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

*"Each of us, as we journey through life, has the opportunity to find and to give his or her unique gift.  
Whether this gift is quiet or small in the eyes of the world does not matter at all-not at all;  
it is through the finding and the giving  
that we may come to know the joy  
that lies at the center of both the dark times and the light."  
-- Helen Luke*

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Dear Mary Ellen,

Autumn seems to call us to moments of wonder and awe at God's creations as we begin to enjoy colorful landscapes of changing leaves and cooler nightfalls. We hope you are enjoying this season with the harvest of pumpkins and perhaps the drinking of apple cider--all tasty signs of autumn's delights.

Please indulge your senses by reading these inspirational writings from our September 2016 *God Calling? blogs*:

- [The Gardener](#)
- [What's Your Best Collaborative Effort](#)
- [Companions on the Journey: Catholics on Call](#)
- ["Twisted" Collaboration Reflects Message of Unity and Peace](#)

Blessings,

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

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The **Dominican Institute for the Arts** is a grassroots collaboration of sisters, friars, laity and associates of the Order of Preachers who are committed to preaching through the Arts. You can learn more about this institute at <http://www.diartsop.org/>

The stained glass window, *Follow the Light*, shown to the right, was created by one of our sisters, Sr. Thoma Swanson, OP, for the chapel at Alberta Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut. Sr. Thoma is an active member of this Institute and is a "Dominican artist, scholar and teacher, who has devoted her life to preaching the gospel through her artwork. Her art ranges from woodcuts to paintings, from murals to tapestries. However, she is best known for her stained glass windows and Dominican Icons. In Chimbote, Peru, Thoma organized small groups of women to create and sell needlework and other handicrafts at fair-trade prices. The message of her work is that art is 'a rejoicing in the beauty of the world. Without it, our lives are very empty and cold and boring.'"

You can see more of Sr. Thoma's artwork at <http://www.diartsop.org/Thoma-Swanson-OP.html>.

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## VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

Would you like to connect with other single, Catholic women, age 18-45, who are interested in discerning their vocation? Why not join us **November 4, 2016** to explore the possibility of religious life or service in the Church. Our first discussion topic will be "**Growth in Relationship with God.**" The group, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will meet in person at two locations (Columbus, Ohio; New Haven, CT) and via Skype from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** to pray, discuss, and share questions. If you are interested in participating in this discernment group, please contact *Sr. Pat Dual, OP* at [pdual@oppeace.org](mailto:pdual@oppeace.org) for details.

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## 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](mailto:vocations@oppeace.org). Please also keep us, our congregation, and your fellow discerners in prayer.

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Learn more about us via our website at [www.oppeace.org](http://www.oppeace.org) or on Facebook and Twitter

You can also contact our Vocation Ministers:

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## Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray "that journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics." Each month a video is released as part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. You can view this month's video [here](#).