

VOCATION NEWS
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We hope and pray that you have enjoyed some summertime fun and relaxation this month. We're at the halfway mark of this season and it's a good time to soak in the summer's rays.

July seems to be unfolding as a month of many celebrations within our community. We've held welcoming ceremonies for our new candidate and for our novice who returned to the Columbus Motherhouse from her first year of a two-year novitiate. You can read about both of these events in this newsletter. Our 10th Anniversary as the Dominican Sisters of Peace was a special highlight this month. (More about this celebration in our August newsletter.)

We are a growing, thriving community of women committed to being peace, building peace, and preaching peace and invite you to learn about us through these monthly newsletters.

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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Welcoming our Newest Candidate Annie Killian



On Saturday, July 6, 2019, we welcomed Annie Killian as a Candidate with the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The Welcoming Ceremony was celebrated during Evening Prayer in the Columbus Motherhouse Chapel with members of Annie's family, including her dad, Dr. Thomas Killian and her siblings: Mary, Patrick, and Bridget along with members of her extended family, friends, and Sisters and Associates. It was a wonderful celebration!

Candidacy is the first stage of religious formation, lasting from six months to two years while living in the community. During this

time, Annie will learn more about the congregation, religious life, and what it means to be a Dominican Sister of Peace.

Please click [here](#) to enjoy photos from the ceremony and [here](#) for a video created by Sr. Michelle Sherliza!

Welcoming Home Our Novice Sr. Phuong Vu

On July 1, 2019, we welcomed back Sr. Phuong Vu, our novice, home from the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate (CDN), where she spent her canonical novitiate year.

At her welcoming prayer service, Sr. Phuong reflected on her time at the CDN, and shared a few insights. She compared her experience at the CDN to a plant in a pot that was watered and that grew every day. She shared how much strength she found in communal prayer, and she shared about the personal skills and communication skills she gained. She expressed her gratitude for meeting other Dominicans and for being able to take Dominican Life Seminar classes and classes at Aquinas Institute. She appreciated the opportunities for the inter-cultural experience she had in her local community (CDN), inter-congregational novitiate



community (ICN), and in her ministry as she was tutoring students from diverse background. She expressed her gratefulness toward her novice directors, Sr. Lorraine Reaume OP (Adrian) and Sr. Cathy Arnold OP (Peace) for being such good witnesses of faith as they walked this journey with her, and she shared how much she appreciated the community's prayerful support, emails, letters, and care packages.

Sr. Phuong will be moving to New Orleans, Louisiana, to begin her first assignment at St. Mary's Dominican High School.



Ask a Sister

by Sr. June Fitzgerald

What do Vocation Ministers do during the summer?

Thank you for asking. Each Vocation Minister would answer this question in a slightly different way.

As for me, this summer, I went on an eight-day retreat in Cape May, NJ, planted and tended our garden, attended the Dominican Women Afire meeting of

Dominican Sisters, took a boat tour of the Thimble Islands, attended Annie Killian's candidacy welcome ceremony, visited my spiritual director, prayed under a tree, hiked along a river, worked in my office, visited and communicated with discerners, attended the Tenth Anniversary of our congregation, laughed a lot and visited my family. The summer is not over yet and more adventures await!

Here are some pictures from my summer adventures thus far.





Come and See Retreat in Kentucky

Join us in the foothills of Kentucky for our Fall Come and See Retreat! From September 13-15, 2019, we are offering Catholic women, ages 18-45, an opportunity to explore religious life at our Motherhouse in St. Catharine, Kentucky.

This free retreat gives you time to pray with our Sisters, to share with other women of faith, to discover God's purpose for your life, and to explore community life as a Dominican Sister of Peace.

A [Come and See retreat](#) is an excellent way to learn about religious life and to meet our sisters by joining us for prayer, meals, and conversation. You will have time for quiet personal prayer and reflection, and will be able to meet with a sister for spiritual guidance about discernment or questions and concerns about your vocation in life. If you have questions about the retreat, you can contact Sr. Mai-Dung (pronounced "my-ung") at (405) 248-7027 or at mdnguyen@oppeace.org.

You can click [here](#) to register for this retreat.

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 that those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word. 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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