

Reflection questions for mid-point break:

- ♥ What is the river for us as religious, as Dominicans, facing the future?
- ♥ Have we become so accustomed to navigating this river as we have come to know it that we cling unreasonably to what the current is in fact carrying away, in danger of drowning if we stay where we are? How do we “cleanse our palette” so that our “sense of taste,” our discernment, will be true?
- ♥ What are some elements of Dominican religious life as we’ve known it (even after Vatican II) that are racing away?
- ♥ What is the goal, the “other shore” to which we have to cross over, and what is the work we have to do there?
- ♥ Is the point of our journey being on the river, or is the point of our journey getting to the other shore? Should we even think of leaving the river of religious (or Dominican) life as we’ve known it?
- ♥ If we let go of what is racing away, who and what will we be as we climb out of the river and onto the bridge? What really constitutes who we are as Dominicans? What is indispensable as we move forward?

Questions for reflection after second session:

- ♥ Where do you see your circles of passion, competence, and resources intersecting? Where does your deep gladness meet the world’s great hunger?
- ♥ What is the *essence* of our identity as Dominicans? Of what can we let go without letting go of our very identity?
- ♥ How will that insight shape the next step(s) of our journey to “the other shore”?
- ♥ What might the vineyard without fences look like — now, in five years, in ten, in twenty?
- ♥ What are we called to midwife?
- ♥ Where do our associates fit in this venture?
- ♥ What might attract today’s “cream of the crop” young people to share our Dominican life in community?

