



## Convocation 2015

Registration materials were sent to congregational communicators on January 8th. And the registrations have started to come in already, as have Market Place reservations.



Registration and Market Place packets are also available on the [DSC website](#). Please remember when you are making your flight arrangements that the low-cost shuttle arrangements from the hotel are only available for O'Hare International Airport.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## A Message from Pat Farrell, OP

I am looking forward to the opportunity to join Dominican Sisters from five continents at the The 59th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women at the UN Headquarters in New York, which is happening right now - until March 20th. Margaret Mayce and I hope to update you about the proceedings in our next newsletters. It will surely be a stimulating time of considering a worldwide perspective on the reality that women face today. May our Dominican presence bear fruit.

We have a very special piece of good news this month, and that is that we have received funding from the GHR Foundation of a significant grant proposal entitled, "From Many Voices, One Future." These funds will assist Dominican Women Afire!, the Dominican Sisters Conference, and the Sisters of St. Dominic - Blauvelt with some upcoming and collaborative projects over the next three years. We are most grateful to GHR, and will keep all of you posted about how these projects develop.

Peace and all good,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pat'.

## Paris 2015 and Counting. . . .

Our monthly series leading up to **Paris 2015** continues. As March is Women's History month and the Commission on the Status of Women is underway at the UN, we are educating on the connections between Climate Change and Women. You can find materials, including a prayer online. Please feel free to share. Simply go to [our website](#); all the materials are there.

In April our topic will be Poverty and how it interacts with Climate Change.

We look forward with great anticipation to Pope Francis's Climate Change Encyclical.



Please consider joining the National Fast Day for the Climate on March 16th. See <http://ncronline.org/blogs/eco-catholic/catholic-group-launches-global-climate-focused-lenten-fast>.



## We Continue in our Support and Prayers for our Family in Iraq

Our delegates, the members of the Iraq Coordinating Committee, our sisters, associates, and friends continue in their many ways of supporting our sisters and friars in Iraq and the hundreds of thousands of refugees that struggle to have their basic needs met.

Just this week an article that Arlene Flaherty, OP, wrote was published in *Newsday*. We share the link with you so that you are able to read it and share it with others. It is <http://www.newsday.com/opinion/oped/don-t-walk-away-from-iraq-1.10025748>.

On March 8th, the delegates participated in a livestream from Adrian, Michigan, which includes a time of questions and answers. The event is now available online at <http://www.adriandominicans.org/Publications/IraqDominicanDelegation.aspx>.

As we shared in the last *In the Loop*, the recorded webinar for the North American Justice Promoters on February 9th, powerpoint, and script continues to be available online at the DSC website. The direct link is <http://dominicansistersconference.org/resources/>.

All of these resources are available for your use. We want this story to get out there so that others are informed about the situation and may be moved to support Iraqi Displaced Persons with prayer, and political and financial support. So please share! It is <http://www.newsday.com/opinion/oped/don-t-walk-away-from-iraq-1.10025748>.

