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VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

"The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth."
Psalm 145: 18

Dear First name,

Memorial Day officially marks the beginning of summer and the advent of picnics, vacations, and outdoor adventures. We hope you have some rest and relaxation planned for this season. While you're at it, why not plan some time for a spiritual retreat? We have several retreat centers operated by our congregation in Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, and New York, where you can enjoy a respite from daily life and take time to focus on your relationship with God in beautiful surroundings. Why not schedule a retreat for yourself at one of them:

- [Dominican Retreat and Conference Center \(Niskayuna, NY\)](#)
- [Heartland Center for Spirituality \(Great Bend, KS\)](#)
- [Rosaryville Spirit-Life Center \(Ponchatoula, LA\)](#)
- [St. Mary's Retreat House \(Oxford, MI\)](#)

But before you make plans for a retreat or step outside to enjoy God's creation, we invite you to read our April 2017 *God Calling?* blogs, written with you in mind:

- [Breaking the Silence](#)
- [Journeying Toward the Empty Tomb in the Triduum](#)
- **One More Step**

- **God Calling -- or Texting?**

Blessings,

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



Service and Retreat Reflections

Sisters and participants enjoyed a four-day service and retreat opportunity, May 18-21, 2017 at our beautiful, quiet lake house in Blacklick, Ohio. Here are our participant's reflections on this experience:

"I found the presentations, prayer and reflection time helpful for processing the work we did and connecting our local situation to global justice issues."

"I liked having prayer together so that we could join together and be connected at the beginning and end of our day. It helped bring a sense of community to the group. I also liked that there was plenty of free time for personal prayer or reflection or to spend time getting to know each other."

"Wonderful and peaceful area, comforting house. Comraderie was so strong between participants and sisters. Prayer was so effective, songs were meditative. God's creation really came alive within me."



Did You Know?

There are a number of ways you can stay connected with us and our ministries. One of these ways is through our daily blog postings on our [homepage](#). **On the first Monday** of the month, we share a range of contemplative thoughts in our *Just Reflecting* blog. **On Tuesdays**, you can read about peace and justice issues from Kelly Litt, our Justice Promoter. *Wednesday's Word* blog includes reflections from our Sisters that capture our mission of holy preaching. And, of course, **on Thursdays** our *God Calling??* blog postings are dedicated to those of you discerning a call to religious life.



Here are some May postings from these blogs that you may find informative in learning more about us and what matters to us:

- **Just Reflecting** -- [Dominican Kentucky Experience Extravaganza](#)
- **Peace and Justice** -- [A Revolution of Tenderness: An Invitation of Hope from Pope Francis](#)
- **Wednesday's Word** -- [Stand in Awe](#)

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 Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace. You can view this important video [here](#).



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