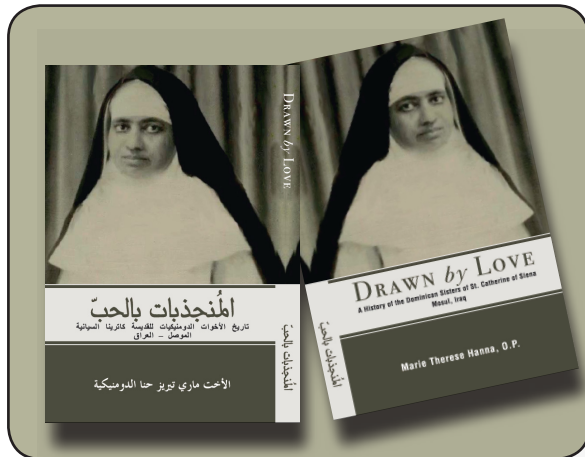


# FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR 133-YEAR HISTORY ...

a small congregation of Iraqi Dominican Sisters is sharing the compelling story of their community's founding and unfolding in a turbulent region, under unusual ecclesial circumstances.

In a new book titled, *DRAWN by LOVE*, Sister Marie Therese Hanna, OP, a former prioress of the congregation, tells the story of their founding as a lay community at the end of the 19th century, to present day Iraq where the Catholic sisters are striving to rebuild their country even as the Christian minority is being persecuted in the aftermath of the U.S. invasion seven years ago.



The cover of *DRAWN by LOVE* showing Sister Marie Aimee Hindu, O.P., first native prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Mosul, Iraq.

Notwithstanding the threats and danger, as the book recounts in its final chapters, the St. Catherine Dominicans are dedicated to working

alongside their Iraqi brothers and sisters—Christians, Muslims, Kurds, Yazidis, and others alike—in their mission of helping to build a new,

nonviolent future for Iraq. The 280-page history provides a unique lens through which to view the tumultuous history of Iraq; the story of the sisters is intimately tied to that of the Iraqi people, whose welfare remains their abiding concern. Published in English and Arabic, the book includes 20 pages of photographs and a map illustrating the sisters' mission areas.

*Proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to help finance the higher education of the congregation's young sisters. Their training—in peace studies, medicine, pastoral care, psychology, theology, and other*

*fields—is a priority for the congregation, in their mission of forging a better future for the people of Iraq.*

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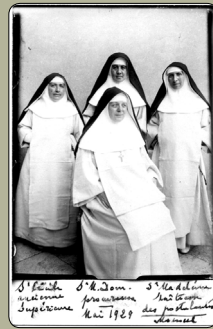


A great gift that will keep on giving through the educational support it will offer the young Dominican Sisters—and, by extension, the people of Iraq.



الرئيسة العامة ماري ريموند مع الأخوات سيسيل، رئيسة دير الآباء ماري دومينيك، الوكيل العام، وساري مادلين، مسؤولة المطالبت (نوفمبر ١٩٢٦).

Prioress Marie Raymond (seated) with Sisters Cecile, local superior; Marie Dominique, treasurer; and Madeleine, postulant mistress (May 1923).



الدير الأم في الموصل، وهي الصورة التي أرسلتها الأخت ماري ريموند لزميلتها في فرنسا عام ١٩٢٦. وقد كتبت عليها أسماء النساء اللاتي ربيهن في دير ورفقة الجماعة. Sister Marie Raymond notes the location of the dormitories, community room, chapel, and old terrace in this photo of the Al-Saah Motherhouse.

دير مار باقر حيث تجمع الأخوات ويسكن المنطقة التي يحدها اليوم الأبنية المتخلفة عن سلامتهن بسبب الظروف الإقتصادية خلال الحرب العالمية الثانية والفترة (زمنه الأزمات) Sisters help people in Mar Yaqob who were brought by the Dominicans here during World War II to escape danger.



ست شباهت بالزي الشعبي قبل قبولهن كطالبات (الموصل ١٩٢٩).

Six young women pose in their traditional village dress before entering as postulants.

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The story of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena speaks of enduring faith, struggle over more than half a century in the present moment, in spite of loss, temptation, and hope, and courage over despair, poverty, and ignorance. It is a story that begins with a small group of women of diverse Catholic and non-Catholic traditions (Chaldean, Latin, Syrian, Orthodox, Armenian, and Nonnatoist) forming a Dominican community together and persevering to create their own native Iraqi congregation. It is an unfolding story of faith-filled women drawn by love of God into selfless service and service in unwavering witness of love in the midst of poverty, violence, and chaos.



Marie Therese Hanna, O.P. served as prioress of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena for two terms, from the period of the residential community through the U.S. invasion (1993-2003). Born in Germany in northern Italy, Sister Marie Therese earned her degree in the Congregation in 1953 and has served as a teacher and principal from 1964-1993. She is currently ministering in Rome.



قصص الأخوات الدومنيكيات القديسة ماريالينا السامية هي قصة تكلمت عن صراع شديده على مدى اعطاش من حين هذه الساعات لهذا القصة تصف الصعاب على التغلب على العقبات والتغلب على الصعاب والتغلب على الفقر والجهل... بلها القصة حية مجموعة صغيرة من النساء من مختلف الطوائف المسيحية الكاثوليكية وغير الكاثوليكية، الذين جمعوا معاً لتكوين جماعة دوميكية في الموصل على أن تكون من صلاتهم عائلية محلية. هي قصة نساء مؤهلات شجعتهم بفتح الله وتعاون النعم والحكمة مشاهدتهم لشخص الذي لا يتوانم في خدم العسر واليسر والمفوس.



سنت الأخت ماري تيريز كرسيد، الرئيسة القديسة كاترينا الدومنيكيات القديسة كاترينا الموصل-العراق، خلال زيارتهما لأديان ميشيغان ٢٠٠٨. Sister Maria enjoys a moment with Sister Elise-Britt Nilsen, O.P., prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Notre Dame de Grâce, during their visit to Adrian, Michigan, in 2008.

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