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INAUGURATION OF THE S.H.O.P EXHIBITION SPACE



Thanks to generous donations, volunteers and much hard work all round, it has been at last possible to inaugurate a small exhibition space at the S.H.O.P. Association headquarters in Fanjeaux. This is an extension to the library, thanks to a new doorway going through into an old agricultural building adjoining the house. For the moment, a variety of materials is presented introducing St Dominic, the monastery of Prouilhe, and the Albigensian crusade. In the future it is hoped to be able to present more thematically structured exhibitions.

SHOP HAS POSTED A 5 MINUTE VIDEO CLIP OF THE *DOMINICAN HOLY PLACES IN FANJEAUX* ON YOUTUBE – CATCH IT ON

<http://youtu.be/gJCuIzt1ubY>



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VISIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF NUNS OF THE ORDER TO FANJEAUX



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These sisters, from all continents, represent the interests of the nuns of the Order in informal meetings with the promoter of nuns and the Master of the Order.

On Wednesday 2nd October the members of the International Commission of Nuns took a break from their week-long meeting at Prouilhe for a half-day visit to the Dominican holy places in Fanjeaux: the parish church, the friars' convent and the House of St Dominic, where Sr Barbara gave a brief talk. This was followed by vespers and mass celebrated by Fr Brian Pierce, Promoter of Nuns. It was a very moving occasion for all concerned—for some of the nuns it was their first visit to Fanjeaux.

In the evening the sisters visited the SHOP library, the new exhibition space and stayed for a festive buffet supper, much enjoyed by all.

IN MEMORIAM

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the untimely death from a heart attack on August 21st of **Norma Lilia Orozco**, aged 43, who had been translating for SHOP since the earliest days of the Association. She was always most obliging and efficient, and her work was much appreciated. Norma had worked for a number of years at Santa Sabina, Rome, and then returned to Mexico where she lived with her husband and family. We had never met her, as we worked always via Internet, but we will miss her and our heartfelt condolences go to her husband Señor Armando Hernandez and her family. May she rest in peace.

COMMEMORATION OF ST DOMINIC'S PREACHING IN CARCASSONNE

On Saturday 5th October, a colloquium was held at the diocesan centre Notre-Dame de L'Abbaye in Carcassonne, to mark the 800th anniversary of the preaching of St Dominic in the Basilica of Saint-Nazaire during Lent 1213. Lectures were given by two Dominican friars from the province of Toulouse, Frs Augustin Laffay and Gilles Danroc, and the Dominican Professor of history from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, Fr Bernard Hodel. The presentation was completed by Mr Claude-Marie Robion of the Archives départementales, Carcassonne, who spoke of the Dominican presence in the Aude department. Mgr Alain Planet, Bishop of Carcassonne, was present as was also his predecessor, Mgr Despierre. The colloquium was very well attended, and was followed by solemn vespers celebrated in the Basilica of St Nazaire in the Cité de Carcassonne. Fr Augustin Laffay preached on this occasion.



RUSSIAN RECORDS— a surprise Dominican gift

One day in the summer, around lunchtime, there was a ring at the front door of the SHOP house in Fanjeaux. There in the street stood a group of four young people with bicycles. They handed over a package that they had brought with them, all the way from Moscow where they live.

This turned out to be a two CD set, entitled “Dominican Cantata” made by lay Dominicans of Moscow and dedicated to the memory of fr Elie Pascal Epinoux. In words and music, composed by the Russian lay Dominicans themselves, the records present the story of St Dominic and of the Albigensian crusade. A quite amazing achievement that now has its place in the audiovisual section of the SHOP library.

Californian Medical Executives visit Fanjeaux

In the second week of October a group of thirty plus people accompanied by Sr Patricia Dougherty, a board member of SHOP, visited Fanjeaux as part of a discovery tour linked to the Dominican charism for people involved in the administration of hospitals and other health care facilities. These facilities are part of the Dignity Health network which has links with the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, California, as well as to the Sisters of Mercy. The tour began in Ireland with visits to the Mercy Centre Dublin and ended with two days visiting Dominican sights in Toulouse, Fanjeaux and Pruilhe. Sr Barbara of SHOP was their guide for the Fanjeaux part of the experience.



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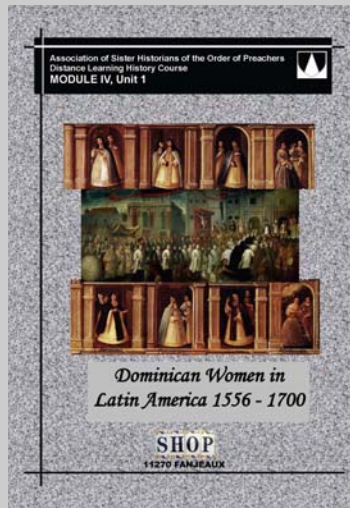
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All donations are most gratefully received — they go towards acquiring new books for the library devoted to the history of Dominican women.

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New Distance Learning History Course on Dominican Women in Latin America



**MODULE IV IS NOW AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS VIA
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In these years when we celebrate many anniversaries, notably the fifth centenary of Dominican presence in the Americas, it seems appropriate to turn our attention to the beginnings of Dominican life for women in the New World: the Caribbean, Central and South America in the 16th and 17th centuries. The three course units of this new module will cover the history of the beginnings, regional studies and portraits of important Dominican women: Rose of Lima, Ana de los Angeles Monteaugudo, Catalina de Jesus Herrera.

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