



SEPTEMBER 2013

“That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, books and football in the air ... Another fall, another turned page: there was something of jubilee in that annual autumnal beginning, as if last year’s mistakes had been wiped clean by summer.”

Wallace Stegner, *Angle of Repose*

Fall has arrived. Behold the changing leaves, and enjoy the crisp breeze. Let your eyes take in the bursts of color. Transformation is afoot and hope is in the air. Indeed, we see change all around us during these days leading up to autumn. We leave behind the heat of summer with its sometimes lazy and relaxing days and we enter into routine again. But we are different now. Change has taken place. And, even if we are no longer on a school calendar, we start anew.

Congratulations to Sr. Pat Farrell, OP, who will be taking up the mantle as Executive Director of the Dominican Sisters Conference beginning January 1, 2014. Pat is on the Council of the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael currently. Our blessings and good wishes are with you, Pat.

Regional/Area Gatherings are taking shape. The title of the day is: *Dominican Sisters Conference Regional Gathering: Weaving the Threads of Contemplation and Action*. The following sites and dates have been set so if you are in these areas and are a Dominican Sister or an Associate please mark your calendar.

- January 11, 2014 Blauvelt, NY
- February 1, 2014 Mission San Jose, CA
- February 1, 2014 Amityville, NY
- February 9, 2014 Mariandale NY
- March 1, 2014 Seattle/Tacoma, WA
- March 8, 2014 Caldwell, NJ
- April 12, 2014 Anaheim, CA
- April 26, 2014 Sparkill, NY

There are many other sites where the gatherings will take place. The dates will be decided after the Elected Leaders Annual Assembly which takes place at the end of October and will be given to you as soon as possible.

Our regional gatherings are of utmost importance to the on-going formation of the Dominican Sisters Conference and its future. Therefore, we invite you to attend and to give voice to your thoughts on global climate change and what we should be saying and doing about it as Dominicans who seek to speak and embody truth. We will also spend time during the day looking at how we want to be together as Dominican women in the United States.

Elections for new DSC members for the Executive Committee are taking place from September 3-10th, 2013. We invite you to add your voice by voting for the individual you feel would best serve in this capacity. Ballots were sent out on September 3rd. On September 4th a second e-mail was sent which helped people to vote electronically.

*If you have not yet voted and are having difficulty just send your choice
(without the ballot) to
Orlanda Leyba at leybao@yahoo.com.*

MEETINGS COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

September 5	Finance Committee Conference Call
September 10	Staff Conference Call
September 11	Executive Committee Conference Call
September 17	Regional Planning Committee Conference Call
September 25	Elected Leaders Annual Assembly Planning Committee Conference Call



- Until next issue ... my Best to you, Mary Sue