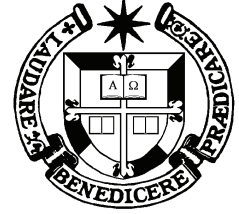


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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When I first told friends and family that I had been appointed as Executive Director of the Dominican Ecclesial Institute, people would often give responses like "That sounds great; but just what is a Dominican Ecclesial Institute?" Being fairly familiar with the work of D+E+I at the time, I would usually start explanations saying "Well it's kind of like..."; "Its sort of a..."; "It works along the lines of ..." I soon realized that this was a problem and set out in my mind to clarify the name's actual meaning.



Without boring everyone to tears or upsetting my Latin tutors, I can briefly say that "Dei" in Latin can have two meanings, one which is relevant, the other which is not. Grammatically, it can be a genitive singular meaning "Of God"; this is the meaning we want to emphasize. (The other meaning is a nominative plural meaning "Gods," which is not relevant here.)

So the name "D+E+I," "Of God," is a good start. Now, what about "Dominican," "Ecclesial," and "Institute?" Each of the terms deserves an explanation.

"Dominican" pertaining to St. Dominic de Guzman and/or his followers, the Order of Preachers. St. Dominic was a 12th century priest who felt called by God to win people who had fallen into a cult known as the Albigensian heresy back to the Faith of the Church. To their credit, the Albigensians took the New Testament call to simplicity and common life very seriously; unfortunately they also divided up the faithful into more and less perfect groups and believed in a kind of reincarnation until a soul escaped from the prison of the material world and returned to the celestial realm from which they believed they came. Early efforts to win this group back to the Church generally failed for two reasons. First, the effort was conducted by wealthy members of the aristocratic clergy whose plush lifestyle seemed to the Albigensians not to respect the Gospel call to simplicity and shared resources. Secondly, the sales pitch used by the Church at that time tended to take the form of threats and condemnations. St. Dominic realized that the only way to bring these people back to the Church was to simultaneously admit where they were right and discuss and even respectfully argue with them on points where they differed from the teaching of traditional Christianity. Dominic was so successful in meeting people where they were and demonstrating the truth and beauty of the Christian Faith that he not only brought people back to the Church but also attracted a following of his own: men and women who wished to share in his mission. So the Order of Preachers (commonly known as "Dominicans") was born to preach the truth of the Gospel to all, and to find means of presenting that Gospel in manners in which people of each time and place could best understand, appreciate and embrace it. From our founding the Dominicans have been at our core both an intellectual and a pastoral Order. The Dominican mission it is to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world in ways which the world can hear it and really come to believe it. We traditionally favor discussion and debate over simple enforcement of conformity and we would rather have someone understand what the Gospel means than simply accept it uncritically. We are charged with knowing the faith and helping others come to that same knowledge.

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Blessed Jordan of Saxony, Patron of the D+E+I Executive Director, pray for us.

D+E+I PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS EVENTS

THE D+E+I PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS (P&Ds) are opportunities to listen, learn and discuss. Please feel free to bring your own questions on these topics. This year the organizing theme of the P&Ds is:

“Catholicism 101: Rediscovering the Faith.”

Registration is always available at the door but to assist us in our planning, advance registration is very helpful. The suggested donation is \$9.00 per person per session, but we welcome all who wish to participate to contribute as their circumstances allow. For more information or to register, please call: 243.0525 or Toll Free: 877.906.DEUS.

HOW DO I TALK TO NON-CATHOLICS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

Church teaching on ecumenism and interreligious dialogue. No salvation outside of the Church? The Bible. Infant baptism. The Eucharist.

Mary and the saints.

Hosted at: Risen Savior (7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE)
Thursday October 8, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

WHAT HAPPENED AT VATICAN II?

Brief history of the Reformation, Trent to Vatican II.

What is an ecumenical council?

Myths and mistaken ideas about the council.

