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VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

It is through gratitude for the present moment that the spiritual dimension of life opens up.

Eckhart Tolle

Dear First name

We hope you are enjoying our new Vocations Facebook page and are liking and sharing it with friends. A popular feature already seems to be stories about our Sister's ministries. We will be bringing you weekly stories about individual sisters and the various ministries they are engaged in.



We invite you to write to us

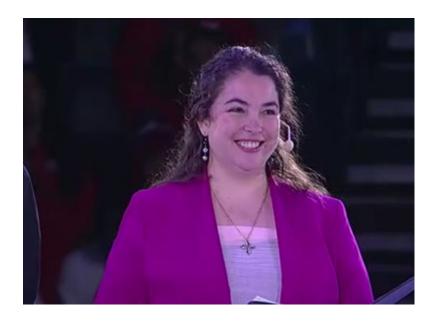
at <u>vocations@oppeace.org</u> to let us know what topics you would like to see us present on our Facebook page. And, as you read our postings, be sure to use the Comment section to share your thoughts and reflections about our posts.

In this season of thanksgiving, we hope you are blessed with clarity and peace as you continue to discern where God is calling you.

You'll find links below to our October blogs and other information in this newsletter. And, if you are ready to start or to continue a conversation about exploring religious life, we are happy to talk with you. Just contact Sr. Pat, Sr. June, or Sr. Mai-Dung by phone or email. You'll find our contact information near the bottom of this newsletter.

Blessings,

Sr. Pat Dual, OP; Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP; Sr. Mai-Dung Nguyen, OP; Mary Ellen George, OPA



Sister Ana Gonzalez Delivered the Opening Prayer at the 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis.

Sr. Ana Gonzalez, OP and Sr. Terry Wasinger, OP enjoyed three days of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, and service with Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. Approximately 23,000 young people and adults attended the NCYC event.

Of her experience, Sr. Ana shares that she "was overwhelmed by the size of the event and the number of attendees. Every inch of downtown Indianapolis was used by the NCYC attendees. What impressed me the most was the excitement and faith of the high school students. These young men and women were proud and unapologetic Catholics! As they gathered in faithful fraternity, they built bonds, celebrated their faith and gave all of us (the old folk) hope! It was a treat to be surrounded by them and I was encouraged by the testimonies of faith that I heard. Their energy is contagious. Our Church is ALIVE and vibrant!" Sister Ana notes also "that because of NCYC, our youth have mentorship and support in growing in their Catholic faith."

Sr. Terry comments that for her, "NCYC was an exhilarating experience because I saw the present and future Church active in these young people and in their strong expression of their faith. They give me hope for the future!"





Sr. Ana Gonzalez and Sr. Terry Wasinger

Sr. Terry Wasinger

God Calling? Blog Postings

See what we've been reflecting on in our October 2017 *God Calling??* blogs:

I have no words O' God . . .
 Praying when words are not enough.
 Sr. June Fitzgerald reflects on where she turns when she feels as if all is lost.



- <u>Community and Belonging</u>. Associate Mary Ellen George ponders the questions: What does it mean to be part of a community? Why is community important? How do we foster community?
- Protesting on our Knees. Sr. Pat Dual takes a stance on "taking a knee."



Wednesday's Word & Peace & Justice Blog

A Bridge Over Troubled Water. Read what Sr. Pat Thomas has learned from working with the poor.

Imagining the Potential in
Diversity. Associate and Justice
Promoter Kelly Litt reflects on the role of
the United Nations in bringing about
peace and harmony through diversity.

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 <u>vocations@oppeace.org</u>. 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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The Vatican's Pope Video

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray that Christians in Asia may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions. Watch this video here.



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