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While it is hard to part ways with summer, a new season brings new beginnings, a chance to be open to new possibilities. We hope you are enjoying the dazzling colors of October's foliage and finding inspiration in nature's glory.

The words of Ruth Ahmed may speak to you: "There is something so special in the early leaves drifting from the trees-as if we are all to be allowed a chance to peel, to refresh, to start again."

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



September's Come & See Retreat

Check out this [photo booklet](#) of pictures from our weekend Come & See Discernment retreat in Akron, Ohio, September 23 - 25.



Entrance Ceremony Reflection

The Chapel at the Columbus Motherhouse was the site of the Welcome Ceremony for our newest candidate, Terri Schell. Terri is a native of North Carolina and holds a degree in environmental science.

Sr. Mai-dung Nguyen, OP, who was Terri's Vocation Minister during her discernment process offered a reflection on Terri's journey during her ceremony. Click [here](#) to read this reflection.

Terri is now ministering at Shepherd's Corner Ecological Center in Blacklick and is living at the House of Welcome in Columbus, OH. Please pray for Terri and for her Formation Mentor, Sr. Gemma Doll, as Terri begins this next phase of her discernment journey.

To view photos of the ceremony, please click [here](#). To view a video of the ceremony, please click [here](#).



Perpetual Profession of Vows

The August 14 issue of the Southwest Kansas Catholic features an article on the Perpetual Profession of Vows of Sr. Margaret Uche, OP.

Click [here](#) to read the article on page 8.



Congregation's Direction Statements

Every six years, the Dominican Sisters of Peace come together to discern and affirm the commitments of the Congregation - the statements that define who we are and how we will preach within God's will. We are happy to share our new Directional Statements with you and ask for your prayer as we continue to build peace in our world.

You can download a PDF of the Direction Statements prayer card by clicking [here](#).



August's Marian Days

During the sweltering heat in August, the Vocations team and sisters from our community gathered at the Marian Days in Carthage, Missouri. In [this blog](#) from Sr. Mai-dung Nguyen, OP, she shares what this event is about and how the event "helps us see how people from different ethnic groups live out their faith."



Peace Vocations YouTube Channel

Have you checked out our Peace Vocations YouTube channel? This channel is designed just for you, our discerners! All of the nearly 70 videos are about vocation-related themes, organized into eight playlists, on how to discern God's call, on ceremonies of women entering various stages of formation, and on what a Come & See Retreat looks like, and more.

Click [here](#) to access our Peace Vocations channel AND be sure to SUBSCRIBE to this channel! Encourage your friends to subscribe also.



Video of the Month

Throughout the year, we offer different types of retreats. Click [here](#) for a short video highlighting features from our September 2020 Discernment retreat to give you a flavor of what one type of retreat looks.



Ask a Sister

What does "OP" mean after a Sister's name?

Our congregation is a part of the worldwide Dominican family, established by St. Dominic in 1216 to preach the Good News in words and actions. The Dominicans are known as the [Order of Preachers](#) and the letters "OP" after our names signifies our connection to the Dominican family. Sister Susan Leslie explains more about this in this video [here](#). To read more about our community, go to our webpage, "[Who We Are](#)."

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 the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality. 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](#).

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