



# JUBILEE 800 1216–2016

## ORDER OF PREACHERS

### Sent to preach the gospel

Jubilee 800 | 7 November 2015 to 21 January 2017

### Dominican Family Update 1 | July 2015

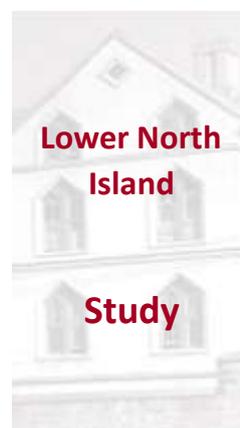
#### *Introduction*

On 7 November this year, the feast of All Dominican Saints, the Dominican Family throughout the world will begin a year of Jubilee to celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Order of Preachers by Saint Dominic de Guzmán. We pray that this will be a moment of grace and renewal for Dominicans around the globe. We wish to celebrate the many high points and the fragilities of our past, to thank God for our present mission here, and to pray that the Spirit will continue to gift the Dominican Family so that the Church and the world will continue to be supported by men and women preachers in each branch of the Family.

Whilst the Sisters celebrated 800 years in 2006, this upcoming celebration is very much a Dominican Family celebration with the three branches of our Family celebrating together. Planning is just beginning but we anticipate liturgies around the country on 7 November (or a Vigil liturgy on Friday 6 November), local gatherings and activities throughout the year and a national weekend gathering of the Aotearoa New Zealand Dominican Family in Auckland in October 2016. We invite you to start discussing ideas in your local groups and to share your ideas with the Dominican Family Mission and Justice Group.

#### *National Gathering of Dominican Family*

There will be a national gathering of the Dominican Family in October 2016 in Auckland. Timothy Radcliffe OP will be the keynote speaker. This gathering will take the format of four workshops – one on each pillar with creative input/animation from a regional group. Timothy will then respond to each input. The Dominican Family Mission and Justice Group drew area names and pillars to determine which area would provide creative input on each pillar. The results are:



As soon as we have confirmed dates from Timothy we will advise you. Logistics for the gathering will be arranged by people in the Auckland area. Timothy will also travel to Dunedin for a **lecture/meeting** while

he is with us. We hope that many of you will plan to join us in Auckland for this national gathering, or in Dunedin for the celebratory lecture there.

### ***How will we celebrate Jubilee 800 locally throughout Aotearoa New Zealand?***

- Each area will start with a liturgy recognising the opening of the Jubilee Year. This could be on Saturday 7 November or a Vigil on the Friday evening. You may wish to avail yourself of a liturgy prepared by the international group (available as a link on our [website](#)) or you may prefer to develop your own liturgy.
- You may wish to arrange a Mass in each of the six New Zealand Dioceses celebrated by the local bishop as thanksgiving for the life and work of the Dominicans in their Diocese. This would be open to any and all who wish to participate.

It's exciting to hear that some areas are already discussing ideas of how they can celebrate this Jubilee locally. We're hearing ideas such as retreats, prayer experiences, pilgrimages and sharing the Dominican charism with the wider community. We ask members in each area to create a link family of three or more people representing the branches of the family. Key responsibilities of this link family are to plan a liturgy to recognise the beginning of the Jubilee Year, to arrange a diocesan Eucharist at a suitable time in each diocese, to animate the pillar allocated to their region for the national meeting, plan any local gatherings/initiatives and to be the key contact people for the Dominican Family Mission and Justice Group. Please advise your key contact people to a member of the Dominican Family Mission & Justice Group.

### ***What else is planned?***

A Jubilee 800 Page has been established on the website ([www.dominicans.org.nz](http://www.dominicans.org.nz)). We will share all information about activities throughout the country on this page. Other ideas being discussed include: a labyrinth, one or more pilgrimages (Otago/Southland, the Far North and/or National) and a series of articles in Catholic publications that express the Dominican charism in Catholic publications.

Information about Jubilee 800 will be sent to schools with a Dominican charism including an invitation to share in local gatherings and to have a celebration within the school. For schools which have previously had a Dominican link but who don't have Dominicans in the school/college now we offer the opportunity for local people to bring the Dominican charism alive in the school.

Promotional material is being produced. A prayer card will be available this year as a way of promoting Jubilee 800. Lapel badges are being designed and we anticipate that these will be available for sale later this year. Calendars that celebrate the Jubilee 800 are being designed by Sr Elizabeth Hellwig in Australia and a quantity will be available in Aotearoa New Zealand for purchase later this year. What ideas do you have? Please send these to [Teresa.McNamara@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Teresa.McNamara@xtra.co.nz).

For more information or to share ideas please contact a member of the Dominican Family Mission and Justice Group:

Auckland	Kevin Toomey	<a href="mailto:ktopnz72@yahoo.com">ktopnz72@yahoo.com</a>	021 976 496
	Helen Bergin	<a href="mailto:h.bergin@auckland.ac.nz">h.bergin@auckland.ac.nz</a>	09 845 2453
	Teresa McNamara	<a href="mailto:Teresa.McNamara@xtra.co.nz">Teresa.McNamara@xtra.co.nz</a>	021 649 012
Lower North Island	Norman Gray	<a href="mailto:kf7iknlg@earthlink.net">kf7iknlg@earthlink.net</a>	021 1909664
Christchurch	Kay Price	<a href="mailto:kaypricenz@gmail.com">kaypricenz@gmail.com</a>	03 351 7683
Arrowtown/Central Otago	Mary-Anna Baird	<a href="mailto:mary_anna_baird@hotmail.com">mary_anna_baird@hotmail.com</a>	03 409 8202
Dunedin	Willie Campbell	<a href="mailto:alafair@kinect.co.nz">alafair@kinect.co.nz</a>	03 453 6741
Invercargill	Judith Robinson	<a href="mailto:judithop@xtra.co.nz">judithop@xtra.co.nz</a>	03 217 8987

Subscribe: Did you receive this update from somebody else? To receive future updates email [Teresa.McNamara@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Teresa.McNamara@xtra.co.nz).