



Monthly Connections
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Paris 2015 and Counting . . .

Over the past year, we have been sending out a monthly mailing entitled, *Paris 2015 and Counting . . .* as we look forward to the Climate Summit that will run from November 30 to December 11, 2015 in Paris. The hope of that summit is for a universal climate agreement. You can learn more about the summit at the [COP21 website](#).

While at the Convocation, sisters and associates signed letters that are being sent to our president and to our elected representatives Boehner, Reid, Pelosi, and McConnell, asking them for a binding agreement in regards to reducing green house gases (those documents are available online [at this link](#)). And, in a very moving ritual, we blessed our letters and the four Dominican sisters, Pat Daly, Elise Garcia, Margaret Mayce, and Pat Siemen, who will be going to Paris in November as part of civil society.

We will continue to keep you updated over the next months about the issues, the process, and our sisters. Another issue of *Paris 2015 and Counting . . .* will be sent out soon! We ask you to keep this most important summit and our sisters in your prayers.



A Message from Pat Farrell, OP

It's all about Gratitude

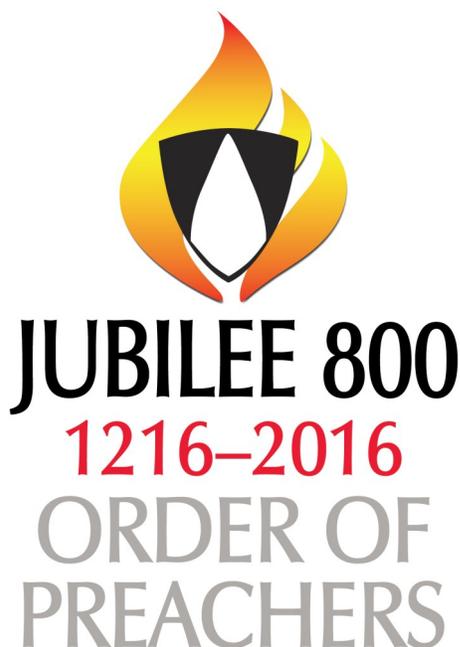
The leaves are beginning to change to the warm hues of autumn here in the Chicago area and the air is brisk (though it's supposed to get warmer next week). It is lovely to experience the change of the seasons. This is one of the things this California native enjoys about living in the Midwest. I experience these seasons with gratitude.

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I would like to thank everyone who attended the Convocation earlier this month for your whole-hearted participation. The energy and enthusiasm were palpable, and the evaluations told the story that it was not only an opportunity to connect and reconnect with Dominicans from all over the country, but that it was substantive and meaningful. I am especially grateful for a wonderful team of Dominican women who worked together since 2013 to plan these days. Their hard work and attention to detail was evident, as was their creativity. Thanks to all who shared their feedback with us. It will be very helpful in planning, not only the next convocation, but will also direct us in the in-between-time.

As I recall the experience we all shared at both the Convocation and the Elected Leaders' Meeting that followed, I am filled with gratitude.

Gratefully,



800th Anniversary

Cassie has been collecting dates and details of the many celebrations that Dominican sisters' congregations will be participating in to celebrate our 800th Anniversary. Within a couple of weeks, we will have a special page on our website that will allow you to find events by date and by location.

Our Facebook Page and Amazon

Prior to the Convocation, Cassie launched our DSC Facebook page ([here's the link](#)). During the Convocation, some of the sisters posted pictures from the days. We invite you to go to the link and "like" us. It is yet another way that we can communicate with one another in the DSC. You can always find the Facebook icon on our home page, as well as an icon and link to [Amazon.com](#). When you do your online shopping, please use that link/portal, so that DSC will receive a small commission. Thank you!!



Convocation Resources

Documents, resources, and media are being posted on our website as we receive them. Here is [the direct link](#) to the page where they can be found.