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VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

"The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything." ~ Julian of Norwich

Dear First name

So have you made plans yet to treat yourself to a retreat at one of our retreat centers mentioned in last month's newsletter or at a retreat center of your choice? Every summer, our sisters are encouraged to set aside time to rest, relax, rejuvenate, and attend a retreat. Taking time to be alone with God, to listen to what God desires for us is one way we can nourish our soul and our relationship with the Divine. We learn in the Gospels that Jesus often went away in solitude to pray and to be with God. He did this as a spiritual practice, whether he was facing a challenging situation, needed inspiration, or just to be in God's presence.

Another way to nourish our soul and relationship with God is to read and study inspirational and reflective works. We invite you to take a few moments to see if these writings from our May 2017 *God Calling??* blogs speak to you.

- A Tiny Plot of Holy Ground. Sacred space is all around us if we can open our hearts to recognize it. Click <u>here</u> to read about how Sr. June Fitzgerald found a tiny plot of holy ground at our May Mission Immersion event.
- It's the Simple Things that Matter. Associate Mary Ellen George talks about why the simple things matter. Click here to read her reflections.
- Encountering the Holy . . . From a Different Perspective. Click <u>here</u> to see how Sr. Pat Dual tells us about finding God in the most unlikely places.

• Am I Toxic and/or Part of a Toxic Religion? Sr. Cathy Arnold reflects on a conversation that led her to think about whether she was toxic or part of a toxic religion. Click here to see what she says.

And, if after reading these blogs, you want to share your reflections, questions, or stirrings with one of us, feel free to send us an email or text us. We 'd love to hear from you!

Blessings,

Sr. Pat Dual, OP and Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP

Dominican Sister of Peace Brings Hope to Trafficked Women

Our sisters serve the people of God in a variety of ways and ministries. This month we would like to share with you **Sr. Nadine Buchanan's** important ministry with victims of human trafficking in Columbus, Ohio. Read here_about how this ministry transforms women's lives through Sr. Nadine's caring presence and compassion.



Demographics of our Followers

Curious to know where our newsletter readers live and from what regions of the United States other women are expressing an interest in the Dominican way of life? Most of you who have contacted us are from the Midwest region followed by over 20 women from the South and about 15 women each from the West and Northeast regions of the country with a smaller number in the Mid-Atlantic region.



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:
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Pope Francis Video

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray that national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade which victimizes so many innocent people. You can view this important video here.



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