Dominican All-Saints

Questions for Reflection

More Dominicans...

- Is there a Dominican saint whose example has particularly inspired you, or whom you feel has an important place in your life?
- Is there a Dominican saint you feel affinity to, even though you don't really know much about him or her?
- Is there a Dominican saint you have a hard time warming up to, or who just doesn't attract you? What would you say is the reason for that?
- All-Saints is also a time to celebrate those who are not officially canonized: Have you known a holy Dominican who has passed away and whose example or words have encouraged you in your Dominican life?
- Among the great historical Dominicans who are not (yet) canonized, is there one you are particularly grateful for?

The example of the Saints...

- When a saint is canonized, we talk about them practising *heroic virtues*. What does heroic virtue imply to you? Do you find it encouraging to see these in the saints, or do you feel it make the christian life daunting?
- In *the Beatitudes*, Jesus described blessedness for us. What beatitudes do you see shine out in one of the saints that was presented?
  (**Beatitudes** (Mt 5:3-12): the poor in spirit, those who weep, the meek, those who hunger for justice, the merciful, the pure of heart, peacemakers, those persecuted for the kingdom)
- In the saints, we clearly see *the Fruits of the Holy Spirit* flourish. Does one of these fruit make you think of a particular holy Dominican?
  (**Fruits of the Holy Spirit** (Gal 5:22-23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control)
- All the baptized are called to share in the *prophetic*, *priestly* and *royal* office of Jesus Christ. Share how you see a particular Dominican saint illustrates this.

Living the Charism...

- Fr Vayssière OP, in his short treatise on the devotion to St Dominic, suggests that the virtues of all Dominican saints are found in some way in Dominic himself.
  Can you think of *parallels* between the life of St Dominic and one of the Dominican saints we've discussed?
- Do you feel there is some trait all Dominican saints *share in common*, something that really defines them as Dominicans?
- What's a good example from the life of a Dominican saint of *sharing the fruit of contemplation*?
- Do you find some *unexpected examples of preaching* in the life of some Dominican saint?

Communion of Saints...

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- Has something that has been discussed today given you some new insight about the communion of saint and what it implies?

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