



**Come,  
 Holy Spirit!**

### From the DSC Executive Director

#### Pentecost Greetings!

As we approach the Feast of Pentecost, let us pray that the Spirit not only quickens those gifts that are among us as blessing for God's people, but also for the building up of our Conference.

May the Spirit **embolden** us in our preaching – **unify** us in

our charism – **enliven** our youngest members, especially as they prepare for the gathering in San Antonio this summer – and **inspire** others to join us in our mission.

Peace and all Good,  
*Pat Farrell, OP*

### DSC Crosses

We have received a significant number of requests for DSC crosses, so an order has been placed. It will take about 30 days for them to be produced. So as soon as they arrive, we will be busy getting them out to all who have requested them.

Please remember that these make lovely gifts for those who minister with us.



### Win/Win Winnings!

We have had two more **Win/Win** drawings on the Feasts of Our Lady of Fatima and the Translation of St. Dominic. Our winners were: Ellen Dunn, OP, of Mingo Junction, Ohio, and Marilyn Francouer, OP, of Adrian, MI. Congratulations on your \$100 win!!

There is one last drawing on the Feast of Pentecost. And it is the biggest drawing of all - \$200!! You can still make

a donation of \$10 for one ticket or \$25 tickets for three tickets. Don't miss this opportunity - what a way to win! And I won't be pulling the winning name until Monday, the day after Pentecost. So the timing is in your favor!

You can print your entry ticket at this link: <http://dominicansistersconference.org/documents/2014WIN.pdf> or even send in your name and address on index cards.

We had asked you last month for nominations to the Executive Committee of the DSC, and although we have received only one nomination, we are **delighted** with that nomination and ask you to affirm her appointment to the Committee. And so we would like to introduce Sister Sharon Zayac to you.

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.

Sharon Zayac is a Dominican Sister of Springfield, IL. She spent her childhood traveling and living around the world 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

## Affirmation of a New Executive Committee Member

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. 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 reflections, and week retreats, traveling within the U.S. and outside the country. She speaks on any number of ecological topics, but her passion is sharing the Universe Story and its implications for life and faith.

high school and thirteen years in Sharon has a passion for anything Dominican and is excited to be part of the vision that brings us all closer together.

Please send an email to me at [pfarrellop@gmail.com](mailto:pfarrellop@gmail.com) to affirm Sharon's selection as a member of the DSC Executive Committee. She will be joining Judy Brunnell of Hope, Honora Nolty of Amityville, Sandy Delgado of Grand Rapids, and Reg McKillip of Sinsinawa.

Affirmation of the Executive Committee member from Leadership will be announced soon.



Sharon Zayac, OP

## Collaborative Corner From JOLT to CA-CCRI

The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose and San Rafael collaborate in the San Francisco Bay Area with three other congregations (Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Sisters of Redwood City, and Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange) in Socially Responsible Investing. Originally the group was larger (14 congregations) and known as JOLT (Justice Organizers, Leadership, & Treasurers).

As membership declined, these five congregations reenergized and recreated themselves in late 2013 as CA-CCRI (California Catholic Congregations for Responsible Investing). This year they have been diligently working on communicating with major corporations, such as Chevron, Exxon-Mobil, Wells Fargo and Safeway, to pressure management regarding sustainable practices that improve their environmental and social impacts. This includes work against fracking, water pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, child labor and human trafficking.

These are all familiar and important issues to us, as we learned when we shared together at our Area Meetings this year. We will continue to find ways to move forward as we listen to what Earth is asking of us.