The Parable Conference for Dominican Life and Mission was a national collaborative organization sponsored by all the branches of the Dominican Family in the United States; laity, nuns, sisters and friars. It was created in 1976 out of dialogue and collaborative thinking from a group of U.S. Dominicans, women and men, who believed that the Order’s preaching mission could best be carried forward by uniting their efforts to address the needs of the contemporary church and world.

The Parable Conference developed a series of programs to promote research, study and prayerful reflection of Dominican life and mission, and to encourage, support and model collaborative efforts. In addition to conferences on a variety of issues, the Parable sponsored retreats and parish missions where Dominican sisters and friars would travel to different parishes to serve as guest preachers. The most notable and popular program was the Lands of Dominic (LOD) pilgrimage and the subsequent Central America, Dominican Republic and Peru pilgrimages.

The Lands of Dominic pilgrimage traces the life of St. Dominic de Guzman through Spain, France and Italy. It provides Dominicans an opportunity to walk in the steps of Dominic and reconnect with the past. The latter pilgrimages were added due to the popularity of LOD and to expand to areas where Dominicans had a major impact on the indigenous people of these lands. Out of Lands of Dominic, at Home with Dominic was created as a stateside retreat and virtual tour for those who could not make the trip.

Faced with difficult economic challenges, the Board of Directors sent a letter in January of 2008, seeking input from Dominican leaders throughout the United States on the future of the Parable Conference. Based on the responses of the letter and lack of funding, the decision was made to dissolve the Parable Conference. After fulfilling program commitments and the 2008 Lands of Dominic Pilgrimage, the Conference was disbanded in the summer of that year.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Parable collection was kept as close as possible to original order set up by the most recent Executive Director, Sr. Connie Schoen. In Series I, the “history” folders are labeled by year as designated by the
creator of the records. They contain a variety of information from that year including program brochures correspondence, minutes and agendas. Detailed inventories by the item level, were done for boxes 1-3, box 4, file folder 1-7, box 13 & 14 and box 17, file folder 1-7. These inventories are placed in the front of corresponding box. There are also two itemized inventories of books, one is Lands of Dominic related with materials germane to the pilgrimage and the other is Parable Books which are reference works addressing the Dominican family.

This collection has many images from various events and pilgrimages. There are several slide show presentations with accompanying scripts and audio tapes. These have been separated out to accommodate storage needs of the items (scripts in box 20, slides in box 21 and audio in box 22). In Grant Correspondence (Box 18 FF2) there is a narrative that contains good historical documentation of the Parable Conference. Land of Dominic Pilgrimages has been separated from the other pilgrimage (Central American, Peru and Dominican Republic) in boxes 10 and 11 for easy reference. The land of Dominic calendars have been placed in box 24 and CD ROMs of images and power point presentations are in Box 22 with other digital media.

There are several VHS tapes in box 23 of various conference presentations and educational programs. These have been copied onto DVDs (box 22) in digital format so that they may be placed on the internet at a later date. Box 21 has contains many photographs that chronicle parable events. They are grouped by event and most individuals and places are identified.

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

Parable Administrative/Organizational/History- Contains the mission, bylaws and minutes, agendas for advisory council and board meetings. There is also Dominican Leadership and Dominican US Secretariat related correspondence, reports and documents. The US Dominican Family/Organizations category provides an overview of the various branches and institutions of the Dominican family including laity and schools.

Parable Programs and Events- Is arranged by the various programs and events created or sponsored by the Parable Conference. This is grouped by Events, Retreats and Parish Missions containing study and supplemental materials, meeting schedule, agendas and promotional literature and enrollment forms.

Pilgrimages- These are grouped by Lands of Dominic (Europe; Spain, France and Italy), Central America, Dominican Republic and Peru. These records contain study materials, itineraries, promotional literature, liturgy resources and lectures.

Dominican Family Resources- Contains educational reference materials on many facets of the Dominican family. It also includes “Parable Publications” and “Dominican Publications”. These contain works created by, or out, of Parable events and materials created by other Dominican family foundations as well as music and composers.

Business/Financial- Financial reports, spread sheets and budget information. It contains grant information and other sources of funding such as “Sponsors”. Also includes expense records, bank statements, cancelled checks, check stubs and tax exempt (501 (c) 3) status information
Images- Photographs, slides, and multimedia presentations of various parable events, pilgrimages, educational presentations in DVD, CD ROM, cassette and VHS tapes.

Books/Printed Materials- These are published books and are divided into two groups. “Land of Dominic related” are works related to the Land of Dominic pilgrimage. These range from to travel books and maps to historical works on the people and places associated with the pilgrimage. The “General Reference” books are topics of interest to Dominicans ranging from St. Dominic to the Dominican Laity.

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