Hosted at: St. Francis Xavier (820 Broadway SE)
Thursday October 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

ENCORE PRESENTATION

Hosted at: Risen Savior (7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE)
Thursday October 15, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH? WHO IS THE CHURCH?

An introduction to ecclesiology. Church as the people of God, the mystical body of Christ, temple of the Holy Spirit. The universal mission of sanctification. People, brothers, sisters (nuns), deacons, priests, bishops, archbishops, cardinals and popes. Relationship and confusion between “hierarchy” and “church.”

Hosted at: Annunciation (2611 Utah, NE)

Friday October 9, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

repeated at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

WHAT IS A SACRAMENT? AND WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?

Sacrament/mystery as fundamental Catholic stance toward the world. External signs of inner reality instituted by Christ to give Grace. The seven sacraments. Sacraments in daily life.

Hosted at: St. Francis Xavier (820 Broadway SE)
Thursday October 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

ENCORE PRESENTATIONS

Hosted at: Annunciation (2611 Utah, NE)

Tuesday November 3, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

repeated at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Hosted at: St. Bernadette's (11401 Indian School NE)
Wednesday November 4, at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

WHY IS BAPTISM SUCH A BIG DEAL?

Baptism as incorporation into the Body of Christ. Original sin and redemption. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, three Sacraments of initiation.

Hosted at: Risen Savior (7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE)
Thursday October 22, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

WHO ARE MARY AND THE SAINTS AND WHY DO THEY MATTER?

Mary, the Theotokos, the God Bearer. The Communion of Saints.

Patrons and protectors. Praying to and with saints.

Hosted at: St. Francis Xavier (820 Broadway SE)
Thursday October 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

ENCORE PRESENTATION

Hosted at: Annunciation (2611 Utah, NE)

Friday October 23, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

repeated at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

ORIGINAL SIN AND REDEMPTION.

“Original”? “Sin”? Beyond “they ate the apple.” What does it mean for us? The key to the Christian understanding of the universe.

Original sin, Jesus and Mary.

Hosted at: Annunciation (2611 Utah, NE)

Tuesday November 17, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Repeated at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON AT MASS?

A brief history of the liturgy. Memorial and sacrifice. Vestments, sacramentary, lectionary. Prayers of the Mass.

Hosted at: St. Bernadette's (11401 Indian School NE)

Wednesday November 18, at 7:00-8:30 p.m.

CASA CLASSES

Would you like to help support D+E+I? Would you like a chance to ask all those “I really should ask a priest about that” questions in the comfort of your own home?

This is what Casa Classes are: an opportunity for you to have the D+E+I Executive Director speak on a topic you want to hear about (within his competence) and answer religious/theological questions for you and your guests. Why not attend or host a fun, fundraising Casa Classes in your town, at your home. For more information call: Missi Rock at 505.268.7019

FROM THE D+E+I BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

God's peace and love be
with all of you.

In December 2008, I became the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Dominican Ecclesial Institute. At the time, we were still searching for a new Director, were preparing for the DEI Awards Luncheon, the Spring Catholic Business Forum, and the first ever D+E+I Dialogues. We also had several Board members cycle off the board at the end of their terms, and brought on Tina Sisneros as a new board member.

We must also acknowledge Msgr. Leo Gomez who acted as our interim moderator, providing us the spiritual ballast necessary to navigate these waters while there was a national election, and a profound economic downturn, affecting everyone on the Board of Trustees.

Yes, it was an 'interesting time.' However, God provides, and in short order with the able assistance of Jan Keleher from the Board of Members, we engaged Fr. Matt Strabala as our new Director, who took the helm of D+E+I in June of this year.

So, here we are, heading into the end of 2009 with Fr. Matt as our Director, and much excitement surrounding the future of D+E+I. The Catholic Business Forum returns this fall, the Dialogues from August was a success, and we are in the initial planning stages for the D+E+I Awards Luncheon coming in the first quarter of 2010.

