

NEWS FROM THE NOVITIATE

James Trares, who is currently spending a year at the Dominican Central Province Novitiate in Denver, Colorado (formation began July 25), wishes everyone at St. Joseph's well. A Vestition Rite was held on August 22, when he and the nine other brothers in his class promised to live the Dominican way of life while at the novitiate--it is a sort of probationary time when both the novices and the community discern whether this is the right place for them. They then had the option of taking a religious name to mark their new way of life. James chose to go for a double name--so, from this point on (or as long as he remains with the Dominicans) he is called **Brother James Peter**. His days are spent in prayer and meditation, participating in liturgies, attending lectures/discussions about church and Dominican history, spirituality, liturgy, prayer, discernment, and community life, doing ministry work at a nursing home run by Little Sisters of the Poor, and free time activities which include reading, writing, cleaning, praying, laundry, piano practicing, music composition, organizing a choir with seven of the novices, exercising at nearby Regis University's fitness center, relaxing, etc. A blog has been created by his mom to help keep in touch with family and friends. It includes detailed messages from him, photos, and links, as well as other happenings of his family--to view the blog, please go to <http://traresfamilytidings.blogspot.com/>. To learn more about the Dominican Central Province, go to www.domcentral.org.

