



Monthly Connections
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Convocation 2015

October 1st is drawing closer, and so is September 4th when the price of registration for the Convocation goes from \$325 to \$350. There are almost 50 of you who have made registrations at the hotel but have not yet registered for the Convocation. So please get your registrations in to Rose Celeste O'Connell soon!



Have you sent your arrival and departure times to Rose Celeste yet?
You had better if you want to use the shuttle!

Recently you received an email from your Promoters of Justice asking you to sign on a letter asking Congress to support the Iran nuclear agreement. In case you haven't already done so [here is the link](#) for your



A Message from Pat Farrell, OP

Momentum is building. Each month we have sent out an issue of *Paris 2015 and Counting*, the Pope issued his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and the Dominican Sisters of Adrian will soon be collecting signatures from the sisters in leadership who are members of LCWR asking President Obama to negotiate binding action at the Paris Summit.

Two Dominican Sisters, Margaret Mayce and Pat Siemen, will be going to Paris in November and will be making a presentation at our Convocation in October outlining what they hope to accomplish in Paris. The Planning Committee is preparing an action that all of us can participate in while we are there. This lead-up time to the summit is important, and the Dominican Sisters Conference looks forward to keeping you, our members, engaged in this.

Gratefully,

Elections to the Executive Committee

We congratulate our incoming members of the Executive Committee, Sisters Ann Marie Lustig (Tacoma) and Margaret Galiardi (Amityville). Both Margaret and Ann Marie have passion for the critical issues of our time that our whole Earth community faces, and they are deeply committed to the collaborative work and vision of the DSC. Their term begins on October 1, 2015.

We thank Sisters Kathleen Donnelly (Sparkill) and Margaret Mary Kennedy (Peace) for being willing to be nominated for the Executive Committee, and Sisters Honora Nolty (Amityville) and Judy Brunell (Hope) for their three years of service on the committee.



Ann Marie Lustig, OP



Margaret Galiardi, OP

We Have Family in Iraq



Barb Cervenka, OP



Janet Wright, OP

Just this month, on the anniversary of our Iraqi Sisters' flight from Mosul to Erbil, the Iraq Coordinating Committee distributed postcards for the Secretary of State and a link to beautiful artwork of cranes that you can have in your convent or place of ministry for a donation of \$100. Donations support our Iraqi Sisters who work with so many of the displaced persons. If you haven't already sent your postcard, and/or you would like to donate and obtain this beautiful one-of-a-kind artwork (done by Dominican artists), please go to [this link](#).