

February 18, 2005 - Friday

## Cluster Assembly Opening Ritual

Prayer Leader: Marilyn Mahalic

Conch sounds to call everyone to prayer

**Song:** Coda for *“Journey in Faith”* (English)  
(Knapsacks are danced in and placed in the prayer space;  
a composite picture of our ancestors will be a part of the environment.)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a 'CODA' marking and a G chord. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, C, Am, Dm, G, C, Am, F, Dm, C, Dm, G, Am, C, Dm, G, C, F, Csus, C. The lyrics are: 1. It's a jour-ney in (echo) faith, It's a jour-ney in faith, and the sto-ry con-tin-ues, and the sto-ry con-tin-ues. It's a move-ment in Faith, It's a move-ment in faith, and the sto-ry con-tin-ues and the sto-ry con-tin-ues, It's a and the sto-ry con-tin-ues.

## A Dominican Litany

(melody: John Becker's *Litany of the Saints*)

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All you ho - ly men and wo - men pray for us.

verse 1: *(invocations to our Dominican saints recognized by the Church)*

Dominic and Catherine	...Pray for us.
Thomas, Rose and Raymond	...Pray for us.
Vincent, Reginald and Jane	...Pray for us.
Diane, Martin and Louis	...Pray for us.
Agnes, Albert and Jordan	...Pray for us.
Mary Magdalen and Peter	...Pray for us.
Catherine de Ricci and Juan	...Pray for us.
Pius, Hyacinth and Margaret	...Pray for us.

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verse 2: *(invocations to our saints who are a primary congregational ancestor)*

We call on our ancestors	...Pray for us.
Angela Sansbury	...Pray for us.
Benvin Sansbury	...Pray for us.
Mary John Flanagan	...Pray for us.
Antonina Fischer	...Pray for us.
Mary DeSales Zavodnik	...Pray for us.
Catherine Bostick	...Pray for us.
Beda Schmidt	...Pray for us.

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All you ho - ly men and wo - men pray for us.

verse 3: *(Cluster statement of Dominican Life and Mission)*

We are called by God	...We affirm.
in the spirit and tradition	...We affirm.

of our Dominican Order	... We affirm.
to preach the truth of the Gospel	... We affirm.
and to continue	... We affirm.
the mission of Jesus	... We affirm.
preaching and teaching	... We affirm.
and healing	... We affirm.

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All you ho - ly men and wo - men pray for us.  
*(all sing:)* \*We trust in your pres- ence, Ho- ly Spi- - rit.

verse 4 *(Cluster Statement continued)*

Essential to our response	... We affirm.
to God's call	... We affirm.
is alertness to God's revelation	... We affirm.
through study and search for truth,	... We affirm.
and our commitment to prayer,	... We affirm.
the vowed and common life,	... We affirm.
and a deep conviction	... We affirm.
of our oneness in the Spirit.	... We affirm.

*(all sing:)* \* We trust in your presence, Holy Spi--rit.

verse 5 *(Cluster Statement continued)*

the common life	... We affirm.
and the mission are sustained	... We affirm.
by the presence of the Spirit,	... We affirm.
by companionship and love.	... We affirm.
The mission is directed	... We affirm.
to all the People of God	... We affirm.
especially to all those	... We affirm.
marginalized and oppressed.	... We affirm.

*(all sing:)* \*We trust in your presence, Holy Spi--rit

Proclamation by all: *(Therese goes to the podium and invites everyone to proclaim the statement in affirmation of it together.)*

**We are called by God  
In the spirit and tradition of the Dominican Order  
To preach the liberating truth of the Gospel  
And to continue the mission of Jesus,  
Preaching, teaching, and healing.**

**Essential to our response to God's call  
Is alertness to God's continuing revelation through  
Study and the search for truth,  
Contemplative and liturgical prayer,  
The vowed and common life,  
And a deep conviction of our unity in the Holy Spirit.**

**The common life and the mission are sustained  
By the presence of the Spirit,  
By companionship and mutual love.**

**The mission is directed to all the People of God,  
Especially to those who are marginalized and oppressed.**

*Song: Coda for **Journey in Faith** in English (see p. 1)*



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