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VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

"Where you find that meeting place, the home where heart and lungs gather, where breath meets blood, there you will find voice. When you find your way to that home, there you will find yourself, the unique gift that God has placed on this earth. You will find the place from which your journey begins and to where it returns when the road is confused and hard. This is the deeper sense of vocation."

—[John Paul Lederach](#), *The Moral Imagination*

Dear First name,

As we pray for those affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma, we are mindful of the fragility and sacredness of human life. We see that the resiliency of the human spirit abounds in spite of disasters and as we hear stories of neighbors helping neighbors, our faith in the goodness of humankind is restored. One such story of religious sisters helping and being present to those trying to pick up the broken pieces of their lives was posted in the [Global Sisters Report](#).

May you find in this issue a blog or message that speaks to you, to your heart, and to your circumstance on your life's journey. Be sure to read Sr. Ana Gonzalez' vocation story and as you discern where God is calling you, we invite you to contact Sr. Pat or Sr. June to help you through the discernment process.

Blessings,

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



Vocation Story

Just as each person is unique, God calls every person, every woman in unique ways to be the hands and feet of Christ. Each woman who responds to the call to religious life has an unfolding story of God's grace and love that led her to accept the invitation to a consecrated way of living.

In this issue, we share Sr. Ana Gonzalez' vocation story as she ponders a call to religious life after working in the business world and ultimately follows her heart to become a Sister. Her story was published online on *A Nun's Life* website and can be read [here](#).

God Calling? Blog Postings

Pick up your favorite beverage and find your favorite chair so you can get ready to read through our August 2017 *God Calling??* blogs:



- [Can We Learn Peace from a Squirrel?](#) Read how **Sr. Maidung Nguyen** found peace from a squirrel.
 - [Musical Inspiration](#). Find inspiration through music in **Associate Mary Ellen George's** blog post.
 - [Do You Have a Bucket List?](#) **Sr. June Fitzgerald** is checking items off of her bucket list in her blog post.
 - [I Am Not Smarter Than a Second Grader -- Religious Life Through Binoculars](#). Read how **Sr. Maidung Nguyen** views religious life through a pair of binoculars.
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Wednesday's Word & Peace & Justice Blogs

[Charlottesville: It Is Time to Disempower and Defeat White Supremacy](#) -- Sr. Anne Lythgoe speaks about ways to disempower and defeat white supremacists who were clearly engaged in domestic terrorism in Charlottesville, Virginia.

[Two by Two...Just as God had Commanded](#) -- Our Congregation, along with numerous other faith and community-based organizations continually work to combat climate change, which Associate Kelly Litt discusses in her blog post along with the Climate Solutions Caucus or "Noah's Ark Caucus."

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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The Vatican's Pope Video

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray for our parishes, that they not be simple offices, but that animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen. Watch this video [here](#).



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