

VOCATION NEWS
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Dear First name,

March seems to be a transition month as we change seasons from winter to spring and move into daylight savings time. Perhaps you are experiencing some transitions in your personal or professional life. Transitions can be liberating, transformative, and challenging. Change is often a time for discovering new opportunities and saying goodbye to the familiar.

Whether you are experiencing changes in your life or not, we pray that you find peace and joy in your endeavors. May you know God's loving care for you wherever you find yourself.

In this newsletter, we share with you some celebrations our sisters have enjoyed and offer you a reflection and some music suggestions for your Lenten journey. Also, Sr. Bea answers a frequently asked vocation question and shares about her visit to a Catholic high school and other places in New Orleans.

If you have suggestions for topics you would like us to present in this newsletter, send us an email at vocations@opeace.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.

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



Nun Fun

If you've ever wondered whether and how Sisters celebrate the holidays, these pictures capture the joy and fun Sisters at the Columbus Motherhouse had dressing up in costumes for Mardi Gras. Similar costume events were held at other locations--from Great Bend, Kansas to St. Catharine, Kentucky. Everyone enjoyed this festive celebration.



Ask a Sister

HOW DO I KNOW IF IT'S REALLY GOD'S CALL?

Pray, pay attention to your feelings, talk it over with someone you trust, and participate in retreats, discernment groups, and visits to religious communities.

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.

On the Road with Sr. Bea

Sr. Bea Tiboldi visited New Orleans last month. She returned to Columbus very energized by the experience she had. She visited [St. Mary's Dominican High School](#) to give presentations to seven senior classes. However, it was so much more than that. Students were very open to the opportunity to learn about living out God's call as a vowed religious sister.

Dr. Cindy Thomas, her administrative team, teachers, and staff couldn't have been more welcoming. If you ever happen to be near St. Mary's High School in New Orleans, we invite you to peek inside. Dominican identity and mission are not only taught but they are lived out day-by-day in a very inspiring way. It's "contagious"; no wonder Sr. Bea came back so excited to tell all about St. Mary's Dominican High School.

Sr. June Fitzgerald is there this week, along with a few other sisters, for a #NCSW2019 Sister Story event. They will be speaking to the young women about their lives, ministries, and sharing about how they serve in the New Orleans area where God's love is needed the most. Look for an update in our next newsletter.

Sr. Bea also reached out to [Xavier University of Louisiana](#), and there, too, she was very welcomed and discussed some possible ideas for vocation outreach. This weekend, Sr. June is giving a witness talk about living a vowed religious life as a [Dominican Sister of Peace](#) at Xavier.

In addition, Sr. Bea visited the [Peace Center](#), where Sr. Dot Trosclair, OP gave a presentation on "Discerning a Call," from the perspective of discernment as a process of prayer that flows out of a real and continuous union with God in prayer. Sr. Dot also helped attendees reflect on making decisions and she provided techniques for discerning the Spirit.

While in New Orleans, Sr. Bea reconnected with Dominican friars, exchanged conversations about the Dominican family, and discussed possible vocation outreach opportunities with the friars in the near future.

Now Sr. Bea's visit wasn't just an "all-business-trip." She joined several Sisters to visit the Budweiser Clydesdale horses, attended a gala for the [Archdiocesan Spirituality Center](#), and experienced a real Mardi Gras carnival. It was a full week, but she is grateful for the experience.





Lenten Reflection & Lenten Music

We invite you to read this Lenten reflection "[Walking with saints on the journey of Lent](#)" from A Nun's Life Ministry.

Also, you may want to check out these two YouTube videos during your Lenten reflection time:

- [I Come to the Cross](#)
- [Only This I Want](#)

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 Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected. You can listen to and watch this month's message [here](#).

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