

## The Dominican Learning Center improves the lives of adult learners through education.

Dear Tutors,

This has been a very busy but also a very fun month as we wrap up programs, celebrate successes, and still try to provide quality programming to our learning community. In the middle of the month, we held our (first in three years) tutor luncheon to show some appreciation to our amazing tutors. Among those that attended were three tutors who have been with the DLC for nearly 20 years! (In case you were wondering, that would be Sr. Shawn Fitzpatrick, Sr. Mary Ruth Leandres, and Dale Kruppen). It was so nice to see everyone in person and I look forward to the next event when we can meet again. Next year we will have a dinner instead of a lunch, but in the meantime, I hope for many more opportunities to see all of you.

Just a few days after the luncheon, we held a small graduation ceremony for those learners that graduated this year. We also invited their tutors and the learners invited their families to celebrate with them. It was a short event, but enough time to see all of the graduates walk across the stage in their caps and gowns. After we shared cake and visited with the happy celebrants. I am so looking forward to doing it again next year (when I have high hopes for an even larger number of graduates).

Mere days after that, the parish sites where we have been having ESL classes all year, began to close their programs for the academic year. With the end of the year came celebrations. Learners were tasked with creating ways to share information about the countries from which they come. We want to remind our learners that we value them and the rich culture they share. While they have spent the year learning from their extremely generous and capable teachers, they have so much to teach us as well! We are grateful to have such a fascinating and delightful group of dedicated ESL learners!



Thank you to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for supporting our adult education programs!



Don't forget to send in your **attendance form** for the year! We would like to have all of these in to us by **June 30, 2022**. If you need a new form, please don't hesitate to ask.







Left: Some of the 2021-2022 DLC graduates along with some of the DLC tutors.  
 Bottom Left: Balbino, Selene, Michelle, Alvina, and Emma are among the DLC graduates. Others who were unable to attend include: Gabe, Lisset, Warsan, Ebyan, and Edgardo. Congratulations to all!



ESL parish sites celebrate the end of the academic year with lots of great food and sharing about the countries from which they come. Countries represented included: Mexico, El Salvador, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Venezuela.



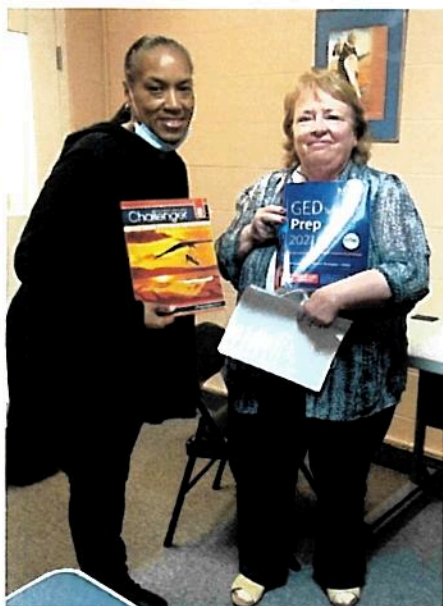
Above: some of the learners and teachers at St. Mary-Magdalene at the end of year celebration on May 23, 2022



## End of year celebration at St. James the Less, May 25, 2022



Learners, teachers and community members enjoy and evening of sharing (with great food and wonderful company).



### More Success Stories:

Lisa, pictured to the left with her tutor, Debbie, advanced from the Challenger series to the GED book!

Nimo, who did not want to be pictured, shared that "her tutor, Kelley, has helped her very much, especially in grammar, vocabulary and speaking. Because of this, her English at work has greatly improved, and everyone is noticing this. Her work has improved since she can not speak and read much better. She is also now able to read books with her kids!"



A special thanks to the Marian Foundation for the support they provide the DLC.

We will continue to have zoom meetings for those of you are interested/able to attend.

This is a great opportunity to connect with other tutors. I highly encourage you to attend if you are able.

- GED Language Arts – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (6/9) at noon
- GED Math – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month (6/13) at noon
- ESL – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (6/14) at noon
- All Tutors – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (6/15) at 7:00 pm

For each of these zooms, the link is:

<https://DominicanSistersofPeace.zoom.us/j/6144447330?pwd=NnEyMENzeFIEb2NJMHRkdWRBUmlFQT09>