



From the DSC Executive Director

After a Second Trip to San Antonio

After a second trip to San Antonio, I can certainly say that Texas is a warm and welcoming place! Twice now, the Dominican Sisters have enjoyed the hospitality of both the Oblate Center and the Drury Inn in San Antonio. We have been most pleased with the experiences!

The gathering of Elected Leadership was filled with good energy. The presentation of four of the sisters who had attended *Dominican Women Afire* provided for stimulating conversation, and gave everyone great hope for the future of the Dominican

Sisters. We all look forward with great anticipation to future developments, and are grateful for the participation of the GHR Foundation in this adventure.

At the end of this month, the Convocation Planning Committee will be meeting at the Westin Hotel in Wheeling, IL, where the convocation will take place. We will spend a couple of days together planning, and hope that you have marked your calendars for October 1-4, 2015.

And amidst these joys and hopes, we continue to remember our sisters and brothers in Iraq – and other troubled places in our world.

Peace and all Good,
Pat Farrell, OP

Win/Win Christmas Opportunity

Yes. You are going to say that it is too early to talk about Christmas.

And you are right.

But what this is about is an opportunity to win a little bit of spending money in time for Christmas shopping. The drawings will be weekly, and will begin on November 12th and end on December 3rd. As in our last drawing, the prizes will be \$100, except for the last one which will be \$200. So watch for those tickets which will be emailed to you on October 20th and be available on the DomLife and DSC websites. And there might be some individuals where you worship or minister who might like to participate.

Did You Know Your Amazon Purchases Can Make a Difference?

Yes! Your Amazon purchases can make a difference to the DSC. If you, before going to the Amazon website go to the [DSC Homepage](#) and click on the Amazon banner ad before making your purchases, DSC will get a small commission on the sale. It all adds up and makes a difference in supporting YOUR Dominican Sisters Conference.

Thank you for your support!

At the 2012 Convocation, Margaret Mayce, Lucianne Siers, and Pat Daly challenged us with the question: “What is Earth asking of us?” Our Area Meetings this year took the question further with the DVD and process, “Global Climate Change & The Praxis Cycle. You can view their presentation online on the [DSC website](#). Across the country sisters identified areas of concern, and made commitments to work on local projects.

During an Open Space during the recent Elected Leaders meeting, sisters discussed Climate Investment and recognized:

- The value in knowing what other communities are doing,
- What others are invested in or from what they have withdrawn and why.

A next step would be to use “In the

What Is Earth Asking of Us?

Loop” and the DSC website to share information regarding climate investments.

When we gather at the 2015 Convocation in Wheeling, IL, one of the issues we hope to take an action on is Climate Change. During the year that leads up to the Convocation, we encourage you, Sisters and Associates, to continue your study and local action. You will surely be hearing more from your justice promoters on this and other issues.

At this time, I would refer you to our [DSC website](#) where you can read the particular suggestions from the Area Meetings. If you were unable to attend one of these meetings or participate in the online 3-hour retreat offered by the Alliance, you can find the link for the video [here](#).

Several have asked if the DVD which had been prepared for the Area Meetings is available. If you are interested in presenting this material in a local mission group, in a parish, or in a group of people in your area who are concerned about Climate Change, you may purchase it for \$14.95 on Amazon or at [this site](#). The proceeds go back to the Earth Council of Dominican Sisters for their production costs. The study guide that accompanies the DVD can be found on the [DSC Resource page](#).

Blessings on your study!



Elected Leaders in San Antonio



Celestina Veloso Freitas – Co-Promoter of Justice with Margaret Mayce, our NGO rep



Reina and Peggy enjoying the door prizes!



Margaret Palliser at the piano

Tarianne and Julie in conversation



Dominican Women Afire



Marie Therese Clement, Executive Director of DSI

The Dominican Sisters Conference Mission Statement

This month we are again presenting the Mission Statement for the Dominican Sisters Conference in “In the Loop.” Very soon the Executive Committee will be sending it out to contact persons from each DSC congregation along with a request that there be an opportunity for the sisters of each congregation to affirm the Mission Statement. The results of that “vote” will be then sent to Pat Farrell, who will collate them. We look forward to celebrating the adoption of this Mission Statement at our 2015 Convocation!

Dominican Sisters Conference Mission Statement

The Dominican Sisters Conference unites the sisters and associates of U.S. Dominican Congregations in their mission to preach the gospel of Jesus, standing as a clear voice for truth, justice, and peace.

Who we are...

As faithful daughters of St. Dominic, we are rooted in the rich tradition of the Order of Preachers, our global family of friars, nuns, sisters, and laity. Acting both globally and locally, the Dominican Sisters Conference places the transforming grace of the Dominican charism at the service of our world and Church, especially in responding to the cry of the poor and to the urgent need to preserve Earth’s integrity. Like our sister Catherine of Siena, we embrace the prophetic call to speak truth in our day. Our preaching and action for justice are the fruit of our Dominican tradition of contemplative prayer and pursuit of truth through study and dialogue.

The rich diversity of our membership enables us to broaden our individual perspectives and bring our experiences to bear on the needs of our world. We engage in rigorous study leading to collaborative action. We are a sign of unity in our fractured world with a strong, collective voice that speaks effectively for justice.

To achieve its goals, the Dominican Sisters Conference:

- builds relationships of support and collaboration among member Dominican congregations through communal reflection on the Dominican values of prayer, study, community, and ministry
- collaborates both locally and nationally to advance the goals of the Promoters of Justice, Preaching, Communications, and Vocations
- builds relationships with the wider Dominican Family, especially Dominican Sisters International
- develops resources and structures that animate and sustain its mission and goals
- utilizes emerging technologies and social media