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VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."
~ Catherine of Siena

Dear First name,

In the past few weeks, we've enjoyed two important events in the life of our congregation-- Welcoming Ceremony for a New Candidate and a Come and See retreat weekend. You can read about both of these spirit-filled events in this newsletter.

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

- [Consecrated Life . . . A Response to Love](#)
- [What Are You Passing to the Next Generation?](#)
- [I Believe ... And So Can You](#)
- [Wondering What Love is About?](#)

Blessings,

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



Ellen Coates' Welcome Ceremony

With praise and thanksgiving, the Dominican Sisters of Peace welcomed Ellen Coates as a Candidate to the community on Sunday, February 19 in the chapel at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut. Sr. Pat Twohill, Prioress of the congregation, officially welcomed Ellen into this first stage of formation in the process of becoming a Dominican Sister of Peace. Click [here](#) for a full story about Ellen's journey thus far. You can see her entire entrance ceremony [here](#) on YouTube.

Come and See Retreat

In March, we celebrated National Catholic Sisters Week with a Come and See Discernment retreat, "*Is it I God? Discerning a Call to Religious Life.*" The retreat was held March 10-12 at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Columbus, Ohio. Three women in various stages of discernment attended the event, coming from Texas, Ohio, and Indiana.

Presentations were given on the discernment process and prayer. Several sisters served as spiritual companions to the retreatants, meeting with them for individual spiritual direction sessions after the presentations and before large group sharing. Two Sisters shared their discernment journeys and how they are now living out the Dominican charism in their lives, prayer and ministry.

Retreatants also visited one of our environmental centers, Shepherd's Corner Farm in Blacklick, Ohio, where one of our sisters shared her story, gave a tour of the farm, and presented an overview of the care of creation educational programs offered at the farm. Retreatants enjoyed a home cooked meal and conversation at the home of a group of sisters in the local area. Following this adventure, retreatants and sisters joined together for a "game night" in our Motherhouse community room. Capped off the evening with Compline, the Night Prayer of the Church.

Overall, the retreat was imbued with a spirit of welcome, joy and prayer and retreatants were able to experience community and ministry with our community.



Retreatant with Sr. Robin & Sr. Therese



Center table in chapel with Vocation Prayer cards with different culturally diverse depictions of Our Lady.



Retreat group picture.

Save the Date

Service / Retreat Opportunity

Join us in Blacklick, Ohio
from Thursday evening May 18 through
Sunday afternoon May 21, 2017.

Look for more details in our April Vocation newsletter.



Book Review

Study is an important aspect of our congregation's charism. We often join together in small and large groups to share our thoughts and feelings about books we are reading and studying as a community. Currently, our congregation is studying about intercultural living with an awareness on racism. You may want to join us in reading Jodi Picoult's book, ***small great things*** (lowercase is intentional as

this is how the title appears on the book cover). The book is challenging to read because it confronts race and prejudice from a white and black perspective. In a review from Amazon, a reader notes that "the topic of race in America is difficult to talk about, but in an honest and revealing way Picoult allows readers to draw their own conclusions about how we see

ourselves and others in the world." The book will have you questioning your own attitudes and beliefs about race, power, and privilege.

Did You Know?

Ever hear about the website [Catholic Women Preach](#)? You may find this an enlightening and empowering website to check out and watch regularly for preaching on the Sunday readings by Catholic lay and religious women.


"**Catholic Women Preach** is an innovative project designed to address some of the most pressing challenges facing the Church today by responding to Pope Francis' call for broader and more active engagement of the baptized in the preaching mission of the Church. This project is a deeply faithful, hopeful and joyful initiative intended to build up the Church."

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 for persecuted Christians, which is the subject of this month's The Pope's Video. You can view this important video [here](#).



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