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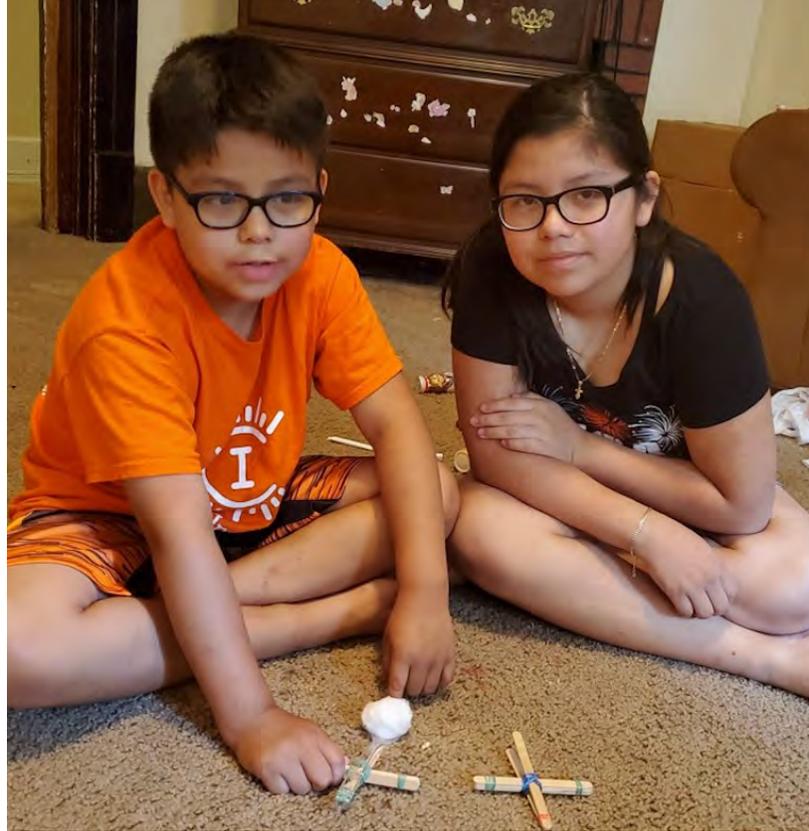




Cover (top to bottom): Sr. Suzanne Brauer from the Peace Center delivers fresh fruit to a senior in New Orleans, LA. Sr. Mai-Dung Nguyen and her family made more than 2000 masks for local charities and first responders. From left, Sisters Margie Davis and Annie Killian at a demonstration for racial justice in Columbus, OH.

Top: A volunteer tutor and an adult learner are making in-person learning work safely at the Siena Learning Center in New Britain, CT. Below Left: In response to the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, the Congregation created and distributed signs to encourage racial justice. Bottom Left: Our Sisters made more than 10,000 masks – even St. Dominic got one! Right: Sr. Imelda Schmidt teaches a virtual class on cheesemaking at Heartland Farm in Pawnee Rock, KS.





Top: Rising Youth, an initiative of our anti-violence project in Columbus, OH, supplied back to school bags to students at Whitehall-Yearling High School. This is the first year of our mentoring program at the school. Our Akron Sisters created STEM projects for local children to continue learning all summer long; two children who attend the Kennedy-King Center in Akron show off their finished projects. Below Left: When our Rosary Manor in Watertown, MA, closed earlier this year, items from our Chapel were donated to a near-by parish. Bottom Left: Columbus-area Associates send "socially-distanced" Easter greetings to the Columbus Motherhouse and Mohun Care Center communities. Right: Sisters, Associates and members of the Akron interfaith community came together for a prayer vigil to end racism in June 2020.



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From Our Prioress

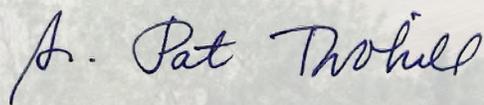
As I sit down to write this letter to you, our much-loved friends and supporters, I hardly know where to start. What a year it has been!

Pandemic, protest, politics, polarizations...it seems that every day brings a new shock. Sadly, these crises have not brought us together as Christian charity demands.

During a time of similar polarization, our founder, St. Dominic, used the practice of disputatio, a form of respectful debate, in his preaching and conversions. Disputatio requires that one listen to and respect the voices of others, knowing that all voices hold some kernel of truth. Only by respecting all voices, and by taking these voices together to come to the one truth – the Gospel of Christ - can we combat the division in our world.

