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VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

Ezekiel 36:26

Dear First name,

We hope this New Year brings many blessings to you and brings you closer to discerning God's call in your life.

May you find time to listen and explore what is stirring within you and find peace and joy in the journey that unfolds for you this year.

And, as always, we are happy to talk with you when you are ready to start or to continue a conversation about exploring religious life. 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





Come and See Retreat

Come and experience the Dominican way of life! Meet our newest members and sisters. Mark your calendars now to join us for a Come and See weekend retreat, **March 9-11 at the Columbus Motherhouse**. More details coming soon.



We hope you are enjoying our new Vocations Facebook page and are liking and sharing it with friends. You'll find us on Facebook by searching for *Vocations: Dominican Sisters of Peace*.

Our daily posts offer you information on a wide range of topics about prayer and social justice issues, holidays and observances, inspirational quotes from Pope Francis and other noteworthy individuals, and stories about our sister's ministries.

View our page everyday! We want to stay connected with you and invite you to let us know what you think about a posting in the Comments section. We'd love to hear from you!

Horizons and Hopes: Vocation Ministry and Consecrated Life

December began with Vocation Ministers Sr. Pat Dual and Sr. June Fitzgerald in Rome, where they participated in a global conversation with other Vocation Ministers about the Church, vocations and youth. This Vocation Congress was a preparatory event for the October 2018 Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis to focus on the theme of “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment.”

In March, there will be a similar meeting of youth and young adults to share with their experience, ideas and hopes for the future. The information gathered at these meetings will inform the Bishops as they plan for the synod in October.

Sr. June noted that “one of the best parts about the congress was to be with other religious men and women from around the world. There were over 800 of us there. The sheer number of younger religious in attendance was inspiring and I was touched by the vitality, joy, and commitment these religious radiated.”

Sr. Pat found the panel reflections by a group of young religious about youth and vocations to be a highlight of her experience at this Congress. The panel emphasized that the “personal encounter with Christ” was generally more important to youth than concern about particular ministries and that youth want to follow Jesus, the person, not the idea.

Here is a short video about the congress: <https://youtu.be/JvFmhvwHaxI>

We believe that our youth are the future of the Church. It is important to help them discern their vocation in life, whether that be to religious life, marriage, single life, or priesthood. We must encourage them to answer God's call in their life.

Pope Francis wants young people to be an active part of their own faith, parishes, community and nations. To create a positive future with hope and faith, he wrote this letter to Catholic youth and young adults inviting them to a part of this process and to be active participants in our Church: <http://www.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en/pope---young/letter-of-his-holiness-pope-francis-to-young-people.html>

For more information on the meeting of young people and the synod: <http://www.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>



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 those who are persecuted for their religion, so that Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom. Watch this video [here](#).



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