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**VOCATION NEWS  
FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE**

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Sisters *of Peace*  
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Dear Mary Ellen,

May is a special month in the Church for reflecting on Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Queen of Peace. Imagine what Mary must have felt when the angel Gabriel "came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28). Who are the angels or messengers of God's goodness in your life, who offer you hope and love? In these difficult times, we can take courage and inspiration from Mary in walking our journeys. Just as Mary responded to the call against all odds to become the Mother of Jesus, we too, can find ways to respond to the needs of our times.

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*

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## Mary's Intercession for Peace

Join us in praying for Mary's intercession for peace with the words of Pope St. John Paul II:

*"Mary, Queen of Peace,  
we entrust our lives to you.  
Shelter us from war, hatred and oppression.  
Teach us to live in peace;  
to educate ourselves for peace.  
Inspire us to act justly to revere all God has  
made.  
Root peace firmly in our hearts and in our  
world. Amen."*




## Dominican Devotions to Mary

The rosary is one of the most practiced prayers in the Catholic Church, and one of the beloved traditions is that Catholics pray the rosary in the month of May and October more frequently.

However, what are the origins of the rosary, and what is the importance of this tradition in the Dominican order?

Read more [here](#).



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# Pray, Seek, Share Peace

Join the Dominican Sisters of Peace  
for a three part Mission Immersion experience.

- Sunday, June 13 | Imagine Peace
- Sunday, July 15 | Be the Change
- Sunday, August 15 | Walk in Peace

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## Mission for Peace 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 or to register.



## What Sisters in Formation Are Saying

Our Sisters in formation share their thoughts and feelings about what attracted them to the Dominican Sisters of Peace in this [video](#).



## Next Steps in Formation by Dee Holleran

May is a month for graduations...for moving from one stage of life's journey to another. At the Dominican Sisters of Peace, we are also celebrating our Sisters in formation as they travel their journeys to religious life. Formation" is a process of several steps, including study, growing one's relationship with God through personal and communal prayers, ministry, and life in community, that a woman takes on her way

to becoming a Dominican Sister of Peace

To read about the seven women taking next steps in the formation process, click [here](#).



## Peace in Action

Sisters joined with [LISTEN GOOD YOUTH](#), a Columbus-based group that aims to decrease gun violence, drug addiction and gang activity, for a community event on April 12. The Dominican Sisters of Peace have been providing hamburgers and hotdogs for participants the second Monday of each month and joined in a march to promote peace in the Linden neighborhood of Columbus that included educating residents about educational

support, access to mental health help, ways to prevent violence, and help with job searches.



The "HopeSeekers" study group

## Study: The Dominican Way

One of the four pillars of our Dominican spirituality is study. We study as individuals and in small groups. Within our small study groups, sisters come together every month to study a certain topic suggested either by the congregation or by emerging issues occurring within society, such as racism or how to engage in dialogue. With zoom technology, sisters can join different study groups beyond their geographic

area. To learn about some of our study groups, click [here](#).



## Ask a Sister

What is involved in the application process?

When you and your Vocation Minister feel that you are ready to become a candidate, you may ask for an application for admission to the congregation. This process requires you to provide general background information and to submit an autobiography, educational transcripts, medical records, letters of recommendation, sacramental certificates, and other documents. You will also undergo a psychological assessment and a full background check.

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.

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## 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](mailto: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 those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate financial markets and protect citizens from its dangers. You can listen to and watch this month's message [here](#).

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Learn more about us via our website at [www.oppeace.org](http://www.oppeace.org) or check us out on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

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