

## CHRONOLOGY OF ST. DOMINIC'S LIFE

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- c. 1172 ..... Dominic is born in Caleruega, Castille (Spain).
- c. 1179 ..... Dominic begins elementary schooling with a clerical uncle.
- c. 1184 ..... Dominic enters the schools of Palencia for philosophy and theology.
- c. 1191 ..... Dominic sells his books and founds a “charity” for the relief of famine victims.
- c. 1198 ..... Dominic joins the cathedral chapter at Burgo de Osma as a canon. Shortly after his profession, he is ordained priest.
- Early 1198 ..... Innocent III becomes pope. In April he sends preaching delegation to southern France to combat Catharism.
- Jul 1201 ..... At the death of Bishop Martín Bazán Diego de Acebo is elected bishop, and Dominic is elected subprior of cathedral chapter of Burgo de Osma.
- Oct 1203 ..... Bishop Diego asked by Alfonso VIII to go to Scandinavia to arrange royal wedding. Dominic accompanies him. (Conversion of inn-keeper at Toulouse along the way; Dominic’s first exposure to Catharism.)
- c. Feb 1204 ..... Diego and Dominic return to Burgo de Osma.
- Late Oct 1205 ..... Second mission to Scandinavia to get bride. On her refusal, Diego and Dominic travel to Rome with the matter. Diego seeks permission from Innocent III to resign his see at Osma in favor of preaching to the “Saracens.” Innocent refuses.
- Early 1206 ..... Diego and Dominic, on return journey from Rome, stop at Cîteaux, where Diego takes Cistercian habit. They leave with several more monks.
- Early Mar 1206... They meet the Cistercian preachers at Montpellier. Diego suggests that the preaching must continue, but the preachers (like the dissidents) must live an apostolic life to be credible. Diego and Dominic join the preaching effort. Diego sends his retinue back to Osma.
- 17 Nov 1206 ..... Innocent III approves the mendicant preaching.
- c. late 1206..... Dominic founds a monastery at Prouilhe.
- Early Apr 1207.... The preachers are summoned—perhaps by the Cathars—to meet for a “*colloquium*” at Montreal. (Incident where Dominic’s summary is put to trial by fire.) After this, Diego, Dominic, and Raoul continue to work in the neighborhood of Montréal.
- Nov 1207 ..... Convent at Prouilhe probably built during summer 1207.
- 30 Dec 1207..... Diego dies in Burgo de Osma, leaving Dominic alone except for William of Claret, who has been placed in charge of material affairs.
- 14 Jan 1208..... Papal legate Peter of Castelnau is assassinated by a member of the family of Raymond VI of Toulouse.
- 10 Mar 1208..... Innocent III convokes a crusade against the Cathars.
- Jul 1209 ..... 20,000 crusaders take Béziers and Carcassonne. Simon de Montfort is made viscount of Carcassonne-Béziers-Albi.
- Late Jul 1209..... Pedro of Aragon, ally of de Montfort, occupies Fanjeaux but guarantees the safety of Prouilhe and grants it a small property.
- Sept 1209..... Simon de Montfort makes Fanjeaux his headquarters.
- Apr 1210-May 1211 Dominic preaches in Toulouse in the company of Bishop Foulques (Fulk).

