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Our pastoral hub in Vancouver is  
St. Mary's Parish  
by Joyce-Collingwood Skytrain Station.  
Priory of Saint Mary is situated  
next to St. Mary's Parish.

***“To Praise,  
to Bless,  
to Preach”***

**-St. Dominic de Guzman**



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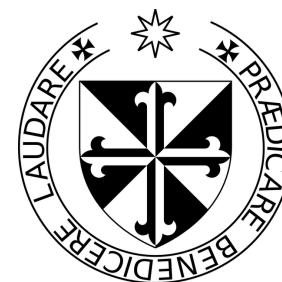
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## THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

The Dominicans – officially the “Order of Preachers” – are based in Santa Sabina, Rome, Italy. For 800 years the Dominicans have carried out their mandate approved by Pope Honorius III (1216) for the salvation of souls, thereby continuing the mission of Christ. Following St. Dominic, our source of inspiration is Christ himself, the Gospel, and the oneness of doctrine and morals found in Roman Catholicism. And so, the four pillars of Dominican life are prayer-study-community-apostolate. We have a particular devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary whose feast was established by the Dominican Pope, St. Pius V in 1571 (original title: Our Lady of Victory).

## THE ORIGIN

The Dominican Order’s origins in truth -- veritas -- is manifested throughout the centuries in the outstanding Blessed and Saints of our Order: Saint Dominic de Guzman, our founder, spent his life combating heresies and shaping the first Dominican communities in southern France; the thought and writings of St. Thomas Aquinas continues to provide a solid foundation to Catholic theology; St. Catherine of Siena whose fidelity to the Office of the Papacy led her to exhort the Pope residing in Avignon to return to Rome; Blessed Giovanni da Fiesole also known as Fra Angelico, patron saint of artists, reveals that God’s grace works through beautiful art; St. Rose of Lima the first Saint of the Americas, and Saint Martin de Porres, also a Peruvian Saint, trace their origins to Dominican evangelisation of the Americas in the 1500s; the numerous Dominicans among the Vietnamese Martyrs were subjected to horrific torture offering their lives for Christ and his Church; the value of education in Dominican spirituality is evident in the oldest university in Asia, University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines; and more recently Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati whose love and concern for the poor prompted his visits to city slums, dying at 24-years old.



## IN CANADA

In Canada we have priories/houses and vocation centres in Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, and Vancouver. We have two Provincial Vicariates, one in Japan and the other Rwanda/Burundi. Dominicans in are pastors, confessors, spiritual directors, retreat masters, professors, and work in hospital ministry. We have both ordained and non-ordained Friars.