In discussing the future direction of D+E+I with Fr. Matt, I am convinced that his ideas to integrate new technologies, and re-invigorate the Casa Class program will give D+E+I the energy it requires to further the mission of adult Catholic faith formation.

Finally, that energy will also mean that we will be looking to fill the seats on the Board of Trustees with individuals that hear the call to assist in D+E+I mission. If, while reading this, you hear that call, give us a call and we can discuss how you can be a part of D+E+I's fantastic future.

God bless, and keep you.



Joe Biondi, Chairman of the Board of Trustees



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"**Ecclesial**" means "of or pertaining to the Church." The word "ecclesial" confuses people sometimes because it can sound strange and exotic. The word comes from the Greek *ekklesia* and it was used in the Greek bible to translate the Hebrew word *qahal* which meant "the assembly of the faithful, those called by God." The Greek word was then absorbed almost directly into Latin (*ecclesia*). Most Latin based languages use a word descended from this one for "Church" like the Spanish *iglesia* or the French *église*. English however, uses a word with a German root (*Kirche*) but the idea represented by the words remains the same. "Church/ecclesia" does not mean the buildings we call "churches," or refer primarily to the ordained men who form the clergy, or the professed men and women religious. Church/ecclesia emphasizes the original meaning of "church" as the assembly of the faithful, the body of Christ, all the baptized men, women and children joined together in God by Christ through the Holy Spirit. This is the Church in the fullest sense of the term, and D+E+I is meant to be of service to this inclusive body of the faithful.

"**Institute**" According to Wikipedia, "An **institute** is a permanent organizational body created for a certain purpose. Often it is a research organization (research institution) created to do research on specific topics. ... The word comes from the Latin word *institutum* meaning *facility or habit*; from *instituere* meaning *build, create, raise or educate*." So an institute is an organization created for the purpose of research and/or education. That pretty well describes the structure of D+E+I which was established as a collaboration between the Dominican Order and the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for the adult Catholic education, enrichment and ongoing faith formation for the people of God in this region and beyond.

So from all this we finally arrive at a description of D+E+I as "An organization, in the Dominican style and tradition, for the up-building of the Church (the People of God) through ongoing education and faith formation." It's still a bit of a mouthful, but I think it helps clarify my task and goal as the Executive Director of D+E+I.

If this sounds right or even exciting to you, I hope that you join us as an event participant or perhaps even a supporter as D+E+I continues its work of bringing the Gospel to life in the hearts and minds of the people of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ and Dominic,



Fr. Matt Strabala, OP

D+E+I DIALOGUES ... COLLABORATION, TRANSFORMATION AND MORE!

In mid-August, 2009, the Dominican Ecclesial Institute (D+E+I) witnessed its most far-reaching venture, the D+E+I Dialogues, come to fruition. Starting with a three-day conference, entitled, "Collaboration and Transformation ... Forming a Catholic Future," D+E+I brought to the state of New Mexico spiritual, sociological and ministerial leaders to enable challenges, discussion, prayer and action. Overwhelmingly, the registrants (priests, deacons, seminarians, archdiocesan staff, parish leaders ... and 'regular' laity) applauded the newly-discovered insights and actionable plans. From Rome to St. Paul, from Oxford to DC, from Dallas to Albuquerque, transformation is being seeded from the collaborative ideas and experiences enabled by the conference. Now, continuing the energy, further local sessions are being planned to 'spread the word' and make it happen! Stay tuned. (Co-Chairs: Jan R. Keleher & Kristine J. Coffey)



D+E+I Dialogues 2009 Key-note Presenters (from left) Fr. Alan White, OP, PhD; Sr. Katarina Schuth, PhD; and Marti Jewell, DMin.

