



monthly connections
pat farrell, op :: executive director
dominican sisters conference

Convocation 2015

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



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.

Sisters and friars shown in the photo above are (left to right): Diane Kennedy, Ken LeToille, Rebecca Ann Gemma, Charles Bouchard, Margaret Mayce, Dominic Izzo, Carol Mayes, Maureen McInerney, Joseph Sergot, Pat Farrell, and Chris Eggleton.



A Message from Pat Farrell, OP

Last month I mentioned anticipating the opportunity to attend the 59th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women at the UN. Articles have already been published in DomLife, so I won't repeat here except to say that it was a wonderful event. We all learned so much and left enriched! I am providing a link to an interview of the sisters for NCR's *Global Sisters' Report* here: <http://www.globalsistersreport.org/node/23316>.

It was truly a wonderful, encouraging, and stimulating experience to attend the meeting of the North American Promoters of Justice at the end of March. Surely you will be hearing more from your own congregation's promoter. I was truly inspired by their zeal, energy, and commitment to addressing the needs of our day.

With the encouragement of Bruno Cadore, the Master of the Order, a small group of Dominican sisters and friars from across the country gathered last week in River Forest for conversation about the quality of our work together as sisters and brothers. Dominic Izzo and I convened the gathering, and we now look forward to future regional gatherings though the year. Stay tuned . . . thorough the year!

Peace and all good,

Dominican Sisters Mission Statement

We are in the process of having our Mission Statement approved by the member congregations of the DSC. Our hope is that this process will be completed before the end of the summer so that we can celebrate our formal adoption of the Mission Statement at our Convocation in October.

Several congregations have contacted me to let me know that they will be soon presenting it to their sisters and associates within the next couple of months.

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

Dominican Sisters of

Amityville
Blauvelt
Sinsinawa



We look forward to awarding more gold stars in the months to come!

Mission Statement

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



Sister Bette Ann with another gardener

Dominicans Caring for Earth

Having been fortunate to stay at **Mariandale** (Ossining, NY) and **Jubilee Farm** (Springfield, IL) recently, it has been wonderful to witness just a couple of the ways that Dominican Sisters are in ministry for **Earth's sake**.

And speaking of **Earth's sake**, Bette Ann Jaster (Hope) launched **Co-Op Earthsake** this very year. Bette Ann is looking to the Ossining community to work together as they care for Earth in a focused way. There will be a Green Screen Film Series, Herbal Labyrinth Walks, and other programs and retreats. You can learn more about **Earthsake** at this link: <http://ophope.org/2015/02/27/co-op-for-earthsake-launches-at-mariandale/>.

Many already know the wonderful work of **Jubilee Farm**, and its commitment to sustainable methods of farming. Amidst wonderful gardens and trails, the sisters offer a variety of programs and retreat. You might even find a weaving from the coat of the alpacas there on the farm!

We may be attending to the call of *Paris 2015 and Counting* now, but Dominicans have long history of **Caring for Earth**.



Students from University of Illinois reseeding the prairie at Jubilee Farm

