

Dominican Definitions

- Candidate:** A woman preparing for religious life who lives with a community of sisters in the congregation.
- Charism:** Gifts from the Holy Spirit that empower a person to serve and help others.
- Congregational Prioress:** The title of the sister elected to be the leader of the congregation.
- Council:** Members of the congregation elected to share leadership with the Congregational Prioress.
- Motherhouse:** Our sacred home and headquarters in Fremont, with offices, Sisters' residences, chapel and grounds.
The central home for our congregation; the location of our congregational governance services and for the care of our elderly sisters.
- Profession:** The public commitment of each sister to live the religious life as described in the Constitutions of our congregation.
- St. Dominic:** The founder of the Order of Preachers in 1216, an international order committed to prayer, preaching, community and study in the search for truth.
- St. Catherine of Siena:** A Dominican lay woman, who lived in Siena in the late 1300's. Her life of prayer and service brought about a return of the legitimate pope to Rome and many blessings for the people of her time.
- Taizé:** A prayer style begun in Taizé, France, characterized by simple chants and personal meditation.