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As we hang on to the last days of summer and get ready for new adventures this fall, we pray that you are thriving and growing in your spiritual quest to know where God is calling you.

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



Come and See Retreat

There's still time to register for our **September 10-12** Come and See Retreat. You can join us either in person at our Akron Motherhouse or via Zoom to begin your journey. It's the perfect way to meet our sisters, other discerning women and to get a taste of religious life.

Click [here](#) for more information or contact Sr. June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 (call/text) or email her at

June.Fitzgerald@oppeace.org.



Your Voice Matters

If you haven't completed the survey yet, **we would like to ask for your assistance** in helping us create our discussion topics for the year for our Emmaus Discernment Group and for our Prayer Group. Please click on this short [survey](#); it has only **THREE** questions. We appreciate your help. Thank you.



Sr. Ellen Coates Professes First Vows

Sr. Ellen made her Temporary Profession of Vows on August 1, 2021. When asked to describe her feelings about this experience, she shared that "It was one of the most joy-filled days of my life. Professing my vows, I experienced a deep sense of gratitude and peace, and I was humbled by this gift from God and the love from the Dominican Sisters of Peace community." Click [here](#) for photos of this joy-filled ceremony.



Sr. Ana Gonzalez Professes Final Vows

Such joy!

On the Feast of St. Dominic, Sr. Ana Gonzalez professed her perpetual vows to God as a member of the Dominican Sisters of Peace in a ceremony at the Hubert Campus Center at Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT. Albertus Magnus is a founded ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and Sr. Ana ministers at the college as Coordinator of International Admissions.

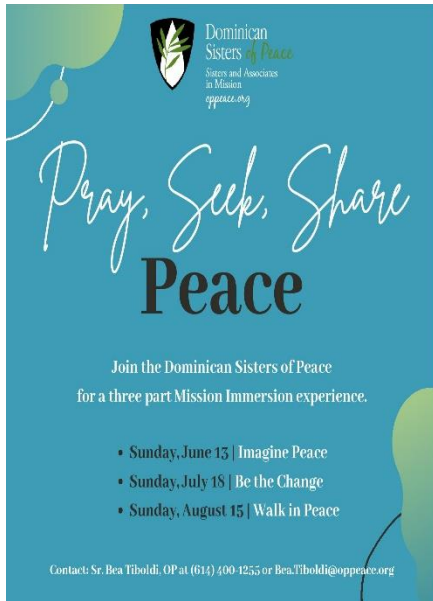
In her reflection at Sr. Ana's Profession, her mentor and companion, Sr. Anne Kilbride, said "One thing that we know about Ana is that she exudes joy. Her love of God and her love of Dominican life is what brings her the greatest joy, and that is the joy that she shares with us."

To read more about her journey to religious life and to this day of profession, click [here](#).



Novices' Send-Off

On Saturday, August 21, we joyfully sent our two dear novices (Sr. Tram Bui and Sr. Cathy Buchanan) to Chicago for their canonical year. They were accompanied by Sr. Patricia Dual, OP., who is our community's Formation Director. In Chicago, Sr. Tram and Sr. Cathy will live with another novice and two co-directors in the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate (CDN) house. [Read more](#).



Insights from Summer Mission for Peace Program

Our "Mission for Peace" program has concluded, yet the work for peace continues.

Click [here](#) to read what this summer's mission experience was about.



One Sister's Summer

by Sister Maidung Nguyen, OP

Summer is the season for different outdoor activities and traveling. One thing I usually do during the summer is gardening. I spend half-an-hour to one-hour gardening each day. I plant flowers, veggies, and herbs. I also feed birds and squirrels. Watching the plants grow, bear fruit, or bloom until they die reminds me about the circle of life and the purpose of each individual life on the earth under the web of relationships. Other sisters and I enjoyed many delightful moments watching different birds and squirrels

come for their banquets. Occasionally, we held a cookout or went to a park or botanical garden. We praised God for these beautiful sceneries.

[Read more.](#)



Ask a Sister

What is required to join your community?

If you feel God is calling you, do not be afraid—be attentive and pray for God's guidance. Each life's journey is unique. Here are some basic prerequisites for discerning with us:

Have a love of God, a deep prayer life, and the desire to serve

Be an active Catholic or in formation to become a Catholic

Be in good health in body, mind, and spirit

Be between the ages of 18 and 45

Be a legal U.S. citizen or having legal status to live and/or work in the U.S.

Have a minimum of two years of college/university or equivalent work experience beyond high school and the ability to study

Have no canonical or legal impediments to entrance

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 the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. You can listen to and watch this month's message [here](#).