

VOCATION NEWS
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Sisters and Associates
in Mission

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We hope this Spring brings blossoms of beauty, hope, and joy into your life.

We share with you exciting news about two upcoming celebrations! First, be sure to read about Sr. Bea Tiboldi's profession of perpetual vows. Second, we are celebrating our tenth anniversary as the Dominican Sisters of Peace. So don't miss the article about this event and keep scrolling down the page to read our other news:

- We're continuing our "Ask a Sister" feature column this month and hope you'll consider sending us a question we can answer at vocations@oppeace.org.
- You can read about our Emmaus Discernment group, something to consider joining if you're not a participant already.
- Outdoor music celebrations often start happening about this time of year and we offer you a song suggestion to add to your listening collection.

We certainly welcome your suggestions for topics you would like us to present in this newsletter. Send us an email at vocations@oppeace.org. We look forward to hearing from you and knowing what you might find helpful in discerning where God is calling you.

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.

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Perpetual Profession

On Sunday, April 28th Sr. Bea Tiboldi will make her Perpetual Profession of Vows! What a wonderful celebration this will be. Sr. Bea has been preparing for this day her whole life and in a more focused way during her eight years in formation.

During Mass, Sr. Bea will pronounce her vows:

I, Sr. Bea Tiboldi, profess the vows of obedience, celibacy, and poverty to God

and in your hands, Sister Patricia Twohill, to be lived in the light of the Gospel and according to the Rule of St. Augustine and the Constitutions of this congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, for my whole life.

She will be surrounded by her family, friends, sisters, and other religious as she makes this life commitment. Next month, in this newsletter, we will share more about this event, including pictures and excerpts from the ceremony.

So, stay tuned . . .

10th Anniversary



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10th Anniversary of the Dominican Sisters of Peace

This Easter marked our 10th Anniversary as Dominican Sisters of Peace. The congregation was founded on Easter Sunday 2009. Seven Dominican Congregations gave up their own identities to give birth to the Dominican Sisters of Peace. We named our new congregation “Peace” because peace is what the world desperately needs and peace is the message that the Resurrected Jesus greeted his disciples with after He was raised from the dead. During these ten years, we have glorified God for granting us “Peace” through our new identity. We strive to live a life of peace-making wherever we are and in everything we do. We committed ourselves to Be Peace, Build Peace and Preach Peace to the world.

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, we praise God for these grace-filled years that the Holy Spirit has bestowed on us--a fresh spirit, a new life, and the power to live out the Gospel message of peace daily. On April 12, we celebrated this anniversary in various ways. Some Motherhouses, and founded and sponsored ministries planted trees or flowers in appreciation of this anniversary. A 10th Anniversary prayer card was also created for us to use as we continue our journey of becoming one mind and heart.

The culmination of this Anniversary will take place at our congregational gathering in St. Louis, Missouri in July. We chose St. Louis because it was the place where the Dominican Sisters of Peace was founded ten years ago. We will provide updates on this event for you on our [Facebook](#) page and in our July e-newsletter. To know more about us, including our ministries or location, visit our [website](#).

As we move forward, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Sisters and Associates in mission, will continue to pray for the world with Jesus' words: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." (John 14:27). We will move forward into the future full of hope and with the intention that Peace spreads throughout the world. We invite you to join us and together, we will be agents of Peace to the world.



Ask a Sister

What's the difference between a **COME AND SEE RETREAT** and a **MISSION IMMERSION EXPERIENCE**?

During a **"Come and See" retreat**, you literally *come and see* what religious life is about. You are invited to explore and experience religious life. You get to pray with the sisters, eat meals with the sisters together, get to know about their vocation call or ministry, and each retreat focuses on a specific theme - usually about discernment, who the Dominicans are, about life as a Sister, or about prayer, study, community and ministry. A "Come and See" retreat is usually from Friday afternoon to Sunday noon. To learn more about this opportunity, you can read our Vocation Minister Sr. Mai-Dung Nguyen's blog [here](#) about what such a retreat can mean for you.

A **Mission Immersion experience** is usually a five-day service-based, hands-on learning experience, where you learn about how we serve those in need, and spend time in prayer and community with other women in discernment. This summer, from June 1 to June 5, our Mission Immersion experience will focus on the congregation's Chapter Commitments. These commitments are the guideposts by which we live out our mission as a community. Our summer Mission Immersion experience offers an opportunity to be immersed into how the Dominican Sisters of Peace and Associates live these commitments to:

- study, contemplate, and preach God's revelation,
- create environments of peace,
- promote justice,
- create welcoming communities, and
- foster God's web of life

DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN QUESTIONS?

We invite you to email us your questions and we will respond to those in our monthly newsletter anonymously.

What is the Emmaus Discernment Group?

The Emmaus Discernment group provides an opportunity for women to gather monthly to talk about their discernment journey and about religious life. This is a great opportunity to meet other women who are feeling God's call to be a vowed religious sister.



Some attend the gathering in person at our Columbus Motherhouse and some attend via 'Zoom.' Currently, we have participants from Texas, Colorado, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Topics have included discernment, community life, prayer, relationship with God, and stages of the discernment process.

We send out reading resources on the monthly topic a few days before the meeting (usually between 6-10 pages). The reading serves as a conversation starter after a short introduction to the topic by one of the Sisters. Participants feel safe and open to ask and discuss their questions. We usually have one to two Sisters present to facilitate the gathering and to answer questions.



Music for Discerners

We invite you to listen and reflect on the lyrics in this song, [What Do You Want of Me Lord?](#)

Send us an email to let us know what music you find helpful in your search to know God and to hear God's call in your life.

We'd like to share your song titles in this newsletter so other discerners can enjoy a rich selection of music for their journey.

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.



The Vatican's Pope Video

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray for doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war-torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others. You can listen to and watch this month's message [here](#).

Learn more about us via our website at www.oppeace.org or check us out on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

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