

VOCATION NEWS
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Dominican
Sisters *of Peace*
Sisters and Associates
in Mission

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As you inch your way into summer, we hope you take time to enjoy outdoor living, soaking in the gift of nature that fills us with God's wonders of this Earth. Perhaps you may want to spend some of your summer on retreat at one of our [spirituality centers](#).

We have lots of news packed into this newsletter so keep scrolling to make sure you see everything we have to share with you. Read about our next [Come and See retreat](#), think about attending a [young adult conference](#), learn about our tenth anniversary celebration as the Dominican Sisters of Peace, find out what it means to live a vow of poverty in our "Ask a Sister" article, enjoy a summary about our Mission Immersion program in early June, and learn about the Dominican Women Afire gathering of Dominican Sisters

We 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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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.

Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference

Every summer, Catholics on Call hosts a four-day program at Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago. This experience is designed for women and men (ages 18 to 35) who may be thinking about a life of service in the Church as a lay minister, religious sister or brother, or priest, and those who are undecided and want guidance in determining how God is calling them. Click [here](#) for more details about this young adult conference being held July 23-27, 2019.

If you are interested in attending or have questions about this [conference](#), please contact Sr. June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or at jfitzgerald@oppeace.org for more details. (The conference is offered to you free of charge.)

10th Anniversary Celebration

Sisters and Associates of the Dominican Sisters of Peace will be gathering in St. Louis from July 26-28, 2019 to celebrate their 10th anniversary as a community.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, the Dominican Sisters of Peace were established after several years of planning and preparation to form a new congregation. At that time, seven congregations of Dominican women came together to form the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Today, we strive together to bring God's peace to a world in need.

Please keep our Sisters and Associates in your prayers during this assembly.



Ask a Sister

If I enter religious life, and live a vow of poverty, how do I buy personal items and new clothes when I need them?

Each religious congregation lives out the vow of poverty differently, and you might have wondered what life might look like for you. This is a good question to ask each congregation you are discerning with.

Some congregations wear a habit and have no personal spending money, some wear unified clothing and have some spending money, while others can wear clothing of their own choosing

and manage their spending money within a specific budget. We, Dominican Sisters of Peace, have the freedom to purchase personal goods as needed (i.e. clothes, shoes, personal hygiene items, etc.). However, we "choose simplicity in the acquisition and use of material goods." (Constitutions of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, #8) This means, that we are able to buy these things, but with a mindset of being in solidarity with the poor, and living within a limited communal budget.

2019 Mission Immersion

The 2019 Mission Immersion is in the books. Six women joined the Vocations Team for a weeklong program of prayer, service, reflection, and fun. To read more about it, click [here](#).

In the near future, we will be sharing our plans for our next Mission Immersion program, which will be held in New Orleans in January 2020. Stay tuned for details.



Taking time out for fun -- and smores



Discerners experienced some of the joy of community life.



Participants volunteer with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

Dominican Women Afire

On Memorial Day weekend, ten Dominican Sisters of Peace attended the [Dominican Women Afire](#) national gathering in Blauvelt, New York. This gathering included Dominican Sisters from 11 different congregations around the nation. It was an opportunity for sisters to network with each other, pray together, explore present and future realities, and explore our unfolding future as Dominican Sisters. Here are a few pictures from this amazing gathering.



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 this month that priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively, above all, to solidarity with those who are most poor. 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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