



Monthly Connections
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A Message from Pat Farrell, OP



We are truly into the midst of summer now. I hope that you've enjoyed yours so far with some vacation and time for retreat. This summer has been special for me because I was able to enjoy "Intersections: Faith and the New Cosmology" at our retreat center in San Rafael (Santa Sabina Center). Following that, Margaret Galiardi and I enjoyed a road trip that took us through five national parks. We have a stupendously beautiful country!

We need to protect these jewels from those who would strip away their protective status and funding. We also need to find creative ways of addressing climate change.

Read on, you will find an opportunity to engage through the Dominican Sisters Conference.

Gratefully,

Our series on Truth in Global Sisters Report (GSR) has been very well received, and has highlighted the work of a number of Dominican sisters. GSR will continue publishing these through August. After that the DSC will begin posting additional articles by our Dominican Sisters on our website.



Recently I was contacted by the Director of Adult Formation of the Catholic Parishes in Waterloo (Iowa) about using the articles for an online study and discussion series for parishes. This is something we were hoping to do ourselves. So presently, Cassie, our DomLife editor, is researching ways for us to have online conversations on this topic. We want to make sure that we have all the controls we need over participants' comments so that everyone feels safe about expressing themselves.

Meanwhile, you can read all of the articles that GSR has published on our website. Or to make it even easier, here is a list for you:

- Truth Should Have A Corner on Us by Pat Farrell (June 8)
<http://www.globalsistersreport.org/column/spirituality/truth-should-have-corner-us-47166>
- Truth You Can See by Barbara Kane (June 12)
<http://www.globalsistersreport.org/column/spirituality/truth-you-can-see-47251>
- Preaching Truth Today: What Does it Require? by Carol Dempsey (June 13)
<http://www.globalsistersreport.org/column/spirituality/preaching-truth-today-what-does-it-require-47266>
- Searching for Truth by Elaine Jahrsdoerfer (June 14)
<http://www.globalsistersreport.org/column/spirituality/searching-truth-47336>
- Discovery of Truth Takes Hard Work by Ruth Droege (July 20)
<http://www.globalsistersreport.org/column/spirituality/discovery-truth-takes-hard-work-48101>

- On the Road to Truth, Find a Two-Way Sign by Margaret Galiardi (July 26)
<http://www.globalsistersreport.org/column/spirituality/road-truth-48201>

To Be Posted:

- Preaching Truth in Mississippi by Joanne Blomme (week of July 31-Aug 4)
- A Million Voices by Susan Leslie (week of Aug 7-11)
- Truth is in the Details by Marie Sagués (week of Aug 14-18)
- Finding Truth through Small Christian Communities by Donna Ciangio (Aug 21-25)

Paris 2015 and Beyond . . .

The committee that started the monthly studies entitled Paris 2015 and Counting has worked diligently since November 2014. Besides the initial studies, the Committee promoted a study series on Laudato Si', offered prayer services, and a novena as the Committee became Paris 2015 and Beyond. I am grateful for their contributions.

We are not disbanding this committee! Given the stance of the current administration on climate change, it seems that there is a lot of work for this small group to do! We would like to extend an invitation to any of our Sisters and Associates who have a passion for Earth and concern about our changing climate to join us on this committee. If you would like to be part of creating the next phase of our work as Dominican Sisters Conference on behalf of Earth, please contact Pat Farrell at pfarrellop@gmail.com.



We Have Famly in Iraq

Even as circumstances in Iraq have once again begun to shift and our Dominican Family in Iraq continues to minister in uncertain times, the Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in Erbil have once again welcomed the possibility of a U.S. Dominican delegation in late September/early October of 2017. Application forms and criteria have been sent to the leadership teams of all the congregations. A discernment process among those who have

expressed their desire to go to Iraq will be arranged. If you are interested in being part of this, please contact someone on your leadership team. The forms should be returned no later than August 1.

The DSC will collect donations for the trip till just before the delegation leaves for Iraq. Checks can be made payable to the Dominican Sisters Conference and mailed to 533 Ashland Avenue, River Forest, IL 60305.



May the preaching continue through our members!