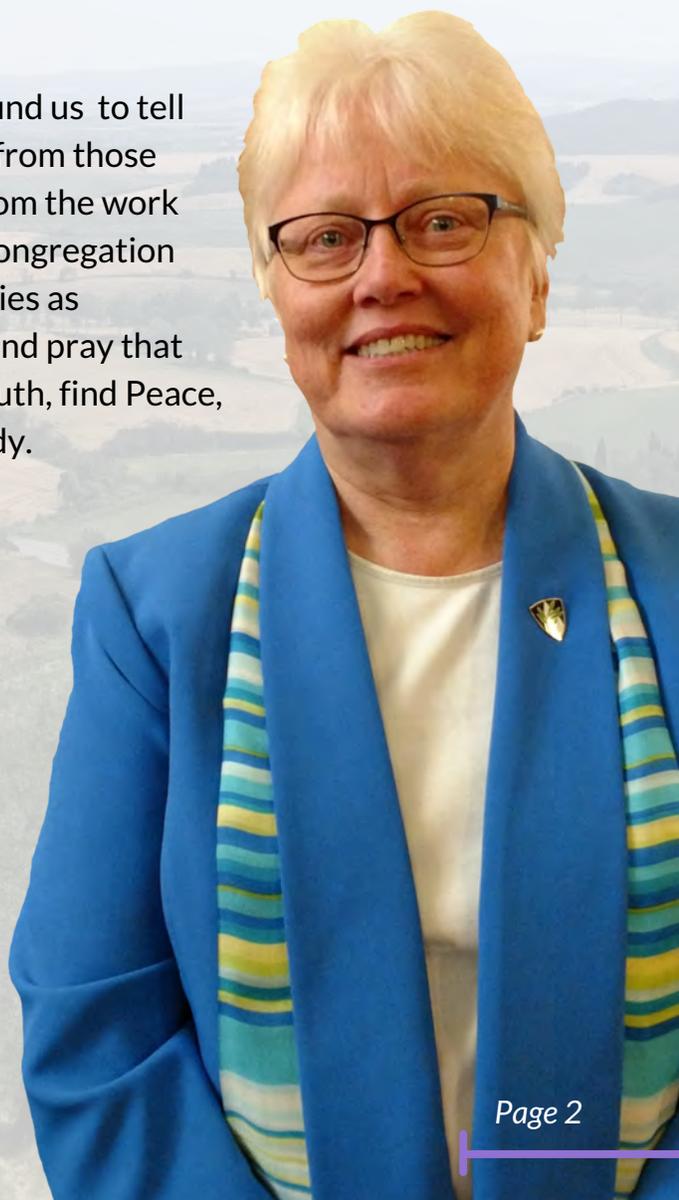
In this year's annual report, we have asked for those around us to tell the story of the Congregation in their words. You'll hear from those who work with our Sisters, those who have benefitted from the work that our Sisters do, and those who have supported our Congregation since its founding in 2009. I hope that you find these stories as interesting and thought provoking as I have. I also hope and pray that as we truly listen to the voices around us, we will seek Truth, find Peace, and strengthen the ties that bind us as one in Christ's body.

With gratitude,



Sr. Patricia Twohill, OP
Prioress

PS - You may notice that Sisters are not wearing masks in many of the photos in this publication. Please be assured that many of these are older photos taken before the onset of COVID-19. Our Sisters are making every effort to remain safe, and we pray that you are as well.



Go and Do Likewise

These words in the book of Luke, 10:37, close the parable of the Good Samaritan. With them, Jesus illustrated the value of mercy.

Like our founder, St. Dominic and our patron, St. Catherine of Siena, our Sisters have always gone where the need is greatest. As the United States quarantined to protect citizens from the emerging coronavirus, our Sisters wanted to help the poor, the sick and the marginalized. For some of our Sisters in their 80's, and others in poor health, this was not to be.

As essential workers struggled to locate protective gear, Sisters took to their sewing machines. Sr. Mai-Dung Nguyen, living with her elderly parents during quarantine, sewed and donated more than 2000 masks. Each mask was accompanied by a special prayer, and the entire family helped with the project. (1)

In Oxford, MI, our St. Mary's Retreat House was closing when Sr. Rita Birzer, in true Dominican fashion, saw the needs of the day changing

around her. Much of the Retreat House furniture, bedding and personal protective gear was donated to a temporary facility to house COVID-19 patients.

Sister Joanne Caniglia and the Sisters in our Akron, OH, Motherhouse created math and science lessons that could be done at home, and 300 projects a week were distributed to women's homeless shelters and food centers. Associate Connie Dubick, who volunteers with the King Kennedy Community Center in Akron, helped manage the distribution of the packets.

How Can You Help?

The cost of PPE- gloves, masks and gowns - has increased by more than 200% in this pandemic year. Your gift helps us keep the Sisters in our Motherhouses and care centers safe.



People of color were exceptionally hard hit by the virus and the economic downturn that accompanied quarantine.

At the Peace Center, Sisters Suzanne Brauer, Pat Thomas and Ceal Warner took to the streets of New Orleans, masked and socially distanced, to take food to elderly neighbors and offer a friendly face. (2)

Our Sisters at the Columbus, OH, Motherhouse, along with the Martin de Porres Center and the Dominican Learning Center, packed weekly bags of food, educational activities, and personal protective gear for members of the local Latinx community.

In rural Kansas, Sisters Janice Thome and Roserita Weber have obtained donations to help their neighbors maintain their homes. Many of them are economic refugees.

