DOMINICAN HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

2026 FALL NEWSLETTER

Dominican friars have cared for patients, families, and staff in the hospitals around St. Catherine of Siena Church for almost a century. Our history is marked by men and women of great holiness, among them Ven. Rose Hawthorne, whose name now marks 68th St. and First Ave. We are proud to continue caring for the sick in her footsteps, and it is our pleasure to share with you the fruits of our ministry over the past year.







Rose Hawthorne Way

On October 1st New York City co-named 68th St. and First Ave. in honor of Ven. Rose Hawthorne, founder of the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne. She trained as a nurse at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, at that time called New York Cancer Hospital, and the pastor of our parish first encouraged her to found a religious congregation to continue her work. She devoted her life to caring for poor New Yorkers dying of incurable cancer at a time when few others would, and in 2024 was declared Venerable.

Save the Date!

DECEMBER 12

End of Life Symposium
Join the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York at St. Joseph's Seminary, 8:30am-3:00pm. bit.ly/EOLSymposium

FEBRUARY 13

The Lourdes Healing Mass
12:00 p.m. Solemn Mass, sprinkling of Lourdes Water and reception, at St. Catherine of Siena Church

Watch Recordings of the Thomistic Bioethics Colloquium on the Anointing of the Sick in its Pastoral, Theological, and Historical Dimensions
healthcareministry.org/thomisticbioethics2026



2026 Preaching and Teaching

"In the face of the challenge of illness and the emotional and spiritual difficulties associated with pain, one must necessarily know how to speak a word of comfort drawn from the compassion of Jesus on the Cross." *Samaritanus Bonus*



- Retreat and conference preaching for NYC parishes, Knights of Columbus chapters, Catholic Medical Association Regional Retreat, and Dominican Laity
- Masses and celebrations at St. Catherine of Siena Church



- Regent's Workshop at Dominican House of Studies
- Guest lecturing at Seton Hall University and Mt. Sinai Medical School, and assisting classes at Catholic University of America School of Nursing



- Speaking for the JPII Foundation Presbyteral Convocations and Healthcare Professional continuing education
- Sessions at the Catholic Medical Association Annual Education Conference and the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference
- Giving the 2026 St. Luke Annual Lecture for the Religious Sisters of Mercy



- Hosting the Catholic Medical Association New York Metropolitan Guild
- Biweekly God and Cancer Prayer and Support Group

New Friar Assignments

After 12 years of serving the sick in the healthcare ministry, Fr. David Adiletta has received a new assignment to the Dominican Order's overseas missions. We thank him for his dedicated service!



We are joined by Fr. Pius Henry, newly ordained in May and beginning his priestly ministry as a hospital chaplain.



Seminarian Interns

Seminarians and student brothers from around the country join us for a summer internship in hospital chaplaincy, and for hospital experiences throughout the year.



Responding to Physician Assisted Suicide

Physician Assisted Suicide, called Medical Aid in Dying, is now legal in New York. Our friars have been leading a Catholic response through our preaching, workshops for clergy and chaplains, and creating policy for Catholic pastoral care in secular hospitals. Listen to our sermons on MAiD/PAS at healthcareministry.org/preaching

Support Dominican Healthcare Ministry

Please pray for the sick, the dying, their families, and the medical staff who care for them.

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