

VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

April 2021



Dominican
Sisters of Peace
Sisters and Associates
in Mission

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Just as April showers bring May flowers, we hope these longer days of light bring you joy, casting a refreshing glow over all that you do and all that you are.

May you find time in solitude for prayer and reflection to deepen your relationship with God.

Peace and Blessings,

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

PRAY
SEEK
SHARE **PEACE**
MISSION FOR PEACE
June 13, July 18, & August 15, 2021

Summer Mission Opportunity

It's important for women who are considering entering our Congregation to immerse themselves not only in the Gospel, but also in the mission of helping others. Are you interested in participating in our Summer Mission for Peace days? Click [here](#) to read more.



How Sisters Are Helping Others During the Pandemic

Our Sisters respond to the needs of our times through ministry, advocacy, prayer, and education. One of the ways we have been able to help others during the COVID-19 pandemic is through direct outreach to those most in need. Click [here](#) to read more about our outreach efforts.

Formation Happenings



We are delighted to share with you some exciting news about our Sisters in Formation. The following Candidates and Sisters have been approved to move forward in their formation journeys:

- Candidates **Cathy Buchanan** and **Tram Bui** have been approved to enter the Novitiate this summer and to participate in the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate in Chicago.
- **Sister Ellen Coates** has been approved to profess her first vows later this summer.
- **Sister Margaret Uche** has been approved to renew her temporary vows for another year.
- **Sister Ana Gonzalez** has been approved to make her perpetual profession this summer.

Please keep all of these Sisters in prayer as they move forward in their formation as Dominican Sisters of Peace.



Upcoming Events

Emmaus Discernment Group -- This monthly program gives you the opportunity to join other discerning women to discuss vocation-related topics and to answer your questions. In May, we will be discussing how to navigate relationships with family and friends after you enter religious life.

Here are the dates for our May meetings:

Friday, **May 14, 2021**, 7:30 to 9:00 pm ET and/or
Sunday, **May 16, 2021**, 4:00 to 5:30 pm ET

Discernment Prayer Group -- Our monthly, online prayer group will meet on **May 23** to pray the Rosary for vocations from 4:00--5:00pm EST.



Vocation Video Gallery

Our Vocation Video Gallery offers you a variety of videos for learning about our life as Dominican Sisters of Peace. This month we invite you to check out some [videos](#) of some in-person and virtual retreats we have offered.



Ask a Sister

Why do people choose religious life?

Each person is called to love and serve God differently. While many people choose to live the single life or the vocation of marriage, some are called by God to religious life. In this life, they find much joy, peace, and fulfillment through daily prayer, ministry, community, study, and through deep intimacy with God, who is the source of their happiness.

Although, our vocation may, to some extent, shape our professional lives, this vocational call is not a career choice but a call to a way of life. To read publications or watch videos about Sisters' vocation stories, click [here](#). Dominican Sisters of Peace have several women in our [formation program](#) and many who are discerning their call with us.



Word Puzzle

We've created our own version of the beloved childhood game, Simon Says, and reframed it as "Sister Says and Sister Does!" Take a look at this [word puzzle](#) and see what answers you can come up with to the questions posed.

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 those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis, that they may see their sacrifice and their work bear abundant fruit. 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](#).

You can also contact our Vocation Ministers:

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Be sure to add our email address to your address book or safe senders list so our emails get to your inbox.

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