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Now that Advent is here, we wait with joyful anticipation for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas day. What rituals or activities help you prepare for the coming of Emmanuel this Advent season?

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,

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How Sisters Celebrate Thanksgiving

Have you ever wondered how Sisters celebrate Thanksgiving? Sr. Bea shares her experience from this Thanksgiving and provides photos showing her community and Sr. June's and Sr. Maidung's communities celebrating this special day of gratitude. We hope you had a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving. Click [here](#) to read the article and view photos.



Advent Mini-Retreat

Spend a few hours with Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Dominican Sisters of Peace, as we prayerfully reflect on the spiritual practice of hopeful waiting. Inspired by the powerful image and message of Guadalupe, we will explore the appearance of Our Lady to Juan Diego, what it signified to the people of 1531, and also what it means for us today, especially as women discerning a call to religious life. Our afternoon will include time for prayer, interactive presentations, personal reflection, group faith

sharing, and will end with a festive closing prayer as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This mini-retreat is for women ages 18-45 and will be held via Zoom on Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 2-5pm ET. You can click [here](#) to register or call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email june.fitzgerald@oppeace.org.



Advent Wreath Lighting

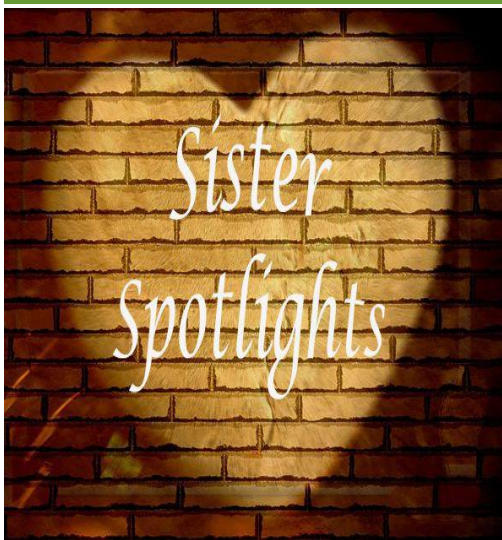
Click [here](#) to enter the chapel of Sr. June's community in New Haven, where they share their celebration and lighting of the Advent candle for the First Sunday of Advent.



Memories Run Deep

November is the month the Catholic Church focuses on the saints and the souls of the deceased. Looking back at this year, I mourned the deaths of many due to COVID and other sicknesses.

Sometimes, I felt overwhelmed with the news of the deaths of dear Sisters, relatives, and friends. My heart ached as I asked God, "Why give me so many deaths this year, and where is the light that you want me to find or catch through these experiences?" [Read more.](#)



Women Religious Step Forward to Help Fund Water Women in Haiti

Learn about how our Sisters advocate for and support women in Haiti. Click [here](#).

Abundant Hope

Listen to our newest perpetually professed sister, Sr. Ana Gonzalez, speak of how becoming a sister has been an exciting adventure, filled with many opportunities and with hope for the future of religious life. Click [here](#) for a short video.

"BE YOU" the beginning of our new journey



Collaborative Dominican Novitiate

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



Ask a Sister

How do you view the future of religious life for women?

Religious life is dynamic and never static, especially with apostolic religious communities. Since the beginning of the church's history, religious life has welcomed changes and adapted to changes in the church and society. By being open and trusting in God's providence, Sisters seek to respond to the signs of the times and to be a sign of God's loving presence to others.

[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 that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life. 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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