



THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF OUR HEARTS

The unknown composer of the O Antiphons hid the crowning touch of his contemplation in the Latin phrase: ERO CRAS. Meditating on the Messianic titles of Jesus in the Prophet Isaiah filled him with increasing desire, even awe. Each antiphon is meant to open our eyes to Jesus as the one foretold by the prophets. Each reveals God's heavenly power come to earth. Each new revelation fills us with hope and thus inspires us to plead with Jesus to work powerfully in our lives, 'Jesus to come and teach us the way to salvation.' or Jesus: 'stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.'

Repeatedly we cry out, "O Come, O Come!" Creating an ever-increasing wave of desire followed by increasing waves of expectation. The Messianic promise contained in each title stirs a deeper desire and longing in our hearts for the Christ to be with us.

On December 24th, using his contemplative and poetic genius, the author reveals the Lord's answer to the plea of every O Antiphon. Read in reverse order the first letter of each title for Christ, beginning with *Sapientia* and ending with *Emmanuel*, forms the acrostic Latin phrase, *Ero cras* 'tomorrow, I will be.' We have cried, "O Come" and now Christ answers, "on Christmas Day, 'I will be' your Wisdom, Lord, Savior, Liberator, Light, King and Emmanuel."

O Sacred Lord

who appeared in the flame of the burning bush and gave Moses the law on Sinai: come, and redeem us with outstretched arms. Isaiah 33:22; 45:23; 63:11-12 Exodus 3:2; 24:12 Micah 6:4 Acts 7:30-31



O Wisdom

O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care: Come and show your people the way to prudence. Sirach 24:3; Isaiah 11:2-3; Wisdom 8:1, Proverbs 8:1-36 John 1:1-5 1 Cor. 1:24 .

O Root of Jesse's Stem

kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, deliver us and tarry not. Isaiah 11:1,10; 25:8 Matt. 1:5 Lk 1:32-33 Romans 15:12



O Key of David

Royal Power, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: come, and bring forth the prisoner who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death. Isaiah 9:1-2; 22:22 Matthew 4:16; 16:19 Luke 1:79 Revelation 3:7



O Oriens

O dawn of the east, brightness of light eternal, and sun of justice: come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Isaiah 9:1-2; 58:8; 60:18-20 Malachi 4:2 Luke 1:78-79 John 8:12 Revelation 21:23-25; 22:16



O King

of the gentiles and their desired One, the cornerstone that makes both one: come, and deliver man, whom you formed out of the dust of the earth. Isaiah 2:4; 11:10 52:13;15; Daniel 7:14 ; 1 Peter 2:6



Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 21
E	R	O
Emmanuel	Rex Gentium	Oriens
God-with-Us	King of Nations	Rising Sun

Dec. 20	Dec. 19	Dec. 18	Dec. 17
C	R	A	S
Clavis David	Radix Jesse	Adonai	Sapientia
Key of David	Root of Jesse	Lord	Wisdom

O Emmanuel

God with us, our King and lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: come to save us, Lord our God.



Isaiah 7:14; 8:8, Matt. 1:23, Haggai 2:7

CALLED AND TRANSFORMED BY LOVE INTO LOVE
I have loved you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 1:31:3



Our Sr. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Lucy Anna DiPaolo, went to the Lord on September 12th. Born on March 29, 1931 Sister made Profession of Vows on Dec. 8th, 1950.

