
VOCATION NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

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Alas! It is summer and time to enjoy all the beauty and grandeur of Mother Nature. We hope you find time to be outdoors, engaged in whatever activities bring you joy and peace.

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

Mission for Peace



Although our Mission for Peace summer program has taken off, you can still register and join us virtually.

Click [here](#) to read more about the experience we had in June and to learn about what to look forward to in July and August.



**SHOW ME THE WAY
COME & SEE RETREAT**

You're Invited!

Give yourself a gift of time, prayer, and companionship with the Dominican Sisters of Peace and other women in discernment. Our next Come & See Retreat will be held as a **HYBRID** experience (**IN PERSON** and **via Zoom**) at our Motherhouse in Akron, Ohio--**September 10-12, 2021**.

Just like the disciples asked Jesus, "Where do you live?" He said, "Come and see." (John 1:38-39), women interested in religious life often ask us, "What is life like as a Dominican Sister of Peace?" This question is best answered in the words of Jesus, "Come and See." [Read more.](#)



Videos for You

Want to learn why women are attracted to the Dominican Sisters of Peace? Ever wonder about what ceremonies are held for women in formation? Then, check out these two informative and inspirational videos:

[What Attracted You to the Dominican Sisters of Peace](#)

[Welcoming Home Sister Annie Killian, Novice](#)



Learning the Message of God by Unscrambling Words

Every consecrated religious member of each order has abbreviated letters after their names, such as OSF, CSJ, etc. For the Dominicans, the abbreviated letters are "OP," such as Sr. Elica Nolan, OP, or Fr. Nuan Beblon, OP. "OP" means the "Order of Preachers." This name was given to the Dominicans by Pope Honorius III on December 22, 1216, when the order was founded by Saint Dominic (or Domingo de Guzmán in Spanish). Throughout history, this "OP" reminds us that we

were founded to preach the Gospel, not only in the pulpit or in church, but throughout our lives, based on the signs of our time. Preaching the Gospel message thus becomes our identity.

To preach the Gospel, Dominicans focus on studying, praying, and meditating on the words of God in various ways. Other ways include reciting the words/phrases from a Gospel reading that resonate with us or dissecting the words into small pieces so different meanings can be revealed. This time, we invite you to participate in an exercise for revealing the Word of God through the unscrambling of words. [Read more.](#)



Ask a Sister

How long is the discernment and initial formation process?

Discernment is a sacred process that varies for each individual. The initial process of discerning a call to religious life can take as little as six months and up to a few years before you apply to join our community as a candidate.

Think about someone who is hoping to get married. She, too, is taking time to get to know her potential spouse, to date, to get engaged, and then to exchange vows for a lifetime.

Similarly, when you contact us, we will walk closely with you, one-on-one, as you get to know us and we get to know you. This is your time to determine if our community is a 'good fit,' where you can best live out your response to God's call. We will help you discover where God is calling you - the place where you feel most alive and at peace, a place where you can deepen your faith and respond to the needs of the world.

After entering as a candidate, it may take six to nine years to make your [perpetual or final profession](#). This process may seem overwhelming, but you will not be alone. We will walk this journey together. A recent applicant has shared that this process was a blessed time of getting to know herself and the community at a deeper level.

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 young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience. 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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