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## VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

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Soon, we will celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas day. As we celebrate and worship with uplifted hearts and voices, may we be comforted in knowing Emmanuel has come to be with us.

May you find time in solitude for prayer and reflection to deepen your relationship with God as you discern your next steps in life.

We wish you many blessings in the New Year!

Peace and Blessings,

*Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP; Sr. Mai-Dung Nguyen, OP; Sr. Bea Tiboldi, OP; Mary Ellen George, OPA*

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## Advent Mini-Retreat Reflection

On Sunday, December 12, 2021, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Vocation team gathered via Zoom with women in discernment and with Sisters at our House of Welcome in Columbus for an Advent Mini-Retreat, "Waiting in Hope with Our Lady of Guadalupe."

Sister Ana Gonzalez, OP., led the program. Sr. Ana, a native of Mexico, has a great love of and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. She shared the rich history of the faith in Mexico and how this apparition of Our Lady was unique in many

ways. We learned that Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego speaking and looking like a young Nahuatl maiden, she was "one of them" and spoke to him in a language he could understand and spoke in his daily life. She was not speaking the Spanish language of the conquerors of their land.

[Read more.](#)



## Advent Candle Lighting Services

During this Advent season, we came together in prayer and song to light candles of hope, peace, love, and faith on Sunday evenings from four of our communities:

- [Lighting the Candle of Hope](#), First Sunday of Advent, House of Welcome, New Haven, CT
- [Lighting the Candle of Peace](#), Second Sunday of Advent, Collaborative Dominican Novitiate, Chicago, IL
- [Lighting the Candle of Love](#), Third Sunday of Advent, House of Welcome, Columbus, OH
- [Lighting the Candle of Faith](#), Fourth Sunday of Advent, South Bend, Indiana Community

We share these videos with you for your reflection and offer you yet another [video](#) as

we come to the end of our Advent journey.



## Christmas in the Convent

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in every one of our convents. Take a look at our decorations and you'll see that everything is glistening once again. Click [here](#) for photos.

Sr. Julie Grey, OP and Sr. Thi Kim Uyen Do, OP wrap presents for the Catholic Worker House Christmas Party in New Haven, CT.



## Retreat Opportunity -- Save the Date

What does religious life look like? What does it take? How do I know what God is calling me to do with my life?

If you have ever prayed with these and other "life" questions, then, come join other women who are discerning God's call to religious life and visit us!

**Our next Discernment Retreat will be held March 4-6, 2022.**

**Save the date for now, and look for more information in our January newsletter.**

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"BE YOU"..... the beginning of our new journey



Collaborative Dominican Novitiate

## Collaborative Dominican Novitiate

Curious about what our novices at the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate in Chicago are thinking about and doing these days? Click [here](#) to find out.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is one of the foundations of our life and we invite you to share your prayer requests with us. Please send them to [vocations@oppeace.org](mailto:vocations@oppeace.org). Please also keep us, our congregation, and your fellow discerners in prayer.



## The Vatican's Pope Video

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit. You can listen to and watch this month's message [here](#).

Learn more about us via our website at [www.oppeace.org](http://www.oppeace.org) or check us out on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

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