

Saturday, June 21, 2008 – Morning Prayer – Dominican Colleges Colloquium

Being with and praying with each other at the midpoint of this Dominican Colloquium, that is calling us to contemplate the connections between Justice and Compassion, we hear God's Word remind us that we cannot let ourselves be divided AND we must believe that today and each day, the Evil that we meet will be eclipsed by the Grace and Goodness that is available for us as we live our Dominican Lives, Individually and Institutionally.

Our thirst for Justice and our pursuit of the many actions for Justice that are so necessary in each of our Cities and States and World must be strategically balanced with the Compassion that rises out of each of us and harmoniously joins with the Compassion of each of our Campus Colleagues. As we strive together in our diverse locations in this USA, we encounter very different and very similar realities that persistently attempt to divide us – from one another, externally and from our best Selves, internally. Our prayers for Global and Universal Justice require each of us to commit ourselves and our Dominican Institutions to discover AND BE constantly -- strategically -- balanced -- Just and Compassionate Dominican Educators. Actions for Justice coming from Compassionate Hearts witness brightly to Integrated Humans in Integrated, not divided Institutions.

Today as we move forward further into our Common Study of our Dominican Ways of Institutional and Individual Compassion and Justice, let us each look and listen for the abundant grace and goodness that is in our gathered group – and that we each know and experience in our

separate Selves, in our unique Institutional Expression of US Dominican Higher Learning and in our Common Connectedness to this Global Dominican Charism and Story.

It is our Duty and our Opportunity in this, Our Age, these early years of the 21st Century.

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