

Updated Zambia Dominicans: SWOT synthesis of Reflection Circles

<p>Guiding principles or Identity statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If Dominic would be here today, he still want to preach the truth and like in the video of the core team, allow his followers to be feet and hands to the needy ❖ He would urge his followers to spread out and share the charism ❖ Call to nurture life in all its aspects especially as we examine the quality of our Presence in our Ministries ❖ Use of modern Technology for Evangelisation/Preaching thus reaching out to many people
<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Though there are few sisters, the projects run very well
<p>Weaknesses (internal challenges)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ So many ministries but few sisters (How we are addressing this may be a weakness) ❖ Multiple responsibilities causing work overload/burn out (how we are addressing this may be a weakness) ❖ In the futuring questions, only challenges were stated but no way forward to the challenges ❖ A lot of responsibilities/so many ministries, but few sisters (also a Threat) ❖ few numbers of sisters ❖ Lack of Dominican lay groups ❖ Lack of adequate finances
<p>Opportunities (i.e. concrete ideas for situations/needs to address in the world outside the cong)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collaboration with our lay partners – make a deliberate move/effort to form our lay partners and be open to share our Dominican mission and Charism with them ● Communion/collaboration with other Dominicans ● To collaborate more with lay Partners by delegating some responsibilities in carrying out the mission of Christ ● Finding creative ways of promoting and sustaining vocations by forming formators ● What about sharing insights on how Africans can support projects in Africa so that they learn self-sustainability
<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donor dependency ○ What happens to the projects when donors cease to fund the projects? ○ So many ministries but few sisters (Weakness also) ○ A lot of responsibilities/so many ministries, but few sisters (also a Weakness) ○ Fallacies that sisters have a lot of money
<p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How much quality time do we have for the people we serve? ✓ Being open to the needs of our time and collaborate more with Dominicans world wide ✓ A challenge to respond to the needs of our people/ our world by bringing that hope to all especially to those who have lost hope. ✓ The need to involve lay partners more ✓ Promoting the Dominican mission/charism within our ministries ✓ This project proposes that the implementation plan will, if fulfilled, hopefully answer the problem of numbers in an effort to answer to all needs within the run projects

Comments or observations on the process

- Indicate exactly how many sisters and lay partners are in each ministry
- Involvement of more lay partners in giving responses to futuring questions
- The number of lay partners in our ministries (missing information)
- In the futuring questions, only challenges were stated but no way forward to the challenges