

St. Dominic

This humble saint, who refused three times to be made bishop, founded the great preaching order of the Dominicans. He holds the Bible as these teachings are of first importance to the order. The dog bearing a torch in its mouth is a symbol for the Dominicans because St. Dominic's mother, Blessed Joan of Aza, had a vision before Dominic was born of this dog who would set fire to the world. St. Dominic has the star over his head and is carrying a tall cross also part of his iconography.

The Dominican Sisters of Great Bend was the only foundation of women religious in the Diocese of Dodge City when the Wichita diocese was divided in 1951. This order provided teachers for many Catholic schools, operated three hospitals, and provides many other ministries in the diocese to this day. Among these are: Heartland Center for Spirituality and Heartland Center for Wholistic Health in Great Bend, Heartland Farm at Pawnee Rock, Liebenhaus of Prayer in Liebenthal, the Ministry of Presence with the poor in Garden City, housing for the elderly and handicapped at Cedar Park Place in Great Bend, and support of the Dominican Sisters in Nigeria, West Africa.

