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VOCATION NEWS
FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

"Be **bold** enough to use your voice,
brave enough to listen to your heart,
and **strong** enough to live the life you 've always imagined."
~ Unknown

Dear First name,

We hope you are having a good summer with opportunities to enjoy time with friends and family, making memories to cherish.

In this issue, we share details of our September Come and See retreat that we invite you to come to. We continue to share with you postings from not only our God Calling?? blog but also from our Wednesday's Word and Peace and Justice blogs. Each of these blogs offers you insights into what's important to us as Dominican Sisters of Peace and Associates. You will find two videos of messages from Pope Francis in this issue also.

Blessings,

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



Come and See Retreat (near Boston)

Do you feel God is calling you to something more? Join with other women discerning a call and explore life in a religious community. What does it mean to be a contemporary Dominican Sister? How do you go about prayerfully discerning what God is calling you to? On this weekend retreat, you will learn some of the answers to these questions and

more about the heritage, prayer and community life of the Dominican Sisters of Peace today. More details about this retreat and registration information will be sent to you soon.

God Calling? Blog Postings

Pull up a chair and take a moment to treat yourself to some inspirational postings from our June 2017 *God Calling??* blogs:



- [Hello, this is Sr. Terry ...](#) Sr. Terry Wasinger, OP, tells how being open to God's call helped her reach her lifetime dream. She notes that when God calls, he has a plan -- if we are ready to say "Hello," and listen.
- [Read God's Word, Live God's Way.](#) Sr. Cathy Arnold, OP, talks about being open to different paths and theological study. This combination of introspection and study of God's word can be difficult but very rewarding.
- [Mission Immersion 2017.](#) Sr. Pat Dual, OP, explains how the recent retreat hosted by the Ministry of Welcome-Vocation Team went, including direct quotes from participants and pictures.
- [Finding Inspiration.](#) Associate Mary Ellen George, OPA, of the Ministry of Welcome, writes about finding inspiration through specific techniques such as

reading. She explains how reading can expose us to new ideas and teach us life lessons.

- **God Calling: Mission in Mexico**. Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP, talks about the importance of attending the Inside Mexico Immersion Program in Mexico City. Several members of the Ministry of Welcome team, our novices and our candidates attended this immersion into the language, culture, and geography of the area.



Wednesday's Word & Peace & Justice Blogs

Tears We Cannot Stop -- Sr. Anne Lythgoe, OP, explains her reaction to reading a very moving essay by Michael Eric Dyson called, "Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America."

Warrior vs. Healer -- How do we change the world? With a sword or an embrace? Justice Promoter Kelly Litt encourages us to be peacebuilders for truth as we work towards justice.

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 yocations@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:
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Pope Francis' Videos

The Vatican's Pope Video

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray that our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the beauty of the Christian life. Watch this video [here](#).

TED Talk Video

Listen [here](#) to Pope Francis talk about why the only future worth building includes everyone.



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