

# HISTORICAL DIRECTORY OF DOMINICAN MONASTERIES

## Introductory notes

This directory aims to list all currently (in 2014) existing Dominican monasteries. They are arranged by continent, alphabetically and also alphabetically within the continents. Those monasteries that existed in previous times but for one reason or another ceased to exist —through revolution, war or lack of vocations—are not included in the body of the directory. However a list of suppressed monasteries is given for each geographical entity where possible, undoubtedly with omissions through lack of available information particularly for the medieval period in Europe.

An introductory page for each continent lists the monasteries in chronological order of foundation, except for Europe, where there is also an introductory page per country on account of the large numbers involved.

Subsequently a page is devoted to each monastery, with its address a brief résumé of its history and wherever possible one or more photographs. Wherever possible the historical résumé is compiled from material provided by the monasteries themselves or their federations.

Dates of foundation are given, but some discrepancies are inevitable as some monasteries count their foundation from the arrival of the first community if sisters, others from the date of canonical erection. Both are given where known.

Numbers of sisters are not given, as on the one hand accurate statistics are hard to obtain, and on the other they are constantly changing; it would seem that it is the existence of the monastery that is the significant factor.