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## VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

"We walk by faith, not by sight."

(2 Corinthians 5:7)



with me in paradise (Luke 23:43).

# **Holy Week Reflections**

Dear First name

As we enter into Holy Week, you may find it meaningful to meditate on one or more of the following Scripture phrases. These phrases give a picture of Jesus' suffering and death.

- Father forgive them, for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34).
  - Truly, I say to you, today you will be
- Woman, behold your son: behold your mother (John 19:26-27).
- My God, My God, why have you forsaken me, (Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34).
- I thirst (John 19:28).
- It is finished (John 19:30).
- Father, into your hands I commit my spirit (Luke 23:46).

In the spirit of *lectio divina*, or divine reading, you might want to read the scripture passage aloud first so you can hear the words. Then, pause and see if some word or phrase stood out or something touched your heart. If so, pause and savor the insight, feeling, or understanding. Then go back and read the passage again to see if another meaning comes to you. Pause

again and note what you experience, even journalling your thoughts or experience with the words you focused on.

As we journey together in this Holy Week towards the "empty tomb," let us remember:

Let us remember the holy self-gift of God in the Eucharist.

Let us remember, wait and pray as the story of the sacrificial cost of our salvation unfolds.



Let us remember and rejoice in Love who enfolds us and emerged from the "empty tomb" to ensure for us the promise of eternal life.

May you be blessed during these days of the Triduum and may you be filled with peace, hope, and joy at Easter!

Blessings for a joyous Easter Sunday,

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### **NOVENA FOR PEACE**

Be sure to follow us on our Vocations Facebook page for a special novena that we invite you to pray with us, starting the day after Easter. We will be praying this novena for peace from Monday, April 2 through Tuesday, April 10.

Each day will feature a different theme of peace that we will be praying. We look forward to praying this novena with you at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VocationsDominicanSistersofPeace">https://www.facebook.com/VocationsDominicanSistersofPeace</a>.

#### **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 <u>www.oppeace.org</u> or on Facebook and Twitter

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#### **The Vatican's Pope Video**

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels. Watch this video <u>here.</u>



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