And this story merely reflects one of many touches he had impressed upon my soul.

As I ponder, I realize that our Lord had made a similar promise to his apostles whom he loved before his departure, the promise of a mansion in His Father's house. *“Let not your hearts*

*be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”* (Jn 14:1-3)

Unlike our Blessed Lord, I never fulfilled my promise as I intended. I never bought my grandfather a physical house. Yet, in a mysterious way, as I recall his story, I can almost see him in a brand-new mansion, one not made with human hands, but by the hands of God. It is a new house “bought” by prayers of those whom he had never met. Perhaps it is also by His Divine Providence that I should be called Xavier, which means “*new house.*” In heaven, we will find out if that was my first prophecy, an innocent promise mysteriously fulfilled.

Returning to that balmy afternoon, I saw him as I do even now, as he stepped down from the bike with a smile on his gentle face, as he asked me, “So, what would you like to eat?”

## Br. Xavier Marie's Blog



You're invited to view  
Br. Xavier Marie's  
reflections on blog  
at his new site.

<https://brxmop.blogspot.com/>



## Lenten Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper Fridays

By Joanna Dellosa - Chair, Parish Pastoral Council



The Lenten season was spiced up with the return of Lenten Soup Suppers at the parish after Stations of the Cross on Fridays. The Parish Pastoral Council kicked-off our first rainy Friday of Lent on February 24<sup>th</sup> by leading Stations of the Cross and serving up a storm of homemade Clam Chowder and Tomato Soup by Joshua Daus and Evangeline Booth, and different types of bread all sponsored by Eagle Rock Health.

Warm and hearty soups and lively conversations with fellow parishioners made for an engaging experience. This year's Lenten Soup Suppers were bigger and better than ever before, with the ministries getting involved to create an interactive experience.

Following the Parish Pastoral Council, Light of Jesus sponsored March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Hospitality Ministry covered March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Blessed Sacrament Confraternity, Filipino Ministry, Families and Friends of People with Disabilities, and the Children's Faith Formation teamed up for March 17<sup>th</sup>, the LGBTQ Ministry covered March 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Spanish Ministry sponsored March 31<sup>st</sup> closing out our Lenten Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper Fridays.

Each participating ministry had the opportunity to share their mission and connect with the community with participation of their members during Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper. Attendees enjoyed not only delicious soups and good company, but also had a chance to learn about the different groups that make up the parish and discover new ways to get involved.

But that's not all – our Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers reinforced the Lenten theme of sacrifice and service. Members of the ministries had the chance to make a difference in the community and put their faith into action.

The warm and welcoming atmosphere filled with good food, good company, and opportunities to connect with the community was more than just a meal – it was a chance to engage with the parish and explore what it means to live out one's faith in the world.

Overall, the Lenten Soup Suppers were an exciting and engaging set of events that brought the parish community together during the Lenten season. Attendees left with a sense of fellowship, service, and a full stomach.

With tremendous gratitude, the Parish Pastoral Council is thankful to our team being present at Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper Fridays, Father Peter Rogers for putting the event into motion, and the ministries: Light of Jesus, Hospitality Ministry, Blessed Sacrament Confraternity, Filipino Ministry, Family and Friends of People with Disabilities, Children's Faith Formation, LGBTQ Ministry, and the Spanish Ministry for participating in our Lenten Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross this year.

Next Lent, we would love to have more involvement from ministries who may have wanted to participate this year and were unable to. We will create a sign-up spreadsheet link in January 2024 to provide the dates of the coming Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper Fridays.

We look forward to our spiritual renewal this Lent and moving forward as the liturgical year continues. And, as a council, we plan to create more ways to connect our community together through building relationships, improving our surroundings, and continually making our home welcoming to all!



# HEALTHY SENIORS NEEDED

Are you a Filipino American with high blood pressure?

Azusa Pacific University in collaboration with St. Dominic's Health Ministry is seeking Filipino American men and women (age 50+) for a 12-week study involving high blood pressure and the effects of line dancing on our health. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Felicitas A. dela Cruz today!