Sr. Ellen Coates, a health professional in the second year of her novitiate, is working as a contact tracer at the Ohio State University in Columbus to help reduce the spread of the virus on campus and in the local community. (3)

In Niskayuna, NY, Sr. Sue Zengulis at the Dominican Retreat Center is launching a spiritual sanctuary for seniors, persons with disabilities and 12-step group members, caring for the needs of heart and soul.

Our vocations team has continued to minister to those who hear God's call. Our virtual vocation events have helped to bring two new candidates, Cathy Buchanan and Tram Bui, to the Congregation. Sr. Phuong Vu professed her temporary vows on December 8, 2020. (4)

This year has been like no other, and like so many, the Dominican Sisters of Peace have found new ways to serve. Your support – your prayers and your gifts – are vital to our ability to continue the work of St. Dominic: to preach the Gospel of peace through our words, our deeds, and our lives.



Small Parishes, Big Ministries



St. Dominic's Church in Garden City, KS, is like many other small-town churches in 2020 America. The 800-family, multi-cultural parish shares a priest with a nearby mission church, so much of the sacramental and administrative work falls to the staff...which in the case of St. Dominic's, is a bundle of energy in wild socks, Sr. Myra Arney. (2)

Parishioner Jan Deal says that as the Director of Religious Education, Sr. Myra manages a thriving religious education program, with students from preschool through high school. She recruits volunteer teachers and office help, coordinates enrollment and tuition, creates the school calendar and schedules First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. (1)

"RCIA is where I have gotten to know Sr. Myra best," parishioner Jan says. "She is an inspiration to me and to my faith. It is easy to see her devotion to our church and to the people she serves."

"I have known Sister Myra since 2012 when I began working at St. Dominic Parish," says Matt Perez, Parish Administrative Assistant, Stewardship Director and Adult Formation Director.

"Not only am I a beneficiary of the work that she has done in the parish, I am also a beneficiary of her friendship, grace, and partnership in ministry. Knowing Sister Myra Arney has been a blessing," Matt said.

Across the country, in Leetonia, OH, St. Patrick's church is very different from St. Dominic's. A small congregation of older families in a mainly white community, St. Patrick shares a priest with nearby St. Paul's in Salem.

Sr. Barbara Rapp joined the parish as the Pastoral Administrator in 2018, and according to parishioner Mary Ann Greier, immediately began to learn names, faces and families. She

also jumped into parish activities, volunteering at the Food Pantry, helping with the Parish pierogi sales, and ministering to the needs of the congregation. She often meets with parishioners on the porch of the home that she shares with Sr. Rene Weeks. (3)

When the church was closed this spring during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sr. Barbara put her many talents to work for the good of the parish, sewing and distributing masks, applying for grants for the church food pantry, and sending emails full of parish news and words of encouragement.

"I've enjoyed getting to know Sister Barbara in the short time she's been with us in little Leetonia," Mary Ann said. "We're lucky to have her. My faith remains steadfast. I think the stability of our church and having someone like Sister Barbara there to keep everything going helps."

Sue DeJane, who runs the parish food pantry at St. Patrick's Church, says that Sr. Barb and Sr. Rene Weeks, who serves the Latinx community at sister parish St. Paul's, are active participants in all parish ministries. (4)

They help unload and stock donations from Second Harvest, pick up items at local stores, and help box food for the pantry's drive-through distribution.

"Their participation has given us a closer bond with our Church as a whole. Their words of faith and encouragement have lifted our spirits," Sue says. "We are proud to have the Sisters working beside us. This has brought them closer to the rest of our small community."

Across the country, there are many stories of our sisters in parish ministry helping young and old prepare for the sacraments, providing a listening ear and prayerful counsel, and doing what they can to strengthen not just their church, but their community.

How Can You Help?

Please pray for our Sisters in parish ministry and for those that they serve. You and your family are in our prayers daily.



Our Response to Systemic Racism



For years, women religious have stood for and with those calling for racial equality in America. In the past, Dominican Sisters of Peace marched with Dr. King. Today, we pray for Dreamers at the Capitol, and help those Dreamers and their parents attain citizenship at our literacy centers. We march with our sisters and brothers of color, and work to end the systemic racism that holds those same sisters and brothers in the grip of poverty across the nation.

The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery in early 2020 called into focus systemic racism, and called the Dominican Sisters of Peace to respond. The challenge of social distancing caused by the COVID-19 pandemic required creative thinking and a response that combined old and new media. Sr. Anne Lythgoe, OP, spearheaded the response on behalf of the entire Leadership team, of which she is a member.

“Like so many people of conscience, we were heartbroken and angered by the violent and senseless death of George Floyd,” Sr. Anne said. “Our Sisters and Associates wanted to speak out against racism, but many of them were quarantined because of the virus. We had to find a way to speak out from our Convents and Motherhouses while maintaining safety in a time of pandemic.”

It started online. The Leadership team posted a statement on the OPPeace website, followed by a 30-day series of social media postings quoting Father Bryan Massingale, one of the world's leading Catholic social ethicists and scholars of African-American theological ethics.

