

Cluster Dominican Life & Mission Response Sheets

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- Called by God to Preach the Gospel in collaboration with others (2)
- The Dominican Charism is alive in each one of us because we are called by God
- Justice is constitutive of Preaching - the Gospel pushed us to serve.
- To preach the Gospel includes preaching through our relationships, especially with the marginalized
- To unleash the liberating powers of TRUTH - to seek & be & speak the Truth involves risk (2)
- Rooted in contemplative prayer and study & in our relationships with one another (common life)
- We are missioned to preach the liberating Word of the Gospel within the Church and to those marginalized in society
- In the spirit of Dominic and Catherine, we continue the mission of Jesus (to preach, to teach, to heal) through our joyful lives of prayer, study, and community
- ITINERANT, PROPHETIC, RELATIONAL
- We, women of the Beatitudes, are led by the Spirit beyond the boundaries of complacency with an itinerant spirit. We address the signs of the times by transforming oppressive structures and through the preaching of our lives and our words.
- At the heart of prayer are liberating relationships
- It is God's mission not ours.
- Truth is multi-dimensional
- Transforming – less of me/more of us (collaboration, healing)
- Dynamic dialogue and relationships
- Women of contemplation and study impelled to action.
- Obediently listen to and respond to the signs of our times
- Spirit of joy and hope
- Generous sharing of our Dominican Charism with all people
- Responsible members of our Earth community
- Grounded in and enriched by the Word of God
- The Dominican Cluster, rooted in the Gospel and the needs of our day, pledge ourselves to renewed simplicity and itinerancy.
- In today's world Dominican life and mission are one.
- Reconfiguration is about Dominican mission. Because our bonds are worldwide, we commit to a global outlook. We choose to seek truth in the risk-filled spirit of our heritage.
- Non-violence – the preaching leads the preacher to a new level of non-violence
- For the sake of the mission
- Holy Preaching – not our words but our beings
- Open to surprises of the Spirit – listening deeply
- Eucharist is transformative
- Support of community for preaching
- Importance of contemplation – to speak what is in our hearts
- Unity in diversity

- Ecumenical emphasis – signs of the times but inter-faith images
- Our ongoing search for truth; our dedication to prayer, study & contemplation; and our life shared in community, enables us to BE the Holy Preaching.
- Our common life and our life of reflection leads us to reach out to others in the Holy Preaching sharing what we have and accepting people as they are. The Dominican Charism extends beyond us and includes others with whom we work and minister. All is part of the Paschal Mystery.
- Dominicans have a fundamental call to be Preachers. This call is nurtured through community and prayer. Preaching can lead to healing and a deepening sense of God and a commitment to justice.
- Dominican Life and Mission is responding to God through ministry to people by prayer, preaching, support and hospitality. Mission is making the world a better place.
- The purpose of the Dominican Order is to be prayerful religious in order to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The means for this life and mission are the three vows, Eucharistic/contemplative, liturgical prayers, study of Sacred Scripture, and community life.
- Dominican life rooted in the Gospel of Jesus calls us to continue the Mission by preaching, teaching, and healing with a deep underlying consciousness for all creation
- Embracing the four pillars of Dominican life, we live our lives for mission
- As Dominican women we are called to give and *receive the Gospel message of love and compassion with a joyful spirit as we seek truth through communal life, prayer, study and service. *Those who speak to us are high school students, divorcees, college faculty, associates and laity.
- We, as Dominican Women, using our gifts, continue to ministry of Jesus Christ. We spread the Gospel in the spirit of Dominic by our commitment to the Dominican pillars of study, prayer, community, and ministry. (3)
- To search for truth through prayer and study
- To preach the Gospel message by its “good news” wherever we are.
- Guided by the Holy Spirit and the charism of Dominic and Catherine, we will respond to the signs of the times both within and outside our Congregation and work toward the removal of oppressive structures.
- Dominican Life and Mission “can happen” every time we meet another person. If it doesn’t, why not? Prayer is essential in order to preach the gospel not only in word but by example in our daily encounters with others.
- We are called by God to preach the Gospel through lives ordered for the Mission. Prayer is essential to the Mission. Community is essential to living our daily lives as Dominicans.
- Called by God to a consecrated life to continue the mission of Jesus by ministering in a pioneering spirit – prayer & study are essential; trust in divine providence; mindful of the marginalized and oppressed.
- As disciples of Jesus, our witness to the Good News, by word and deed, opens us to others and others to us in hospitality, trust and healing. Our lived experience and living experiences, faithfulness to the Eucharist, contemplative prayer, study and faithfulness to our vowed Dominican life opens us to continued hearing God’s call in the circumstances of our lives.

- As retired Sisters we feel that our communal mission at this time is to be a witness of Dominican way of common life by our prayer. We celebrate the living out of our Dominican life especially at jubilee time, as well as, funerals and feast days. We preach the Good News by our love of the Eucharist and each other and by our love for study, continuing the mission of Jesus.
- By a personal life enriched by contemplative prayer, we in a joyous spirit search for truth by the example of our lives.