



Monthly Connections  
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**Dominican Sisters Conference**

## A Message from Pat Farrell, OP



*As we were approaching this very special day, I wondered . . . what prayer . . . what poem might I share. I remembered how we all love the Magnificat, and Ann Johnson's book Miryam of Nazareth came to mind. All of her Magnificats hold such meaning. Perhaps we can use this Canticle in our prayer this week.*

*And may you all have a Wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving!*

Magnificat of Freedom

My soul sings a thankful song to you, my God,

Creator of the Universe,

who blesses the fruit of the vine.

And my spirit rejoices in the company of a grateful people

because of what you did for me

when I came out of Egypt.

Yes, in joyful obedience

we remember the day we went forth from Egypt

all the days of our lives.

We went forth that we might come into the land

that you have promised us.

Holy is your name,

and from age to age

your voice is heard calling in the land . . .

calling to those who say they would be free.

You have shown us the power of a yearning spirit,

you have turned your back on the self-sufficient.

Pharaoh weeps for Egypt's first-born,

and Israel's legacy lives on.

Tonight your people feast upon the lamb.

Together we eat the food of freedom

and spill the wine for those who suffer injustice

in the cause of freedom.

You, God of Creation, have come to the help of your servant, Israel,

mindful of our covenant with you,

... according to the teachings of Moses ...

mindful of the covenant we share with you,

on this night so different from all the rest,

we celebrate

now and forever in Jerusalem.

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## One More 800th Jubilee Celebration

On November 13th there was a grand 800th Jubilee Celebration in Rosary Chapel at Dominican University in River Forest - followed by a wonderful meal in the dining room. We all had a wonderful opportunity to hear wonderful preaching from the nuns, from one of the brothers, from the laity, from one of the sisters, and from a member of Dominican Youth. The choir was exceptional, and made up of Dominicans and Friends of Dominicans from several states throughout the Midwest. And we learned a new version of "Joyful Friar," which was written by James Marchionda, OP.

And here are lines from the response, "Living What We Preach," also written by Marchionda. They are words for us to live . . . beyond our Jubilee.

*May we be your justice. May we be your peace.  
May we be your voice, O god, living what we preach.*



Colleen Settles, OP, preaching

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**May the preaching continue through our members!**

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