As the nation began to open after the shutdowns of the early pandemic, our Akron Motherhouse hosted an interfaith group of about 150 people for a prayer vigil on the lawn. Sisters and associates joined marches and

demonstrations. (1 and 2) We carried signs, we stood as allies and we prayed.

By mid-summer, Sisters, associates and friends began witnessing from their homes, driveways and windows. Our “*Racism is a Sin. Period.*” signs have popped up at Motherhouses, ministries, and private homes across the nation.

At Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, CT, Sr. Anne Kilbride posted her “*Racism is a Sin. Period.*” signs around the college chapel when the students returned in September. (3)

“This message really seemed to resonate with our students,” said Sr. Anne. “Students were stopping to talk about and take photos with the signs; the faculty had a positive response – they were just very well received.”

Andrea E. Kovacs, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing at the college, saw an opportunity to make a big statement about the college and its mission, and asked if the college could place this message on one of their billboards around New Haven, CT.

“The “Racism is a Sin. Period.” message is a strong statement in support of the Black Lives Matter movement in our local community,” Kovacs said. “We felt this message from our founders, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, was strong, direct, and crystal clear. We wanted our larger community to know these powerful women and their clear view of social justice.”

The billboard is currently on displays in East Haven and Hartford, CT.

We continue to pray – not just for peace, but that our own hearts and minds be opened to the issue of systemic racism, and that our walls of privilege be broken.

As important is discussion, study and contemplation. The Dominican Sisters of Peace and their 700+ associates have been involved in a study of racism for several years. As we look at our world in chaos, we also look inside at our own hearts, and reach out to our neighbors with compassion to stand up for justice.

Our late Director of Associates, Colette Parker, was an eloquent voice for racial justice. Her powerful words fueled much of the Congregation’s racial justice work. She expressed her hope for the future in a 2020 blog, where she paraphrased the late John Lewis, *“Together, we can redeem the soul of America by getting in...good trouble, necessary trouble.”*



How Can You Help?

Ask yourself – how can I be a builder of peace? Seek to understand those whose lives have been different from yours simply because their skin color is different.

**Pray. Study.
Discuss. Support.**



Supporting Religious Life in Nigeria

In 1956, when the Dominican Sisters of Peace were called to help build a Catholic presence in Nigeria, they were ready for the challenge. The Great Bend, KS, sisters traveled to Nigeria to found schools and hospitals. They also founded a new indigenous Congregation, the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, Gusau.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, Gusau, welcomed their first native postulant in 1973, and in 1977, two native Sisters made first profession. This "sister" congregation has continued to grow, and today, The Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, Gusau, serve 115,000+ annually in the Northwest area of the country with health care, social services and educational ministries.

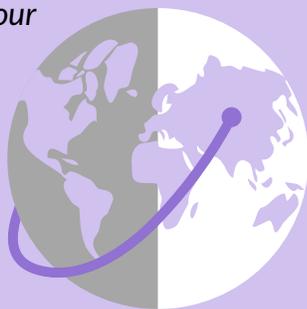
Prioress Jacinta Nwaohiri describes a little about religious life in Nigeria. "In some parts of Nigeria, Sisters have a special seat in the church. From the beginning, with the American Dominican Sisters, our congregation has been grounded in inclusiveness, reflected in the way we interact with both the laity and people of other beliefs.

"Our partnership with the Dominican Sisters of Peace and the GHR Foundation Sister Support project has offered the financial and moral support to bring old and new members of the Congregation together to reassess our faith, practices and attitudes – to look at how we treated each other and our neighbors, Christians and Muslims alike," Sr. Jacinta continued. "This helped us to improve relationships with the people we serve in our ministries and to serve as ambassadors of peace as women, disassociating ourselves from any activity that demeans the human person."

How Can You Help?

Support our overseas mission and the Nigerian Sisters.

Your prayers and your generous gifts help the Dominican Sisters of Peace minister in 22 states and 3 countries around the world.



The Sisters are challenged by the harsh economic realities of life in Nigeria. The women of the Congregation had little access to education prior to entering religious life, and many novices lacked the education necessary to sustain the work of the Congregation. The resulting inability to command good wages or financial support often left the Sisters struggling to support the Congregation, much less their ministries.

"Our partnership with the Dominican Sisters of Peace and the GHR Foundation has also increased the numbers of Sisters able to obtain higher education and helped us become more efficient

and effective in ministry. Our Sisters are now more confident facilitators of programs and leaders in their various apostolates," says Sr. Jacinta.

"The certificates our Sisters have acquired have helped them to increase their take-home pay, supporting both the Congregation and our ministries. With jobs in the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria or government institutions, we have a voice in the national conversation," she explained.

"Young women entering the apostolate are beginning to be more prepared as well, as our Congregation has championed the education of the girl. Our Sisters are assigned permanently to manage the education project at a rural village in GidanYawa, Kafur Local Government Area of Katsina State in the Northern Nigeria," Sr. Jacinta said. "We have also been able to build a secondary school in Agbor Delta State."