- Feb 1211 ..... Dominic comes to Fanjeaux to baptize the daughter of Simon de Montfort, visits the nuns and sees how bad off they are. A few weeks later he is back in Toulouse.
- 1212..... Dominic concentrates his efforts on Prouilhe; he begins building a monastic cloister and outbuildings at the side of the church at Prouilhe.
- 1212-12 15..... Dominic refuses a bishopric, so as not to neglect the nuns.
- 1213..... Dominic is *vicarius in spiritualibus* to the newly-appointed bishop of Carcassonne, Guy de Vaux-Cernay. He gives the Lenten preaching there in the Basilica of St-Nazaire.
- 7 Apr 1214..... Peter and Bernard Seilha discharge themselves of a common debt which burdened their recently inherited property.
- 25 May 1214..... Dominic bears the title of curé (pastor)of Fanjeaux.
- Jan 1215..... The cardinal legate persuades Foulques and Dominic to transfer the Preaching just reorganized at Fanjeaux to Toulouse
- 25 Apr 1215..... The Seilha brothers divide their property, and Dominic receives Peter’s half—in the name of “a house of regular life.”
- By mid-Jun 1215. Cardinal legate Pietro di Beneventum leaves Toulouse for Rome, turning over control of the papal preaching mission to the bishop—the occasion of Foulques’ charter to the order, in which he assigns the preaching mission to Dominic and all his companions, present and future; summarizes their rule; confers on them an alms in accord with definite conditions.
- Early Sept 1215... Dominic accompanies Foulques to the Lateran Council scheduled for November.
- Early Oct 1215.... Innocent III receives Dominic and Foulques, who in mutual agreement present their request that he “confirm an order which would be called and would be an Order of Preachers.” The matter of confirmation is turned over to Ugolino, cardinal-bishop of Ostia.
- Late 1215..... Dominic initiates a policy of intense recruiting. (About 20 friars join by the beginning of 1216.)
- Late Dec 1215..... Innocent III delivers a compromise decision: Dominic is to choose an existing rule and to return to the Curia; Innocent promises to confirm possessions, the preaching, and the name of Preachers. Foulques is to assign the friars a church of their own.
- c. May 1216..... Friars hold their first chapter to select a rule
- 1216..... A rule of observance is drawn up for the nuns at Prouilhe, patterned on that of the friars. They are very likely given also the Rule of Augustine at this time.
- Jul 1216 ..... Foulques grants the friars the use of the church of San Romain in Toulouse, where a cloister with cells above “suitable for study and sleeping” was built next to the church. They move.
- 16 Jul 1216..... Innocent III dies unexpectedly.
- c. mid-Oct 1216 .. Dominic sets out for Rome for the confirmation of his order. Honorius III receives Dominic.
- 22 Dec 1216..... Consistory is held; the bull of confirmation of the order is accepted. But confirmation of preaching mission is delayed through about a month of consultations with Ugolino.

- 21 Jan 1217..... Honorius addresses a bull to Dominic and his brothers. It is addressed to the brothers, "Preachers in the country of Toulouse," implying confirmation of their title and mission.
- Jan 1217..... Episcopal delegates arrive in Rome from Scandinavia and Poland, planning new missions there. Dominic's old dreams of a mission in the north are revived.
- Mar 1217 ..... Dominic gathers the brothers in chapter. He communicates the letters from Rome. A property dispute is settled for Prouilhe.
- c. May 1217 ..... Political conditions in Toulouse having deteriorated, Dominic decides (perhaps around Pentecost) to leave the city with his brothers and carry out his plan of dispersion. The brothers object, but he appeals to his authority, and the majority acquiesce.
- Mid-Dec 1217..... Dominic's fourth journey to Rome.
- Early Feb 1218.... Dominic arrives in Rome, is received by Honorius III, who gives him letters of recommendation for his friars. Dominic of Spain and Miguel de Ucero return discouraged from Spain; he sends them to Bologna.
- Feb - Apr 1218.... Dominic spends Lent preaching in the churches of Rome; recruits Reginald of Orleans. He appoints Reginald (after his return from the Holy Land) to go to Bologna as his vicar.
- c. Apr 1218 ..... Bertrand of Montferrat and John of Navarre come from Paris to report on progress and discouragement there. Dominic procures a papal letter asking the university to support and house the brothers. Word comes that the brothers in Toulouse are in a difficult position as opponents of Raymond VI. Dominic has a copy of the confirmation sent to them in case of their dispersal.
- May 1218..... Dominic leaves Rome.
- 3 Jun 1218..... Maybe Dominic is present at the Chapter of the Portiuncula in Assisi.
- Jul - Nov 1218 .... Exact whereabouts unknown. By about mid-autumn Dominic is at Guadalajara, (Spain) with new recruits. In November he visits Archbishop Rodrigo Ximenes (Diego's successor) at Talamanca; Ximenes opens his province to the order.
- Late 1218..... Dominic founds a monastery at Madrid.
- 1218..... With confirmation of the friars' use of Prouilhe, the Prouilhe monastery is also confirmed, thus formally attaching the nuns to the preachers.
- 13 Dec 1218..... Simon De Montfort dies of wounds received in battle in Toulouse.
- Late Dec 1218..... Dominic preaches in Segovia (where friars may already be) A house is given him and a convent established.
- c. May 1219 ..... Dominic crosses back to Provence, to Prouilhe and Toulouse (his last visit to Toulouse). He meets Bertrand, recently arrived from Paris. The two leave Toulouse for Paris in late May or early June.
- c. Jul 1219..... Dominic accepts Diana d' Andalò's profession; plans with her for a monastery.
- Late Oct 1219 ..... Dominic travels with three friars to Florence, then on to Viterbo, where Honorius III and his curia have been since June. He makes two requests of the pope (both of which are granted): 1) that diocesan clergy be ordered to receive the friars and support their ministry; 2) that the friars be allowed to incorporate mendicancy into their constitutions.
- 12 Dec 1219..... The "Bull of Mendicancy" is sent to the houses.

