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NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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Sister Kathleen Klinge, O.P. is an Adrian Dominican Sister. She is originally from Chicago's South East Side. She was educated by Dominicans at St. Ailbe and Aquinas Dominican High School. She entered the congregation in 1966 at a time of constant change in the community following Vatican II. Her ministry background is in Education and Administration and has served in that capacity for the past forty-five years.

After a couple years in Michigan, Kathleen served in parishes in the Chicago Archdiocese: St. Clare de Montefalco, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Precious Blood, Our Lady of the Westside and St. Cyprian, River Grove.

Kathleen has served on numerous committees in the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Adrian Congregation with the collaborative efforts of all involved.

This past March, Kathleen was elected to serve as the Chapter Prioress of the Dominican Midwest Chapter of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. The Chapter includes ninety-five sisters who live and minister in the Midwest. She resides in Westchester and has an office in LaGrange at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph.



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If you have been to Jubilee Farm you probably met her. If you participated in one of the DSC Area Meetings, you would have seen her in the video describing the experience of Global Warming at the Farm.

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Sharon Zayac is a Dominican Sister of Springfield, IL. She spent her childhood traveling and living in the Pacific and in Europe with her Air Force family, finally settling in California for her senior year in high school. Two years later, in 1971, she entered the Dominican Order.

Sharon has a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's in hospital administration. She spent ten years teaching junior and senior high school and thirteen years in hospital administration, the last six as President & CEO of St. Mary's Hospital in Northwest Arkansas. In 2001 she received a Masters in Earth Literacy from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, IN, becoming that program's first graduate.

Sharon is the Director of Jubilee Farm, her congregation's 111-acre center for ecology and spirituality, which lies just west of Springfield, IL. Her book *Earth Spirituality: In the Catholic and Dominican Traditions*, published in 2003 by Sor Juana Press, was the first in the series *Dominican Women on Earth*. In October of 2008 she joined 139 others for training by Al Gore to present his award winning *An Inconvenient Truth* from a faith-based perspective.

She writes, lectures, gives workshops, days of reflection, and week retreats in and outside the U.S. She speaks on any number of ecological topics, but her passion is sharing the Universe Story and its implications for life and faith. Sharon's passion is also for anything Dominican and is excited to be part of the vision that brings us all closer together.

***The Executive Committee as of 1 October 2014***

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