Speaking of the Church in Nigeria, Sr. Jacinta points out that, "Religious in our country are respected for their selfless love for God. The capacity for selfless love is the hallmark of Christianity. The Dominican Sisters of Peace and their friends have exemplified this love by empowering us to be fruitful witnesses of God's kingdom, and we are profoundly grateful."

The Annual Great Bend Bazaar, which was held online this year to maintain safety, supports the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine, Gusau, and other ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Your generosity makes a difference!



Top: Central Clinic Malumfashi educates on prevention of coronavirus. Middle: Novices celebrate their First Profession of Vows. Bottom: Reception of Novices, July 11, 2019.

Quarantine Brings Generations Closer

Many of you have expressed concern for the health of our Sisters during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for your many prayers. We, too, have been touched by this terrible pandemic.

Sister Annie Killian, a first-year novice at the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate in Chicago, IL, described pandemic life in the context of the history of our order in the *Pedagogy and Profession Newsletter*, September 2020. We share an excerpt of the article [here](#):

Many of us have experienced constricted forms of community during the Covid-19 pandemic. Some have looked to cloistered religious orders to learn skills for living in an “enclosed” context. A medievalist by training, I have spent the last year living as a “candidate” in community with four sisters down the road from the Dominican Sisters of Peace congregational motherhouse. Unsurprisingly, the quarantine intensified my introduction to communal religious life, and has opened me to its many gifts.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace is not a cloistered monastic community but an apostolic foundation. The inspiration for our lives of contemplation and action is Saint Catherine of Siena, who after three years of devotion to solitary contemplation, was told in prayer that she must strengthen her love for God by going out to serve her neighbor. She emerged from her cell to nurse the ill during a time of plague.

Dominican Sisters, in more recent U.S. history, followed Catherine’s example by nursing the

sick through cholera outbreaks and the 1918 influenza epidemic. Given this legacy of self-sacrificing service, it has been challenging for our sisters to stay home while COVID-19 wreaks havoc. The majority, however, are in their 80s. For their own safety, the sisters find themselves strictly enclosed in the convent.

Such strict enclosure is abnormal. The convent is meant to be a place from which Sisters go out to minister and into which they welcome guests whether family members or strangers.

The sisters have nevertheless devised ways to continue ministering in quarantine. They’ve made thousands of masks for front-line workers and prison inmates, assembled food boxes for families in the neighborhood, and provided virtual pastoral care. Importantly, they sustain each other as they navigate this new reality shaped by loneliness, frailty, and vulnerability.

How Can You Help?

The Dominican Sisters of Peace continue to reach out to women seeking their religious vocation. Your prayers sustain our efforts, as your donations help us find new, safe ways to provide personal spiritual guidance.



As a member of the community, I have indirect knowledge of the mental, emotional, and spiritual impact that the quarantine has had on the sisters, who were largely confined to their rooms for the first three months of the shut-down. Few people my age, in their early 30s, have this kind of connection to the growing retired and elderly population. The risk posed to their health has sunk into my subconscious: one night I dreamt that I was exposed to someone with the virus and unknowingly carried it to the sisters, infecting the whole motherhouse – a horrifying nightmare!

As a younger Sister, my experience has been one of deepening intergenerational solidarity. Intergenerational living is a reality that has become rare in the dominant U.S. culture. For women religious, developing the skills for living well in intergenerational communities is an important part of initial formation.

When community is lived well, it bears fruit in real companionship and mutual trust. While staying at home, I have certainly not been isolated. Rather, I have been supported, not only by the presence of the sisters, but also by the established structure of our day. Working remotely during the pandemic, time easily blurs. For religious communities, praying the liturgy of the hours provides bookends for the work day.

More importantly, communal prayer helps us acknowledge self-concerns, and then turn our hearts to the needs of the world. Fewer sisters may be serving on the front lines today, yet we are still called to “pray without ceasing” for workers in health care, essential services, the food industry, and public office. Living and praying in community deepens one’s consciousness of our global interconnectedness.

Women religious strive to make choices that will benefit people living at the margins by educating and advocating for equitable policies.

I think it no coincidence that sisters in their 80s, who have practiced contemplative living over six decades of vowed life, can meet the challenges of this pandemic with grace and resilience. They believe they have something to learn from this new reality because they have spent their entire lives becoming more fully their authentic selves. This wisdom is needed in our world right now, and it is something that women religious have to offer future generations.

Left: Columbus Bishop Robert Brennan visits the Martin de Porres Center to help distribute bags of food packed by the Sisters. Right: Srs. Robin Richard (back) and Annie Killian (front) deliver meals on wheels in Columbus, OH.



In the Words of Our Friends

As part of our Tenth Anniversary celebration, we sent prayer response cards to our friends and benefactors with our Catherine of Siena greeting. We asked that everyone tell us how they first became acquainted with the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and for what about the congregation they were grateful.

