
VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

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As we all pray for a peaceful resolution to the crisis in Ukraine, may we pray for all affected by this crisis. Read an open letter [here](#) about our congregation's response to this crisis.

May this be a time of reflection on the value of human life as we offer our cares and concerns to our Creator. May we be gentle and compassionate with one another.

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

Peace and Blessings,

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



Welcome Kristie Wolf

On Sunday, February 13, 2022, Kristie Wolf was welcomed as a candidate with the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Click [here](#) to watch her entrance ceremony.



Lenten Reflection

We wish you a blessed Lent. Click [here](#) for a short reflection.

You can also view some special notecard reflections for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter, and each week of Lent [here](#).

Facebook Live -- March 10, 2022



Join us on Thursday, March 10th at 8:00 pm EST, for a Facebook Live discussion in celebration of Catholic Sisters Week, our annual celebration of Catholic sisters that takes place from March 8-14.

We will share our stories of being called to religious life, our joys and adventures, and answer your questions about religious life and our Congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Peace. So, click [here](#) to join us on Facebook and let the discussion begin!



PRAY WITH CLAY
Lenten Discernment Retreat

Sunday, March 27, 2022
2:00- 5:00 PM EST

Register Here

Online Program
for Catholic
single women
18-45 years old

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Lenten Discernment Retreat

Lent is a good time to reflect on your vocational call.

We invite you to pause for a few hours to join our online Lenten mini retreat, **2:00 -5:00 PM EST, Sunday, March 27.**

The theme of this retreat will be "pray with clay." We will share a presentation on some meanings of clay/dust in the Bible, walk with God through a Gospel message, and participate in a guided meditation on clay.

You will have time also for personal reflection to consider and meditate on how God is calling you. You will also have an opportunity to participate in group faith sharing. We look forward to being with you during this retreat.

Click [here](#) to register. Or, if you have any questions about this program, please call or text Sr. Maidung (pronounced "My-zung") Nguyen at 405.248.7027 or via email at Mai-dung.Nguyen@oppeace.org.

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



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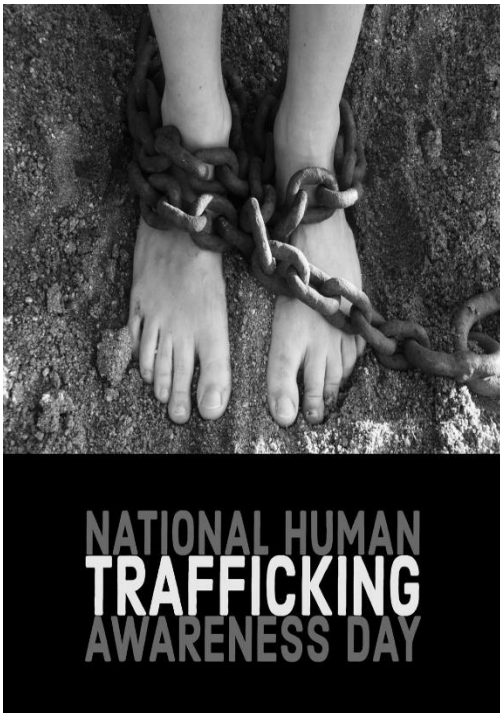
Want to know what our novices at the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate (CDN) in Chicago are thinking about and doing these days? Click [here](#) to read Sr. Tram Bui's blog on how Vietnamese Catholics, such as herself, celebrate Tết, which she enjoyed celebrating with the other CDN residents.



Prayer for Christian Unity

The Diocese of Columbus hosted an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity as part of the Week of Prayer. The prayer service gave an opportunity to pray together with other religious leaders in the Columbus area, and it was also an opportunity to bear witness and voice our moral beliefs about racism and other challenges we encounter at this time.

Our prioress, Sr. Pat Twohill, OP, took part in the prayer service, and also ten of our Sisters were invited and participated in praying together for unity. Click [here](#) for the prayer from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website. Click [here](#) for photos from the Columbus Diocese's prayer service.



Statement Against Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a crime that involves compelling or coercing a person to provide labor or services, or to engage in commercial sex acts. The coercion can be subtle or overt, physical or psychological, according to the federal definition provided by the US Dept. of Justice.

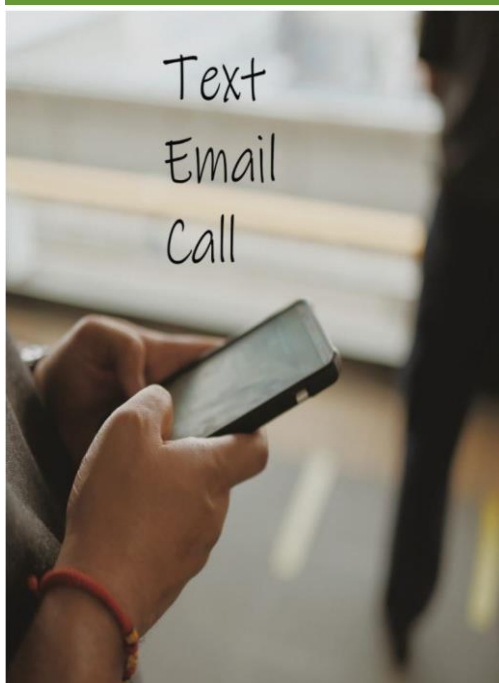
According to the International Rescue Committee, traffickers prey on individuals who are poor, vulnerable, living in an unsafe or unstable situation, or are in search of a better life. In the United States, victims include some of the most vulnerable populations: American Indian/Alaska Native communities, lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-questioning individuals, individuals with disabilities, undocumented migrants, runaway and homeless youth, temporary guest-workers and low-income individuals.

In 2013, our congregation issued this statement against human trafficking: "We, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, proclaim our mission to be a prophetic voice in solidarity with the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed. We, along with our Dominican Associates, commit our support to efforts to end human trafficking." [Read more.](#)



Video of the Month

In this 19-minute video, [Where Am I Going?](#), Sr. Cathy Arnold, O.P. offers helpful tools and insights on discerning a call to religious life.



Ask a Sister

Do sisters celebrate different cultures?

YES! Definitely. We love to celebrate. God has blessed us with an intercultural community. We value cultural celebrations because each culture is a gift from God. We have Sisters who are African-American, Native American and Hispanic. We also have Sisters who come from a different country of origin, such as Vietnam, China, Mexico, Nigeria and Hungary. Diversity is an important part of our community life and we cherish, celebrate, and strive for a culture of inclusion. [Read more.](#)

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. 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 religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times. You can listen to and watch this month's message [here](#).

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

You can also contact our Vocation Ministers:

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