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## VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

"This is a prayer we must pray every day  
'Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God,  
make my heart open to goodness,  
make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.'  
~ Pope Francis

Dear First name,

As the Easter season calls us forth into new life with Jesus' resurrection, may you find your own journey blessed with new life, new beginnings, and a hope-filled future. We can see signs of new life all around us in nature from the hatching of eggs, the budding of flowers, to the playing of squirrels. God's creation is a wonder to behold indeed!

We invite you to read our March 2017 *God Calling?* blogs and hope you find them enriching for your reflection:

- [Overcoming Hardships . . . Finding an Inner Light](#)
- [Daydreaming's Gifts](#)
- [Looking to Become More Double-Minded?](#)
- [The Package Deal](#)
- [Wade in the Water. Stepping Out in Faith](#)

Blessings,

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

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## Service and Retreat Opportunity

You are invited to join us for a **four-day service and retreat opportunity, May 18-21, 2017**. We will be staying at our beautiful, quiet lake house in Blacklick, Ohio.

This opportunity includes prayer, service, community, and fun! Participants will live together in one of our small community houses and serve at an ecology farm—Shepherd's Corner—and at a local soup kitchen. We will have group prayer and reflection time on these service experiences to explore the connection between service and justice. You will have

time also for individual reflection and to journal your experiences.

Space is limited, so register now! Room and board provided. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18 and concludes at noon Sunday, May 21 at Dominican Acres at 7400 Wengert Road, Blacklick, Ohio 43004.

For questions, call or text Sister Pat Dual at 614-216-7688 or email [pdual@oppeace.org](mailto:pdual@oppeace.org) .

Participants may register online for the retreat or request a registration form at <https://oppeace.org/pray-serve-reflect/>.

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## Looking for a Sign?



How do you know if you are being called to religious life? Are there any signs that can help you discern a calling to this way of life? Check out this helpful YouTube [video](#), *Five Signs religious life might be right for you*, to explore this question. Produced by the VISION Vocation Network. While you're in YouTube, do a search by this producer to find other videos on discerning a call to religious life.

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## Did You Know?

Ever hear about the website [A Nun's Life](#)? This informative site has blogs, podcasts, vocation stories, and discernment chats to help you learn about the life of a sister. You will find information on community life, prayer and spirituality, choosing a community, and more.

[Here's](#) a story from this site that might interest you of one of our sisters, Bea Tiboli, who felt the stirrings of a call during her teen years.

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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

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## Pope Francis Video

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray for young people, that they might know how to respond generously to the vocation God has given them, and immerse themselves in the great causes of the world. You can view this important video [here](#).



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