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## VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

*"Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not:  
See, I am doing something new!  
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers."*

*Isaiah 43:18-19*

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Dear First name,

We hope this new year brings forth many blessings for you! As this new year unfolds, may you find clarity and peace in your discernment journey. Know that we are here to walk and talk with you through this discernment process. We pray that God's enduring grace is ever present to you and brings you comfort and joy wherever you are in your spiritual journey.

May you find the writings from our December 2016 *God Calling? blogs* enlightening:

- [How Would You Respond?](#)
- [Finding My Voice](#)
- [What's the Song God is Singing in You?](#)
- [Advent Credo](#)

One other inspirational blog that offers an opportunity to reflect on who are the shining stars in your life is this one:

- [Shining Stars and Epiphanies](#)

Be sure to scroll down through this newsletter for more news, events, and reflections that we think you will find beneficial.

Blessings,

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

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## God as Holy Mystery

Ever question who God is? Wonder what heaven is like? In an [article](#) by a young sister, Julie Walsh, these questions and more are explored as she struggles with making her first vows. This article was posted in the [Global Sisters Report](#), which is "an independent, non-profit source of news and information about Catholic sisters and the critical issues facing the people they serve."

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## Is It I, God? Discerning a Call to Religious Life



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**Join Us for a Come and See Retreat Weekend!**

## March 10--12, 2017

Do you hear a call? We welcome single, Catholic women, ages 18-45 to this Vocation Retreat. Designed to explore contemporary Dominican life for women. Learn about the Dominican Sisters of Peace while experiencing elements of Dominican prayer and community life. Retreatants will gather at our Columbus Motherhouse from 6pm Friday, March 10 until Sunday, March 12 at noon.

Check out this [link](#) for more retreat information and to find a registration form that will become active on Monday, January 27th.

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## World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2, 2017 is a day for celebrating the men and women around the world who have embraced the call to consecrated or religious life. A special, short [video](#), *Why We Love Our Vocation*, features members of the National Religious Vocation Conference talking about why they love their vocation to religious life. We hope you find it meaningful.

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## Quotes for Your Reflection

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. -*Saint Francis of Assisi*

The beginning is the most important part of the work. -*Plato*



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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 Celebrates 800th Anniversary of the Dominican Order

On January 21, 2017, Pope Francis presided over a [Holy Mass](#) for the closing of the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans.



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