Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to write you on behalf of our leadership team of the Dominican Sisters of Houston. Our congregation elected new leadership at our Chapter last spring, which includes Sisters Mary Jean Olsovsky, O.P., Kitty Carter, O.P. and me. We look forward to serving our community over the next six years and, as part of our Chapter focus, to embracing Pope Francis’ call to integral ecology.

In his second encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis calls for an integral ecology that requires interrelated solutions to environmental and human crises: “I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation that includes everyone, since the environment challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.” He emphasizes that a true ecological approach “must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” Hearing and responding to Pope Francis’ call, integral ecology will be the lens through which we as a community assess our decision-making and our actions as individuals, as a congregation, and in partnership with others.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Good News* and enjoy reading about some of the wonderful events that have happened in our community over the last few months. I encourage you to “save the date” for one or more of our upcoming activities; we would love for you to join us! This issue also includes our annual report of gifts; we are overwhelmed to have so many of you supporting our mission and remembering our retired sisters. Our community is blessed by you and your generosity - our heartfelt thanks!

May God continue to bless you, heal you, and fill you with light.

In Veritas,

Donna M. Pollard, O.P.
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BRIDGE BUILDER AWARD

At its 15th Annual Banquet in November, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) awarded Sr. Ceil Roeger, OP the Ester L. King Bridge Builder Award for the tremendous work in peace and justice she has done in the community. As our Promoter of Justice, Peace and Care of Creation, Ceil has worked and collaborated with others to address issues such as the death penalty, immigration, and human trafficking. Ceil’s ministry promotes the rights and dignity of all persons, which is the core of our mission. Ester L. King, for whom the award is named, was an activist and advocate for justice and human rights in Houston for over forty years.

MINISTRY

GUATEMALA SCHOOL

Another successful school year has come to an end at our Guatemala mission school, San Vicente de Paul Bethania. Despite the difficult social and economic situation in Guatemala, Sr. Miriam Oliveros reports that the school children enjoyed the school year. This past year, teachers implemented an excellent reading program that included activities in the library. The children had fun writing stories and creating books. The students also held a reading contest and judged one another. All our sixth graders graduated October 29th and will continue their education at different high schools in the city. Most of these children have been at the school since they were three years old, and Sr. Miriam and her staff were very sad to let them go.

In September we hosted a luncheon to benefit our school. Sr. Mary Brenda, who visited the school in March, told guests of the children’s many successes despite many hardships. Ray Vitulli, a member of our finance committee, also graciously shared stories of his visit in June to San Vicente and meeting our amazing students.

120TH ANNIVERSARY

August marked the 120th anniversary of St. Mary’s Catholic School in Taylor, Texas. In 1896 at the request of Fr. Crowe, the pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Mother Pauline Gannon, the superior of our congregation, sent six sisters to Taylor to open the school. Sisters Louise Curran, Bernadine Carey, Loretta Casey, Dominic Doyle, and Vincentia Lilly, accompanied by Mother Pauline, traveled by train from Galveston to Taylor. Sr. Veronica Groome joined them later.

The founding sisters lived two blocks from school and walked to and from school every day. One rainy day, the sisters lost their overshoes in all the mud, but the children were very helpful in recovering them. Sr. Louise Curran remarked, “The classrooms were a solid mass of dried mud. We all rejoiced because not a sound was heard and it gave such a pleasant sensation of yielding so softly to the step.”

Over the past 120 years, 123 of our sisters have served at St. Mary’s in Taylor. Today three of our sisters minister in St. Mary’s parish and school. Pictured are four of our sisters in front of the convent in 1929 and students at the school this year.
In August six Dominican Sisters of Houston gathered to celebrate their jubilees. Sr. Donna Pollard, OP welcomed the family, friends and sisters of Sr. Adrian Dover, OP, Sr. Barbara Ann Collins, OP, Sr. Theresa Macey, OP, Sr. Carol Mayes, OP, and Sr. Rita Owens, OP, who all celebrated their 60th Jubilee, and Sr. Pamela van Giessen, OP, who celebrated her 25th Jubilee. Fr. John Rooney presided at the Eucharistic celebration, and during his homily he noted how these women followed the call to preach the Gospel with their lives in ministry. The celebration continued with a reception at our retirement home, St. Dominic Villa.