We took these cards to our Tenth Anniversary Assembly in St. Louis, where we offered our prayers of gratitude for each one. As we have read them over these past months, spent away from those we serve, these little cards have been a blessing to all of us.

How did you get to know our Sisters?

Many of you remember our Sisters as teachers in your childhood school. You told us about the values of love, caring and support that were imparted to you by a Sister, and how your Catholic education provided a strong academic and spiritual foundation for your life. In the words of one woman, *“they insisted on clear, cogent learning...”* a true Dominican value.

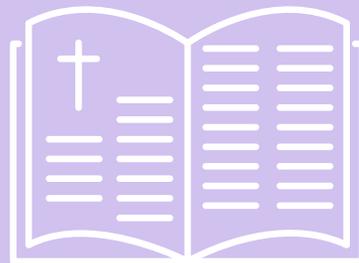
Several families remembered Sisters who served in their parish and helped to prepare them for the Sacraments. *“She was so open about how we are all sinners seeking God’s grace,”* said one mother describing a Sister who helped her son prepare for Confirmation. This work continues today as our Sisters serve as Pastoral Ministers, RCIA instructors and Parish Administrators. *“They are my role models,”* one card said.

Another woman recalled watching Sisters in Memphis march with Dr. Martin Luther King. Many spoke of how our Sisters care for the immigrant, the refugee, the prisoner and the poor without prejudice, acting in witness to God’s love. Just as Christ commanded us to minister to the “least of these,” we have opened our hands and our hearts.

Other friends of the Congregation recounted how Sisters acted as spiritual counselors, guiding them through their darkest moments or when they felt adrift in their own spiritual lives. There were wonderful stories about our retreat ministries and ecological ministries that create a space to enjoy God’s creation.

How Can You Help?

Thank you so much for sharing your memories with us. As we celebrate 10 years as Peace, we too are grateful for the gifts that God has given us...the opportunity to share God’s love and preach the Gospel of Christ, and the love, friendship and support of you, our dear friends. We are blessed to work beside you to bring peace to our world, and blessed by your many gifts in our work.



2020 by the Numbers



200%

That's how much the price of gloves and other PPE has increased for our long-term care facilities in Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan. Your donation helps us keep our older Sisters safe.



110+ events cancelled

Our ministries have responded to increased need. The Peace Center takes food to seniors instead of hosting meals. Shepherd's Corner and Heartland Farm created no-touch plant sales. Our retreat ministries are host programming via video conference. We may be apart, but we continue to serve God's people!



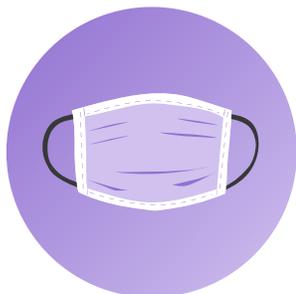
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The number of days since many of our elderly Sisters have left our Motherhouses. Send a Sister a card or a letter and brighten her day!



713 feet

If you stacked the children's educational and art boxes created at the Martin de Porres Center and by Sr. Joanne Caniglia and the Akron Motherhouse, they would reach a height of 713 feet - twice as tall as the Statue of Liberty.



27 city blocks

The distance covered if all 10,000+ masks made and donated by Dominican Sisters of Peace were laid end to end.

How You Bless Our Ministries

Philanthropy is generosity in all forms...giving of time, talent, and treasure. The ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Peace are blessed with friends who are true philanthropists...who give generously of their time to volunteer, their talents to help us create new ways to serve the marginalized in our communities, and their treasure to support the work that we do.

Julia McNamara, PhD, is an example of one such philanthropist. She will tell you that she has been associated with the Dominican Sisters of Peace for most of her life, attending our founded high school, Dominican Academy, in New York City, and Ohio Dominican University in Columbus. She went on to earn a master's in philosophy and a PhD in French Language and Literature. She contributed her time and talents to our work for most of her adult life, serving first as a visiting professor, later as Dean of Students, and from 1981 to 2016, as President of Albertus Magnus, our founded college in New Haven, CT.

"Albertus is a Dominican institution, and I really found my place working with the Dominican Sisters of Peace. It is such an important focus for me," she said in a 2016 interview with the Hartford Courant.

"Organizations evolve," said Julia, "to meet the needs of the time. We are required to participate in the work and the life of the church, and of one another. The Dominican Sisters of Peace do that through community, service to the Church, and through their ministries of ecology, education, health care and spiritual guidance.



Julia McNamara, PhD, at an Albertus Magnus Commencement Ceremony.

This why I supported the Congregation even before they became Peace and continue to do so today."

William "Bill" Keck, of Dayton, OH, says that his support is a direct result of the fine education that he received from our Sisters who taught him while a student in Newark, OH. *"I attended Catholic school for all 12 grades, starting at Newark Blessed Sacrament, St. Francis High School, and Newark Catholic."*

Bill chuckles as he says, *"I needed a lot of encouragement from the Sisters. They were stern, but they were good teachers."*

Thank You!

