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

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Dear Mary Ellen,

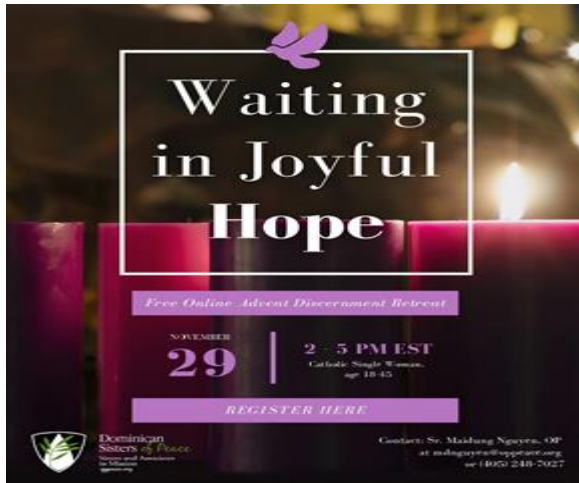
Autumn is dawning, leaves are changing to wondrous colors, daylight is becoming shorter, and we prepare to enter into a time of transformation from warmer to colder weather. You may find this season ripe for greater moments of reflection and contemplation as we curtail our outdoor activities.

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*





Waiting in Joyful Hope: A Free Virtual Advent Discernment Mini-Retreat

We live in extraordinary, unusual circumstances with so many uncertainties and challenges. Like the people in ancient times waiting for their Messiah, we wait in hope and longing for how life will unfold in our times. For many of you, you may hope for clarity indiscerning your vocation. Waiting is an act of trust in the unfolding of God's plan for us and hope grows from this waiting and trusting.

Advent, of course, is a time for waiting, trusting, and hoping that our God will bring new light into the darkness of life. Let us wait in joyful hope as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. **We invite you to join us for an Advent mini-retreat: "Waiting in Joyful Hope" on the first Advent Sunday, November 29, 2020, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm EST.**

This mini-retreat will give you time to ponder and explore the meaning of Advent as you wait in joyful hope for where God is calling you. Come to pray, listen, and share hope together. You can register by visiting our website at oppeace.org.

New Prayer Group for Discerners



Prayer is one of the four pillars of Dominican life and is essential for having and growing a relationship with God. It is also one of the things that many women in discernment struggle with. How to pray? Is there a right way or a wrong way to pray? What is the Liturgy of the Hours? Why is prayer one of the four pillars? If you have asked any of these questions, you are not alone.

Several of you have asked for help in learning how to pray and exploring new ways to pray. We heard and are responding to your requests, with the creation of a new on-line prayer group for discerning women. Right now, we are polling some of our women in discernment as to what types of prayer they are most interested in learning & practicing. In addition, we are asking what day of the week and time is best for most. **We plan to begin meeting soon.** For more information, or to participate in this group, please contact Sr. June Fitzgerald at jfitzgerald@oppeace.org or text/call 570-336-3991.



Collaborative Dominican Novitiate

Novice Annie Killian writes about her orientation to her new place of residence, the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate (CDN), in Chicago, which you can read about [here](#). The CDN is where novices from Dominican congregations live together in community to study Dominican life and to develop a richer prayer life. The canonical year is intended to give novices time to delve more deeply into religious life and the community's charism, to understanding the meaning of the vows, and to exploring prayer forms more intimately.



10-Year Anniversary Celebration

Our congregation is celebrating its 10-year anniversary all year round. Click [here](#) to view a slideshow about our past ten years.

Ask a Sister

After I enter the community, can I maintain connections with my family and friends?

Your family has made you the person that you are - the person who we hope to welcome into our community. So of course, we encourage you to maintain relationships with your family and friends. Sisters can visit their families, or their families can visit them. With modern technology, there are many ways to remain connected with others. Some Sisters even take time away from their community to care for family members in need.



Discernment Resources

In your leisure time, we encourage you to grab your favorite beverage and check out these resources to help you with discerning where you are and where you are being called.

"[Discernment Can Be Hard--But God Delights in Your Choice](#)" from America magazine.

"[Discernment Workshop](#)," a 40-minute video on aspects of the discernment process by Dominican Sisters of Peace Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP and Sr. Pat Dual, OP.

"[Four Steps to Vocation Discernment](#)" from VISION Vocation Network.

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 the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner. 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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