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Dear Mary Ellen,

As we celebrate the arrival of spring and Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, may we find a new spirit emerging within 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.

Peace and Blessings,

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



Mission for Peace

Exciting news! This year's Mission for Peace program will be held in Kansas.

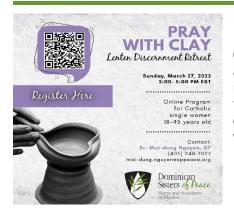
So, mark your calendars now to join us from Wednesday, June 22 to Monday, June 27, 2022.

Look for details in next month's newsletter about this sixday prayer, community, and service program.



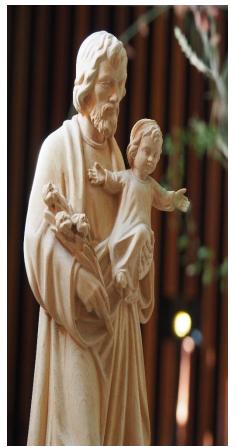
Come and See Retreat Highlights

Check out the following three video links for a picturesque recap of our March Come and See Retreat at our St. Catharine Motherhouse in Kentucky: <u>prayer</u>, <u>study and</u> <u>Motherhouse tour</u>, <u>community and more</u>.



Lenten Discernment Retreat

On Sunday, March 27, a group of sisters, discerners, and one associate came together for a Lenten mini discernment retreat to "pray with clay." We started with short introductions where everyone shared her favorite practice during the Lenten season. Our opening prayer of reflection was the song "Abba, Father." <u>Read more</u>.



My St. Joseph's Feast Day by Sr. Mai-dung Nguyen

This year, I celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph while attending an *Encuentro* retreat with a group of almost 50 teenagers along with 20 adult retreat leaders & chaperones. All of them spoke Spanish, and most of them were bilingual Spanish/English. I do not know Spanish, so I communicated with them in English. When they prayed, gave presentations, or had activities in Spanish, I joined them by listening to the beauty of the language via sound and rhythm, by observing their gestures and by following their actions during the dancing activities. Then, on the actual Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th, I sat behind the children at church to celebrate Mass in a different language and culture that I was not familiar with. These experiences helped me be more aware of the role of St. Joseph plays as the patron of immigrants/refugees. Read more.



Holy Week Resources

Click <u>here</u> for a list of resources you can use during Holy Week. You will find resources for daily Scripture reading, praying the rosary, music selections, Stations of the Cross video and PowerPoint reflection, and more. "BE YOU"..... the beginning of our new journey



Collaborative Dominican Novitiate

Want to know what our novices at the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate (CDN) in Chicago are thinking about and doing these days? Click <u>here</u> to read the latest reflections on the novice's journeys.

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Video of the Month

In this 10-minute video, <u>Becoming</u> <u>Dominican</u>, we talk about how you can discern whether you are called to the Dominican way of life.

Meet some of our Sisters and learn about what resonated with them about becoming a Dominican Sister of Peace.



Ask a Sister

Will I give up my personal freedom when I vow obedience?

Each religious community lives the vow of obedience a little differently. For Dominican Sisters of Peace, personal freedom and autonomy is a gift from God - one that you will never be asked to relinquish. Living the vow of obedience means listening prayerfully to God and the community when making personal decisions. Such deep listening and contemplation allows your decisions to match your gifts and the needs of the community.

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 <u>vocations@oppeace.org</u>. 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 Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action. You can listen to and watch this month's message <u>here</u>.

Learn more about us via our website at <u>www.oppeace.org</u> or check us out on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Facebook</u>.

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