More than 270 friends have supported the Dominican Sisters annually since our founding in 2009. We are grateful for your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Bill remembers several of those teachers by name, but most important was Sr. Marie Bernard Kennedy, OP, who taught Bill as a senior at Newark Catholic High School.

"She taught me geometry, physics, and advanced math, but the most important thing that Sr. Marie Bernard taught me was that I was a better student than I thought I was. She inspired me to go from a C student to an A student - she taught me that I could do that if I applied myself," Bill recalls.

"I was lucky to have her as a teacher, even if for only one year. She had such a profound impact on my life... her encouragement shaped the rest of my life."

Bill studied accounting at the University of Dayton and has had a successful career as an accountant. He stayed in contact with Sr. Marie, visiting her at the Motherhouse even after she retired.

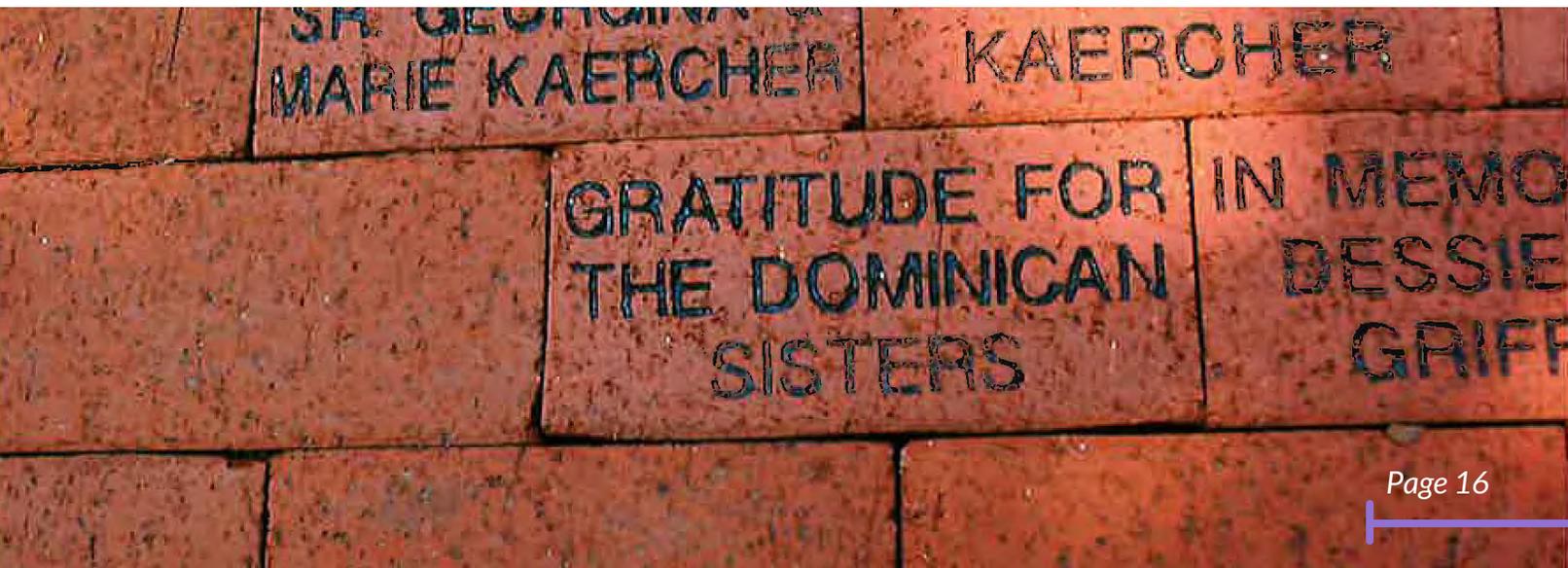
For Columbus, OH, resident Mary Rae Kelley, supporting Dominican Sisters is a family tradition. *"My father was taught by Dominican Sisters at St. Francis on Buttles Avenue, I was educated by Sisters at St. James the Less and at St Francis DeSales."*

This affection for the Dominican order seems to be a family vocation as well. Her great Aunt was a Dominican, and she remembers trips to the Columbus Motherhouse and Mohun Health Care Center to visit her aunt and two second cousins who were Dominican Sisters of Hope. Many of Mary Rae's donations have been earmarked for the care of our elderly Sisters.

Of her 24+ years of support of the Dominican Sisters, Mary Rae says *"It's just the right thing to do. I have spent my life around the Dominicans, and the Sisters taught us a lot."*

Julia, Bill and Mary Rae are just a few of the friends who have given so generously of their time, talent and treasure since we became Peace - and even in the years before. We are grateful to them - and to you - for your gifts that enrich our ministries at home and around the world.

A brick in the sidewalk at Newark Catholic High School honors the Dominican Sisters that served there.





