



Monthly Connections
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A Message from Pat Farrell, OP

This issue of *In the Loop* will be a short one, but it has two very important pieces of information, which you can read about below. I look forward to attending the Dominican Institute of the Arts Gathering in Racine this year, and will include a reflection on my experience in the next issue. Because I'll be going on retreat and vacation during the month of August, there will be no August issue of *In the Loop*.

Enjoy your summer!!

Gratefully,

Elections to the DSC Executive Committee

I am delighted to announce that we have four sisters who were willing to be nominated for the Executive Committee of the DSC. These generous sisters are, Mary Jane Bookstaver, Kathleen Donnelly, Chela Gonzalez, and Reg McKillip. Their resumes can be found on this [link](#) to the private pages of our website (the password is sistersdominican), along with the ballot. For your convenience, the ballot is also **attached** to this mailing. Please return it to Pat Farrell by August 1st.

Iraq Coordinating Committee

The Iraq Coordinating Committee has prepared a novena to remember our Dominican Family that fled for their lives when Daesch (ISIS) swept across the Nineveh Plain with violence. The novena begins on July 29 and ends on August 6, commemorating the day when our sisters and brothers left for Erbil in the Kurdish area. Brian Pierce, OP, has had the novena translated, and is distributing it to all of the Dominican Nuns' Convents and the laity around the world. Dominican Sisters International (DSI) is also receiving this timely novena. You can download the novena by using this [link](#) on the DSC website.

We have been praying for the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena as they were in Chapter. We now, happily, are able to announce the results of their election. Sister Clara Nancy is the new prioress. The sisters elected to the Council are: Sisters Nibras Toma, Marie Therese Hanna, Luma Khudher, and Nazik Metti. Let us keep these sisters and their congregation in our prayers.

May the preaching continue through our members!