## STUDY ELIGIBILITY\*

- Written permission from your doctor/nurse practitioner
- Diagnosed with high blood pressure (HBP), or taking prescriptions for HBP
- Filipino American ethnic heritage
- Ability to walk without assistance
- Age 50+



# LINE DANCING HEALTH STUDY



Contact Us:

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\* Additional qualifications may be required for eligibility.

Participants receive \$25 upon completion of questionnaire and measurements, before and after the study. For additional information, contact Mary Lynne Knighten, Health Ministry Director at: [knightenmarylyne@hotmail.com](mailto:knightenmarylyne@hotmail.com)



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# FFPD MASS

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

**Sunday May 7, 2023**

**3pm • Mass inside the church**

**4pm • Picnic at the Adult Ed. Patio**

Please join us in support of the ministry for Family and Friends of Persons with Disabilities at a special Mass at St. Dominic Church, presided by Pastor Fr. Peter Rogers, O.P.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# Ode to Father Paul Scanlon (On his 80th birthday)

By Emma Guanlao and Norma Abiog

FFPD Ministry - January 19, 2013

Sometime in the year of 1994  
A group of parents bonded more  
Families and Friends of Persons with Disabilities was born  
Inspired by Father Paul Scanlon

Lofty goals, obstacles along the way  
A few were kind but still not swayed  
Challenged and broken.  
How can we be one church, one body, as Jesus says?

Bold and fearless, the parents took heed  
That God gives us people what we need  
St. Dominic's Church - a fertile ground to plant the seed  
By their nourishing and loving, our children blossomed indeed.

As Divine Providence comes along  
We have Father Paul Scanlon to our side he belongs  
Our "mentor", our "support" and our "friend of life long"  
Teaching and inspiring us to believe that in our children nothing is wrong.  
And seeing the face of God in our children to whom the kingdom belongs.

You opened the door wider at St Dominic's Parish  
So our children may be welcomed and be cherished.  
Our Church started glowing and became brighter  
Inclusion was its best in our Parish yonder.

You were proud of us, what we have become  
In this community of Eagle Rock where we began  
Our children included in the regular schools and communities with their peers  
And most of all received their First Holy Communion without fears.

Modeling obedience, you left for another parish  
The love and friendship you left us, we treasured and cherished  
We missed you so, left only with fond memories  
But you have come back, our hearts once more filled with joy and peace.

Father Paul, you are an extraordinary individual to all of us  
And this to you we really must discuss  
You are one true friend sent for us to love  
And our Guardian Angel to guide us from above.

Tonight, Father, we honor you on your 80th birthday  
With lots of great thoughts and endless love to say  
We thank our Heavenly Father for giving you to us  
And for being a part of our woven fabric life to last.

# Life is Precious

By Annette and Ray Manning



Dominique Marie Manning, in the beginning, we found how different you were. We were told that your life would be short, we needed to be ready for the end. We did everything we could to save you. We never wanted to believe any of it. We asked for prayers from all our friends, family, and the church community to save you. For 22 years that was what we thought we were doing. We now realize all along you were here to save us. It is all clear, you were meant to be here to show us what matters most in life. A life of slowing down, enjoying the time we share with our family and friends. To realize life is precious.

As you grew, it became apparent - so many people were drawn to you! They prayed over you, they blessed you and wanted to know all about you. Our Dominique, our angel. We had to share you to spread the love, the goodness, the peacefulness that surrounded you. We had to let others feel the love you gave by being in your presence. You could move their heart without uttering a word. Total strangers would let us know they were praying for Dominique and for our family. She was a magnet for prayers.

I only wish we had more time together. We realized you were on loan from God. From

heaven above, you taught us patience and unconditional love. We had 22 years of battles to try and keep you with us, to love you and care for you like no other. We only wanted to keep you happy and safe with us. We took you everywhere, never leaving you behind.

We knew in our hearts that Dominique was a gift and her time here on earth was limited; we were never prepared to let her go.

The most beautiful image we have of Dominique is that after all these years she is free in a perfect glorified body with Jesus. She is in heaven. I know that my dad and her, and all those who have gone before us, are together in the love of the Lord. I pray one day we will see them again. Our journey with Dominique has made our faith and family stronger. You were meant to be here.

We are forever grateful to the St Dominic Parishioners, our family and friends who supported us. Seeing those who came to her rosary vigil and funeral filled our hearts with love. She will be forever in our hearts. A special thank you to Father Peter for being there for us.