- 4 Dec 1219..... Dominic is granted the church of San Sisto in Rome for the foundation of a nuns' monastery.
- Late Feb 1220 ..... Dominic sends a letter to all houses, instructing them to send a designated number of representatives to Bologna for a "Constituent Chapter" to be convened 17 May (Pentecost). About the same time, he receives news of Reginald's death in Paris.
- c. Mar 1220..... Dominic goes back to Viterbo, where he stays till early May. He is seriously ill at Viterbo. ("chronic enteritis with severe crises and bouts of fever which took away all his strength from him"). He receives a bull confirming his authority over all of the brothers.
- c. Apr 1220 ..... Dominic sends friars to Verona and Milan.
- Apr 1220..... Since the schools of Palencia are about to become a university, a house is established there.
- May 1220..... Friars are sent from Bologna to Aragon, a mission that fails.
- May 1220..... Dominic promises to send two Scandinavian friars (professed in Bologna the previous August) to Sweden. About the same time a foundation is apparently made in Germany.
- 16 May 1220..... After a stop at Florence Dominic reaches Bologna for the Chapter, which begins next day.
- Late May 1220.... At the close of the chapter Dominic goes into Lombardy to preach in the company of four of the monks earlier mandated by Honorius III.
- Oct- Nov 1220 .... Dominic goes to Rome, arriving toward the end of December.
- Feb 1221 ..... Dominic establishes groups of reformed nuns in his monastery at San Sisto in Rome. He summons eight of the Prouilhe nuns to Rome to form the community of San Sisto.
- c. 10 May 1221 ... Dominic returns to Bologna.
- 30 May 1221 ..... Dominic arrives in Bologna just as friars are gathering for Second General Chapter—at least 50 delegates from about 25 houses with a total of "several hundred" brothers.
- Mid-Jun 1221..... After chapter Dominic goes to Venice on a preaching mission.
- c. 27 Jul 1221..... Dominic reaches Bologna, exhausted.
- c. 1 Aug 1221..... Dominic can no longer stand, finally goes to bed. The brothers, still hoping for his cure, take him to the Benedictine priory of Monte-Mario to the south of the city.
- 6 Aug 1221 ..... Knowing he is about to die and fearing that his body will be kept at Monte-Mario Dominic asks to be carried outside. They take him back to San Niccolò (Bologna) to Moneta da Cremona's cell. There he dies. He is buried in a simple casket.
- 1233..... Dominic is canonized.