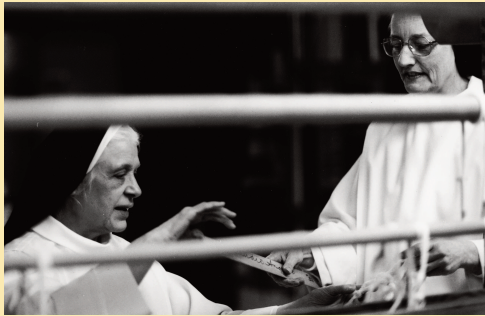


On the left we see a fifteen-year-old Lucy Anna. On the right is Sister on her 96th birthday. The notable transformation wrought by 75 years of loving and being loved by Jesus is a clear. Her life became a ‘preaching’ of the power of our voaction as Dominican Nuns. Sister lived her Profession Motto “I have loved you with an everlasting Love.” Jeremiah 1:31:3

Love! She was a beacon of love. God’s love, and how her love light would shine! If you knew her, you knew you were blessed. Truly blessed! For she embodied the true meaning of love-empathy, compassion, and kindness. Through her kind words, fervent prayers and loving heart. Her God inspired words always found a way to seep into your heart. Seep into your soul when you needed it the most. It’s been said that angels walk among us. I believe we found one! I believe we were touched by one!

Although we miss her dearly, she never really left us. For she left us a path, a path we must follow. A path to see her again. And like her one day find ourselves in the warm loving embrace of God’s eternal love!

Larry Padpora



Christmas Novena ~ December 16th ~24th

From December 16 through December 24 we will be praying our Christmas Novena for and with our friends and benefactors.

During these nine days our daily public schedule will be:

Holy Mass and the Novena Prayer - 7:15 AM.

Evening Prayer (Vespers) - 4:30 PM.

On Sunday, December 21st, Evening Prayer - 4:10 PM

with the Rosary, Novena Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Christmas Eve Vespers will begin at 4:15 PM. There will be no Rosary or Benediction.

We will close immediately following Vespers and reopen at 11:30 PM for Midnight Mass.



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STILL SAINT DOMINICAN’S FAMILY



In 1219 Saint Dominic, entrusted his brother Blessed Mannes de Guzman with the care of the first Dominican Nuns in Madrid founded in 1206. In turn each new Master of the Order appoints a Promoter General of the Nuns. Appointed, in 2020 to a six-year term, Father Fernando García Fernández, OP was mandated our Master General to make visitation to the 180 monasteries approximately 2,500 to 3,000 cloistered nuns on five continents. Originally from Mexico, Father is not completely fluent in English. However, being one with the Nuns in the spirit of St. Dominic, his joy and compassion allowed us to communicate freely.

Father shared a photo presentation of his visits to Monasteries in Europe, Asia, North and South America, for example: Ecuador, Spain, Poland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Portugal, Vietnam or the Philippines, allowing us to experience the true meaning of our Order as “the Dominican Family.”



Father even wore a party apron.

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**“Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let Earth receive her King.”** Cf. Ps. 98,
Gen. 3

**Christmas Blessings!
May Christ, our Lord,
reign in your hearts and your homes.**

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Please join us as we celebrate:

Christmas Midnight Mass
Our doors will open at 11:30 PM

Christmas Morning Mass - 9:30 AM
Our doors will open at 9:00 AM

Holy Mass on New Year’s Day - 9:30 AM
Our doors will open at 9:00 AM

*So that all the sisters can be together for
dinner on Christmas and New Year’s Day,
our doors will close at 12:00 Noon.*

If you are unable to be with us for Holy Mass during
this Novena, please join us in spirit by reciting the
Christmas novena prayer at home.

A Blessed Advent and Christmas to each of you.

Novena Prayer

*Wipe away, Infant Jesus, the tears
of children! Embrace the sick and the
elderly! Move men to lay down their
arms and to draw close in a universal
embrace of peace! Invite the peoples,
O merciful Jesus, to tear down the walls
created by poverty and unemployment,
by ignorance and indifference, by
discrimination and intolerance. It is you,
O Divine Child of Bethlehem, who save us,
freeing us from sin. It is you who are the
true and only Savior, whom humanity often
searches for with uncertainty. God of
peace, gift of peace for all humanity, come
to live in the heart of every individual and
of every family. Be our peace and our joy!
Amen.*

Pope Saint John Paul II