We would like to share the eulogy that was read by Dominique's brother Elias at her funeral...

# *Eulogy for Dominique*

by *Elias Manning*

As I look out at everyone here today gathered to celebrate Dominique's life, I am reminded of one word, love. Throughout all of Dominique's life, she was surrounded by love every minute of the day for twenty-two years. Love from her immediate family, extended family, friends, and everyone who had the privilege of being in her life. Before I continue, I want to thank everyone for being here today to celebrate Dominique's life and everyone who has been so supportive of my family with their love and other kind acts throughout the days prior.

Dominique was born one year and one month after I was born. Some quick information on Dominique is that her favorite color was purple (similar to me), her favorite ice cream flavor was chocolate, her favorite musician was Taylor Swift, her favorite Disney Story was Pinocchio, and she did not like the dark. Some of the places Dominique visited during her lifetime included, but were not limited to; Arizona, Vancouver Canada, Alaska, New Mexico, San Diego, San Francisco, Las Vegas (plenty of times may I add), Mexico, New York (actually going atop the twin towers before 9/11), Reno, Niagara Falls, Mount Rushmore, Hawaii, and even Rome. Her travel was never limited by her wheelchair, for whenever there was a will, there was a way. The way usually being my dad and I lifting Dominique up by her chair and carrying her off in a similar fashion to how I imagine Cleopatra or some other Queen being valeted around. Dominique even had the opportunity to meet both the Dalai Lama and the Pope, covering the bases with not just one, but two important religious leaders.

In many ways, Dominique lived the life of a celebrity. If you ever saw her out, she was never without one of her many pairs of hip sunglasses, many of her clothes were comfortable yet stylish, and she was always surrounded by her entourage. As well as her fashionable taste and company, she was constantly assailed by her fans wishing to say hello to her, especially here at Church. Her "OG" entourage, my mom, my dad, and myself, even developed a system for walking in public .

One person would push her, one would be at the front to clear a path, and one would be at the either side, situation dependent. We even once considered charging for autographs, but Dominique loved her fans and wouldn't allow it. Truly, Dominique was in true form while in Rome. While in the streets of the Vatican city, we had guards pushing people out of the way to make room for Dominique, priests and nuns coming up to pray over her, the Bishop waiting for her arrival, and finally a blessing from the Pope. None of this happened because myself, my mother, or my father were anyone special, but because Dominique WAS someone special, and everyone could so clearly see it. I imagine the treatment is quite the same for Dominique now that she's up in Heaven.

Dominique brought us together and taught us the virtue of patience. She taught us the meaning of love, and she most certainly taught me what it means to be a good person and was and will always be a motivating force in my life to be the best person I can be and to do the most with the gifts I have. Dominique had a different life, but by no means did she live a bad life. She wasn't disabled, she was differently abled. She traveled the world, listened to the latest music, was always doing projects with her teachers, and was never without love. This is a celebration of Dominique and all her life has brought forth for us. Do not feel bad, do not pity, and do not think down on Dominique. Rather, think of all the positive memories and joy that were brought into your life because of Dominique! And most importantly, think of how you may best live your life to the fullest, without hesitation and without wasting any more time. Dominique certainly lived the fullest of lives she could with what time she had here on earth. She had run her course, and like any great actor, knew it was her cue for an exit.

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# Divorce and Navigating the Marriage Tribunal

By Bob Hunt

Divorce happens. The Catholic Church recognizes the need for some people to divorce but things can get complicated if they wish to remarry in the Church or have their second marriage validated by the Church. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has an office known as the Marriage Tribunal which exists to help Catholics annul their prior marriage and become free to remarry in the Church. Our Parish can help anyone who wishes to go through the annulment process.

I have been assisting Parishioners with the annulment process for several years. There are fees involved with the Marriage Tribunal but St. Dominic Parish does not charge you for any assistance we give to you during the process.

It is important to note that the Marriage Tribunal annulment process does not affect the civil divorce and any order, such as child support or custody, from the divorce judgment. The Marriage Tribunal also differs from the Civil Courts in that its review of the prior marriage is primarily based on the paperwork filed and interviews—the divorced parties do not appear together before the Tribunal and are not represented by attorneys.