Clockwise from left: Srs. Annie Killian, Alvina Miller, and Ellen Coates during a February 2020 visit at the Great Bend Motherhouse. Volunteer tutor Tina and learner Taku take their lessons from the Dominican Learning Center to Skype to practice pandemic safety. Sr. Roserita Weber delivers grant funds to help a Garden City, KS, neighbor pay utilities. Sr. Bea Tiboldi, left, and new candidate Tram Bui, right, build a snowman on the lawn of our Columbus, OH, House of Welcome. Srs. Mary Daniel and Michelle Sherliza practice safe social distancing while mini-golfing at the Columbus Motherhouse.



What is a DAF?

It's not the latest internet dance trend or a new app. DAF stands for Donor Advised Fund, and it's a savings instrument designed to help charitable givers optimize the tax benefit potential of gifts that they make to non-profits like the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

It works like this: With the help of a financial advisor, you donate cash, stocks or non-publicly traded assets to your donor advised fund. You get an immediate tax deduction when you make this donation. Once you have made your donation, the money in your fund will continue to grow. You can support virtually any IRS-qualified public charity – from your alma mater to a religious organization like us.

Today, charitable giving instruments like DAFs hold more than \$1 trillion in assets. If some of that \$1 trillion is in your DAF, now is a great time to put that money to work with The Dominican Sisters of Peace.

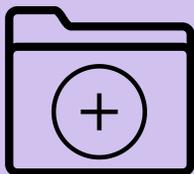
How Can You Help?

As you can see, our ministries have lost some important income streams. They have pivoted to new, safer ways to raise funds, but the needs of our communities continue to grow. We are delivering food and supplies to seniors, providing computers to families trying to navigate online learning, offering counseling to those who feel isolated by pandemic restrictions, and continuing to extend comfort and compassion to our own aging Sisters at our care homes.

Our care centers alone have seen a 200% increase in costs for personal protective equipment. Our learning centers need more computers, as well as cleaning supplies, shields and masks to protect tutors and learners. Our retreat centers are upgrading their technology to better serve those who need addiction counseling, aging counseling and more.

Whether you want to support education, care for seniors, help protect God's creation or work for justice for our sisters and brothers of all races and nationalities, please speak with your financial advisor about a gift for the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Your donation will help us make a positive impact on those we serve.

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New Life in the Lord

We remember our Sisters who have entered eternal life over the past year.

Sr. Joann Mascari, OP

April 29, 1930 - October 2, 2019

Sr. Joan Dropski, OP

June 28, 1933 - October 4, 2019

Sr. Mary Lois Schmeltzer, OP

November 27, 1926 - October 7, 2019

Sr. Pauletta Kelly, OP

January 19, 1922 - November 1, 2019

Sr. Marialein Anzenberger, OP

October 18, 1924 - December 7, 2019

Sr. Ann Davette Moran, OP

December 16, 1930 - December 11, 2019

Sr. Margaret Walsh, OP

November 30, 1923 - December 15, 2019

Sr. Amata Dawson, OP

June 18, 1923 - December 16, 2019

Sr. Joan Marie Hill, OP

December 21, 1931 - December 21, 2019

Sr. Rita Imelda Sullivan, OP

December 4, 1935 - January 5, 2020

Sr. Adrian Marie Hofstetter, OP

April 6, 1919 - January 9, 2020

Sr. Patricia Moran, OP

July 10, 1946 - January 18, 2020

Sr. Melita Bearinger, OP

August 20, 1929 - January 31, 2020

Sr. Maria Teresa Apalategui, OP

September 16, 1940 - February 1, 2020

Sr. Mary Brigid Gregory, OP

June 17, 1927 - February 8, 2020

Sr. Eleanor Tierney, OP

June 19, 1934 - February 21, 2020

Sr. Mary Conrad Miller, OP

June 21, 1928 - February 22, 2020

Sr. Rosalyn Seda, OP

November 2, 1923 - March 1, 2020

Sr. Betty Baltrinic, OP

October 11, 1929 - March 5, 2020

Sr. M. Joan Kane, OP

July 2, 1928 - March 26, 2020

Sr. Thomasine Hardesty, OP

April 17, 1925 - April 5, 2020

Sr. Joann Luttrell, OP

February 2, 1936 - April 9, 2020

Sr. Virginia Marie Butler, OP

December 27, 1928 - April 12, 2020

Sr. Corona Bayer, OP

October 7, 1928 - April 27, 2020

Sr. Bernadine Baltrinic, OP

January 28, 1932 - April 28, 2020

Sr. Annunciata Chen, OP

August 25, 1919 - May 12, 2020

Sr. Dolores Flavin, OP

September 13, 1930 - June 23, 2020

Sr. Melinda Burkhart, OP

July 27, 1935 - June 25, 2020

Sr. Mary Petra Flavin, OP

February 4, 1925 - August 8, 2020

Sr. Ann Bernardine Shaw, OP

April 8, 1937 - September 8, 2020

Sr. Madeleine Louise McCune, OP

October 15, 1922 - October 18, 2020

Sr. Edith Marie Hauser, OP

January 19, 1927 - October 30, 2020