D+E+I ONLINE

As things like internet usage and postage rates continue to rise, the D+E+I online presence is becoming more and more important. Board of Trustees member Cathy Cavanaugh got us off to a great start with a complete redesign of our website (www.d-e-i.org) which also served as a registration portal for the D+E+I Dialogues. We have recently added a "Friends of D+E+I" page and have greatly expanded our "Library" page to include audio from our first Casa Class of the season, and the major presentations from the D+E+I Dialogues. (If you were not able to attend the Dialogues, this is a great chance to hear some of the information and messages from our renowned keynote speakers.) Our next additions will be a calendar page which will list up to the minute information about D+E+I events/times/location, and then, God Willing, the first installments of the long awaited D+E+I Video Catechism.

For those of you who prefer to read with the feel of paper in your hands, don't worry, the newsletter is not going away. The website, the newsletter and our new periodic emails through the Constant Contact service are all means by which we are attempting to make D+E+I and its resources accessible to an ever wider audience.

Without truth, charity degenerates into sentimentality. Love becomes an empty shell, to be filled in an arbitrary way. In a culture without truth, this is the fatal risk facing love. It falls prey to contingent subjective emotions and opinions, the word "love" is abused and distorted, to the point where it comes to mean the opposite. Truth frees charity from the constraints of an emotionalism that deprives it of relational and social content, and of a fideism that deprives it of human and universal breathing-space. In the truth, charity reflects the personal yet public dimension of faith in the God of the Bible, who is both Agápe and Lógos: Charity and Truth, Love and Word.

Pope Benedict XVI

Caritas in Veritate

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CBF Schedule

October 13	Fr. Matthew Strabala, O.P. Executive Director, D+E+I	11:45 am	Sign in
November 10	Christa Bolden, Founder SOS Security NM	12:00 pm	Presentation
Spring Sessions	February 9 & March 9	12:30 pm	Lunch
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EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 8 What Is the Church? (Th)
- 8 What Happened at Vatican II? (Th)
- 9 What Is the Church? (F)
- 13 CBF Luncheon (T)
- 15 What Happened at Vatican II? (Th)
- 15 What Is Sacrament? (Th)
- 22 What Is Baptism? (W)
- 22 Who are Mary & the Saints? (Th)
- 23 Who are Mary & the Saints? (F)
- 26 BOM/BOT Joint Meeting (M)

November

- 4 What Is a Sacrament? (W)
- 3 What Is Sacrament ? (T)
- 10 CBF Luncheon (T)
- 17 Who Are Mary & the Saints? (T)
- 18 What Happens at Mass? (W)
- 26 Thanksgiving (Th)

December

- 6 Advent Mass
- 24 Office closed (until 1/04/10)

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Celine Baca Radigan, *Lumen Ecclesiae* Award Recipient



Fr. Dominic Holtz, speaking about the Dominican Charism

D+E+I ANNUAL FUNDRAISER ... AWARDS!

Many firsts happened at the D+E+I Annual Operating Fundraiser event in March, 2009. The most notable 'first' was the extension of the *Lumen Gentium* Awards to not only recognizing those in Albuquerque, but now throughout the state of New Mexico. Adult faith formation in its diverse genres was evidenced by: Gaston Boudreau, Laurie Garihee, Theresa Irvin, Craig Reeves (Clayton, NM), Norma Soto (Fr. Sumner, NM), Arthur Tatkowski and Sr. Marie Luisa Vasquez. Honored by the *Lumen Ecclesiae* Award was Celine Baca Radigan, Archdiocese of Santa Fe Communications Director.

A new program tradition was started with a D+E+I Offering on the Dominican charism, being presented by D+E+I Friar Trustee, Reverend Dominic Holtz, OP, Professor of Theology at Aquinas Institute, St. Louis, MO. To improve availability, this was the first year for a Sunday luncheon format at the Sandia Resort, with a three-course meal and valet parking. Thanks to all who believed in D+E+I's present, resulting in a net contribution to its annual operations of just over \$15,000. (Co-Chairs: Ellen Guest & Kristine J. Coffey)

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