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**Dominican
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**VOCATION NEWS
FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE**

*"For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor ... Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 9:5

Dear First name,

As we wait with expectant joy during this Advent season to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas day, we pray that this season is filled with many blessings of peace and love for you and your loved ones. May your waiting give you time to reflect on your journey and on where God is calling you at this time of your life.

May you find the writings from our November 2016 *God Calling? blogs* helpful:

- [National Vocations Awareness Week: A Time for Gratitude and a Time to Pray](#)
- [Awakened by the Spirit -- Called to Discipleship](#)

Blessings,

Sr. Pat Dual, OP, Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP, and Mary Ellen George, OPA



Good News

We are delighted to share with you that Ellen Coates has been accepted into candidacy with our congregation. Ellen's application was reviewed and she was interviewed by our Prioress, Sr. Pat Twohill and her council on November 17, 2016.

Ellen first met our sisters at the Dominican Retreat in McLean, VA where she was introduced to retreats by her mother. After moving to New England, Ellen continued to attend retreats on her own and in 2014 she spoke with Sr. Agnes Gott, OP with whom she shared that she felt God was calling her to religious life. Ellen began

the formal discernment process with our vocations team shortly thereafter.

Candidacy is the first step of formation with our congregation. On February 19, 2017 Ellen will be received into candidacy at a prayer service in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel, Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut. Ellen will live in one of our welcoming communities in New Haven where she will minister, pray, and live with Dominican Sisters of Peace as she continues to discern her call to religious life in our congregation.

We look forward to sharing more about Ellen and her journey in future newsletters.

Merry Christmas!



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.

Learn more about us via our website at www.oppeace.org or on Facebook and Twitter

You can also contact our Vocation Ministers:
Pat Dual, OP -- pdual@oppeace.org
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Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray "that the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over." Each month a video is released as part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. You can view this month's video [here](#).



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