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Ms. Renee Valenzuela, O.P.  
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Dear Ms. Valenzuela,

Thank you for your letter of September 21, 2021. The Dominican Laity Provincial Council met on September 10, 2021, in Libertyville, Illinois and received your petition to be granted full chapter status. Br. John Steilberg, O.P., has also recommended this.

Having met the requirements of the chapter status and having received support from the Laity Provincial Council, I approve the group to be elevated to Dominican Laity Chapter within the Province of St. Albert the Great, namely:

**BLESSED MARY, MOTHER OF DOMINIC**  
**(Cedaredge, Colorado)**

Thank you for your work with the Dominican Laity. The work of your chapter is impressive. I look forward to hearing more about the work of the chapter.

Fraternally,

  
Very Rev. James V. Marchionda, O.P.  
Prior Provincial

cc: Most Reverend Stephen J. Berg, D.D.  
Br. John Steilberg, O.P.  
Mrs. Gwendolin R. Weinberger, O.P.

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