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## Saint Dominic de Guzman

"Arm yourself with prayer instead of a sword; be clothed with humility instead of fine raiment." This quote of Saint Dominic is a life lesson about humbleness and charity. Saint Dominic OP is the founder of Order of The Preachers and was a remarkable man of good character and breadth of vision.

Saint Dominic OP also known as Saint Dominic de Guzman was born in Caleruega Castile Spain on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1170. He was born of Jane of Aza, a holy woman in her own right, and Felix de Guzman, a royal warden of the village. According to the legend, before Dominic was born his mom had a dream about leaping on her own womb. The animal in the dream appeared to set the earth on fire. Saint Dominic was educated by his uncle who was a priest, and later was sent to Palencia to study arts and theology.

In 1911, Spain experienced famine and Dominic sold everything that he had to buy food for the poor. On two other separate occasions, he attempted to sell himself into slavery to the Moors in exchange to free other people. Dominic had a journey in France with the Albigensian heresy. He sensed the need to fight this heresy and commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade. Despite violent threats to Dominic, he continued traveling to different places to preach and convert back to Catholic Christian faith and practice.

Dominic got sick in July 1221 and died August 6. Before his death, he urged his brothers to keep a spirit of humility and charity. Dominic's body was placed in a humble sarcophagus in 1223 and moved to a shrine 1267. Dominic was canonized because of his holiness, including many miracles God had worked with him. He also had deep compassion for human suffering, and saw the need to use all the resources of learning in

Christ's service. Pope Gregory IX canonized  
Saint Dominic on July 13, 1234.

Saint Dominic is the patron saint  
of astronomers, the Dominican Republic, and  
innocent people who are falsely accused  
of crimes. I chose my saint because  
he had shown humbleness and charity  
to others. He gave up all his earthly  
things to help the poor. He was also  
brave to spread the word of God and  
convert people to Catholic Church / Christian  
faith despite threats in his life.