

VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

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Dear :

You are invited to join in a **livestreamed** conversation with religious vocation directors about your faith, vocation discernment, and how the church can serve you better. This event will be held on **Saturday, November 3 from 3pm to 4pm EST** and is sponsored by the National Religious Vocation Conference. To

participate in this event, go to nrvc.net.

Be sure to read this month's feature story, introducing another **Vocation Outreach Minister, Sr. Bea Tiboldi, OP**, who shares her vocation story and her life as a Sister. Read also about the **Nuns on the Bus** event that our Sisters and Associates attended. And, if you're curious about the stages of becoming a Sister, we've included an infographic to illustrate and explain these stages. We hope you enjoy all this news!

Please note that we will be posting special prayers on our [Vocations Facebook page](#) in celebration of National Vocation Awareness Week, **November 4-November 10, 2018**. Also, we have other daily Facebook postings that you won't want to miss, especially the series of videos of our Sisters answering your burning questions about religious life.

May you find love, hope, and inspiration in your comings and goings. May God's peace surround you in your search to understand God's will for you.

*Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP; Sr. Mai-Dung Nguyen, OP; Sr. Bea Tiboldi, OP;
Mary Ellen George, OPA*

Meet Sr. Bea Tiboldi, OP **Vocation Outreach Minister, Dominican Sisters of Peace**



What's your name?

Sr. Beata Tiboldi OP; I prefer to be called Bea instead of Beata.

That's an unusual name. Where were you born?

In Budapest, Hungary.

Do you miss it?

Those of us who were born in another country can visit our country every three years. However, nowadays with Facetime, Facebook, and Skype, it's easier to "visit" more frequently.

Did you go to school in Hungary or in the USA?

In Hungary, I earned a degree in teaching, religion teaching, and computer programming. In the USA, I earned a Masters Degree in Education, as well as Master/Advanced Catechist Certificates in three dioceses. Currently, I'm working toward a Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies.

Why would someone choose to live a vowed religious life nowadays?

It's really a call... a call from God. So, I guess, I just chose to respond to it. God nudges you into a direction until you discover what your call is. I tried to ignore the call at first, but then it just got "louder"; it kept bugging me until I did something about it. If you hear/feel God's call, give it a chance and see where it takes you.

How did you know you were following God's call?

The more I prayed about the call, the more I was filled with peace and, at the same time, I felt more alive.

Did you have to give up your job?

When I moved into the community, I was encouraged to do something similar to what I used to do so that I wouldn't have too many new things going on, allowing myself to focus more on discernment. So, at first, I was a teacher, just at a different school from the one I taught at before I moved into community. Once I adjusted to praying communally, following daily routines and living in community, I was more open and ready to be missioned where the greater needs were, and that's when I studied the ministry I was about to undertake.

How do you feel about going where the greater need is?

I'm cool with it. In a sense, I signed up for this. The vow of obedience helps me to be attentive to God and the needs of the world. The vow of celibacy avails me to be open to go wherever the needs are (without having to worry about leaving my family behind.) When I entered, I was a teacher. Later, I became a Pastoral Associate, and now I am a Vocation Outreach Minister. At times, I'm up for an adventure: as part of the St. Bernard Project, we helped rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. I learned how to tape, mud, and sand indoor walls, and how to paint outdoor shingles as well. It was fun.

Do you ever get tired of being a Sister?

Never. It's never boring. It challenges me to do something about my baptismal call, and at

the same time, it fills me with great joy. I might get physically tired at the end of the day, but the life of prayer, the peace-making mission, and the joy of community life keep boosting my energy level.

What does your schedule look like?

Instead of going into an hour-by-hour schedule, I would just describe my schedule as a cycle of prayer-study-prayer-community-ministry-prayer. We start the day with God in prayer. Then, we study the news, the needs of our time and the needs of the people we serve, etc. We bring all of these and all our daily concerns to prayer/contemplation, sharing the outcome (fruits of our contemplation) with one another, and then we decide communally how we want to respond to the needs (ministry) with the love of God, and the cycle continues.

That sounds like a lot of work. Do you ever get time to relax?

Yes. Dominican spirituality has four “pillars”: prayer, study, community, and ministry. We strive to live a life that is balanced. I look forward to our evenings when we gather together around the table, share a meal, share stories, laugh together, and then we either have a longer conversation, or watch something together on TV, or play a game. On weekends, I like walking in a park, playing Pictionary, Scrabble or Rummikub, playing mini-golf, or having a “me” day – spending a day in quiet prayer/reflection.

What’s your favorite poem?

Hungarian: [“How others see...”](#) by Miklos Radnoti

English: [Patient Trust](#) by Teilhard de Chardin, SJ (excerpted from Hearts on Fire)

Thank you.

You’re welcome. If you have any other questions, feel free to email me at btiboldi@oppeace.org



Nuns on the Bus Tour

Some of our Sisters and Associates attended the “Nuns on the Bus” event at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Akron, OH on October 21, 2018. The “Nuns on the Bus” Truth Tour is travelling across the country, from Santa Monica, CA to Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, FL to raise awareness and to advocate for (and demand) reasonable and just tax policies for the common good.

event and are shown in the pictures below, both beside the bus and adding their names to the exterior of the bus.

Sr. Bea Tiboldi and Candidate Ellen Coates were among the participants attending this



Curious About the Stages of Becoming a Sister?

If you've ever wondered about what is involved in becoming a Dominican Sister of Peace, we've prepared an [infographic](#) that illustrates and explains the process. In our congregation, you'll see that there are five stages, starting with discerning whether God is calling you to religious life to professing perpetual vows.

Along the way, you are accompanied by a mentor/companion who is available to support and assist you with any concerns you have about religious life.

BECOMING A DOMINICAN SISTER OF PEACE

Women who feel a vocation to become a religious Sister go through a process that can last a number of years.



DO YOU FEEL A CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE?

Contact the Vocations Office of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, 1.855.677.3223 (Toll Free)



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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 consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice. You can listen to and watch via this video [here](#).



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God Calling?? Blogs

Every Thursday we post a reflection on a variety of topics for our God Calling??

blog. You can read our blogs by viewing our [homepage](#), and clicking on "News and Blogs" on the far right side of the menu bar. In the pull-down menu, you will see our God Calling?? blog and other blog series that we encourage you to read so that you can become familiar with what's important to us and what we're thinking about.



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