



Monthly Connections
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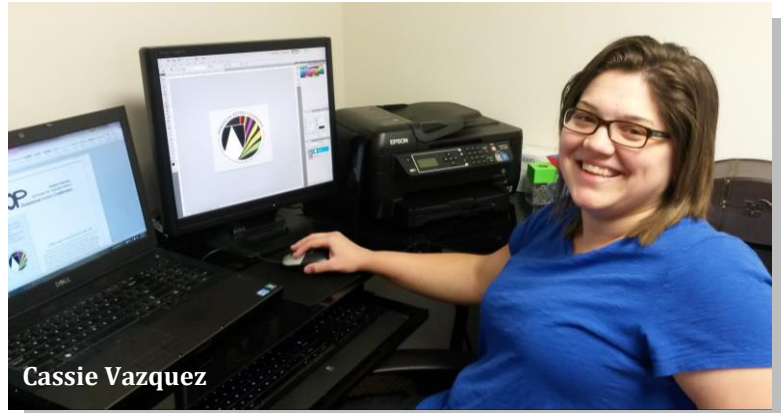
Convocation 2015

We begin on Thursday, October 1st at 7PM, and complete our days together on Sunday, October 4th – culminating with the celebration of Eucharist.



Please don't forget to register for upcoming DSC Convocation. Registration and Market Place packets are available on our [DSC website](http://DSCwebsite.com).

In making arrangements for rooms, **please** ask for a king size bed if you are staying in a room by yourself, and leave the doubles for those sharing the hotel room



Cassie Vazquez

A Message from Pat Farrell, OP

Certainly, the stories that the sisters who travelled to Iraq in January brought home with them stirred our hearts. Still, in listening again to the recent testimony of Sister Diana Momeka before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, I am sure that it brought many to tears. The Iraq Coordinating Committee will continue in keeping us alerted to the status and needs of our Family in Iraq. The Sisters of Catherine of Siena know that they can count on our prayers.

It has been quite a busy month with moving the office of the DSC for the arrival of our administrative assistant, Cassie Vazquez. Cassie lives nearby and received her B.A. in English and her M.A. in Library and Information Science from Dominican University. She has done a lot of work with Sister Janet Welsh in the McGreal Center, and Janet could not have praised her work and abilities more. I've also discovered that she is handy with a hammer and a nail!

So please be sure to welcome Cassie. Her email is opcomnet@domlife.org, and she can be reached on our office phone number 708-435-0191. Both Cassie and I are grateful to Aneesah for her assistance in orienting Cassie to this work.

Peace and all good,

Dominican Sisters Conference Mission Statement

We are in the process of having our Mission Statement approved by the member congregations of the DSC. We are well on our way to completing this process so that we can celebrate our formal adoption of the Mission Statement at our Convocation in October.

There are still some congregations that have an affirmation process coming up very soon. We will note those congregations in the next issue.

Gold Stars go to the following congregations for having already completed the process of approving the statement:

Dominican Sisters of

Grand Rapids
Hope
Houston
Oakford
Racine
San Rafael
Tacoma



**We look forward to awarding
more gold stars in July!**

Mission Statement

**The Dominican Sisters
Conference unites the sisters
and associates of U.S.
Congregations in their mission
to preach the gospel of Jesus,
standing as a clear voice for
truth, justice and peace.**



Collaboration Continues

Just in case you thought the Federation gone and long forgotten, there are still some groups of sisters that meet on a regular basis.

- One of these groups, sometimes called the Hyde Park Group (since that's where they meet) gathered on May 22nd in Chicago for prayer, conversation and a shared meal. Helen Cahill and Pauline LaMothe – both Dominican Sisters of Peace – have faithfully hosted this meeting in their home since the late 90s.
- Another group – opTions (pictures above) have also met since the 90s, and most recently on May 8th and 9th in Santa Cruz. While sharing the weekend together they shared their reflections on Pope Francis's recent book, *Joy of the Gospel*. One of their members mentioned that the group truly supports one another through the hard times.
- Yet another California group is the Seekers who meet four times a year in San Francisco for prayer, dinner and conversation. They support one another's ministries and have built rich relationships.

If you have a Federation group that still meets, please let Pat Farrell know about it, or share something on our listserve. It may be that there are other sisters that would enjoy gathering with you – and they just don't know you exist.