Some Marriage Tribunal cases are relatively simple. When a Catholic marries there are some general requirements such as exchanging the marriage vows before a Priest, using the proper liturgical form or obtaining a dispensation if necessary. If a Catholic marries outside of the Church or without any needed approvals, the Marriage Tribunal may be able to declare the marriage a nullity.

If the marriage took place in the Church, it is still possible for the Marriage Tribunal to issue an annulment but the review process can be complicated. In simple terms, the Church wedding involves a solemn promise before God that the marriage will endure forever and the union will promote the well-being of the couple. What if there was some problem or defect which prevents one or both of the parties from being able to make such a promise? It is not possible to list all of the various reasons why the Church might find a problem but the Marriage Tribunal focuses on each person's state of mind when they exchanged vows. If the Marriage Tribunal finds that one or both of the parties were not capable of making such a solemn promise, it can issue an annulment of the marriage clarifying the parties' right to remarry in the Church.

If you have been divorced and are considering remarrying, having your current marriage validated or just want a clean slate, we can help you get started with the Marriage Tribunal process. I will meet with you at the Parish Office and go over the Marriage Tribunal process including the particular forms needed for your situation. We also can help while you work through the paperwork. Any discussions are completely confidential. While we help you and mail the forms to the Archdiocese, the decision is solely up to the Marriage Tribunal. If you wish to discuss the annulment process, please call the Parish Office at (323) 254-2519 and we can schedule an appointment.

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## Jesus' Love in Action

Hi, my name is Mary. St. Dominic is the only parish I can remember. We attended Mass at St. Dominic and later I was enrolled at St. Dominic Elementary School. In Third Grade - under Mrs. Morgan's tutorage - we learned the Corporal Works of Mercy. We memorized the words and then discussed what kinds of things third graders could actually do. Splitting your sandwich for a classmate is feeding the hungry. Giving clothes to the SVdP clothing drive is clothing the naked. We were advised that we would need to be older to visit the sick and imprisoned as well as burying the dead. My classmate Richard pointed out that we could bury dead pigeons. Mrs. Morgan patiently explained that much of the Corporal Works of Mercy at St. Dominic were done by the members of the Society which we could join when we were older.

As an adult I wandered into a St. Vincent de Paul meeting and was hooked. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is Jesus' love in action. We actually do hands-on work with those in need. We do home visits in pairs and assess needs. We are empowered to act immediately on some things and consult with the rest of the group on larger actions.

The needs of God's people are many and varied. We have assisted a shockingly beautiful woman who had once been a model who, on a job, jumped from a plane - the parachute failed to open and both of her ankles were severely broken. She regained the ability to walk but not to strut on a catwalk as a model.

Many charities are primarily fundraisers and are known for their dinners and galas. Many faith groups only pray for those in need. "Vinnies" do it all. We meet twice a month - at our meetings we read the Gospel of that Sunday and discuss it. We then discuss any needs or works performed. We end in prayer.

If you wish to make the Corporal Works of Mercy alive in your life - please contact us at [oznamfrederic2@gmail.com](mailto:oznamfrederic2@gmail.com). You can also leave your name and number with your parish office: 323-254-2519.

## School and Family Mass

By Mimie Honda

This school year (2022-2023), our Family Mass resumed after its brief pause during the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 18, 2023, the third and fourth graders with their families were invited to the 5 pm family Mass celebrated by Father Peter. Father Peter welcomed our students, their families, our principal, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. It was nice to have the family mass once again, a way for our school families to come together to celebrate the Eucharist. During the Mass, Father Peter explained that he was wearing a pink (or rose) vestment to celebrate the fourth week of Lent to show joy and love as we anticipate Christ's coming, His Resurrection. The bright color is a reminder for us to be joyful in the midst of penance and anticipation. The Mass was well attended, and students with their families and school staff sat in the front pews. It was then followed by a potluck at the Fr. Paul Scanlon Community Center. Indeed, it was a nice way for our parishioners to get to know our students, their families, and our school staff.

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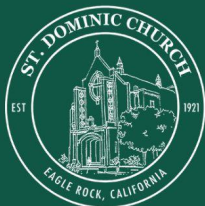
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