**2016 JUBILARIANS**

We held our annual Dominican summer camp for middle school girls this past July. Our campers, counselors, and sisters enjoyed the week-long camp held at Circle Lake Camp in Pinehurst, Texas. Thirty-five girls enjoyed archery, baking, crafts, swimming, and singing among other activities. For Sr. Francis Marie Bordages, OP “camp is always refreshing. In a beautiful environment, the kids have the opportunity to learn to pray, work, play and discover God’s unique gifts in each other, in us and all creation. It has given me a chance to learn many new ways of doing things, too.”

**Barbara Ann Collins, OP**

(Diamond Jubilee) is from St. Elizabeth Parish in Port Neches, Texas, and graduated from St. Anthony’s High School in Beaumont, Texas. Sr. Barbara taught for over fifty years and ministered in the following schools during her educational career: St. Jerome Catholic School, St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, and St. Augustine Catholic School in Houston; St. Anne Catholic School in Beaumont, Texas (where she served for fifteen years); St. Joseph Catholic School and St. Catherine Catholic School in Port Arthur, Texas; Sacred Heart Catholic School and Odyssey Academy in Galveston, Texas; and St. Mary’s Catholic School in Whittier, California. In 2001 Sr. Barbara became the director of Christus Literacy Center in Galveston and continues to serve in this capacity today.

**Adrian Dover, OP**

(Diamond Jubilee) is from St. Patrick Parish in Galveston, Texas, and graduated from Dominican High School in Galveston. Sr. Adrian taught at Assumption Catholic School and St. Mary’s Catholic School in Houston. She also served as principal at St. Mary’s and at St. Patrick Catholic in Lufkin, Texas, Holy Rosary Catholic School in San Bernardino, California, and St. Anne Catholic School in Beaumont, Texas. After
Theresa Macey, OP

(Diamond Jubilee) is from St. Vincent de Paul parish in Houston and graduated from St. Agnes Academy. Sr. Theresa taught in Texas at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School and Sacred Heart Catholic School in Houston, St. Catherine Catholic School in Port Arthur, and St. Mary’s Catholic School in Orange. When Pope John XXIII asked religious communities in the United States to minister in Latin America, Sr. Theresa and two more Houston Dominicans volunteered and began ministering in Guatemala. She and the sisters spent several years bringing education and religious programs to impoverished youth and established a Catholic school in Zacapa. Sr. Theresa also helped establish our school, San Vicente de Paul Bethania, in Guatemala City. Today our school continues to educate the poorest of the poor. Sr. Theresa is now retired and involved in prayer ministry at St. Dominic’s Village.

Carol Mayes, OP

(Diamond Jubilee) is from Holy Ghost Parish and graduated from St. Agnes Academy in Houston. Sr. Carol taught in Houston at Christ the King Catholic School, Queen of Peace Catholic School, and St. Pius X High School, and at St. Charles Catholic School in Nederland, Texas. Sr. Carol served as assistant principal at St. Mary Catholic School in Orange, Texas and as principal at O’Connell Jr. High and O’Connell High School in Galveston, Texas. After ministering for many years in education, Sr. Carol served as chaplain at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston, ministered at Guadalupe Social Services, and served as pastoral associate at St. Cecilia’s Church in Houston. Sr. Carol has served the Houston Dominican community as vocation and formation director, councilor, twice as Prioress, and as the Dominican Family/Spirituality Center Coordinator. She continues her ministry in the community with the Dominican Family and as our Formation Director.

Rita Owens, OP

(Diamond Jubilee) is from St. Catherine Parish in Port Arthur and a graduate of Bishop Byrne High School. Sr. Rita taught at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School and St. Christopher Catholic School in Houston, Texas, and at St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Whittier, California. Sr. Rita also served as assistant principal at St. Anthony Cathedral Catholic School in Beaumont, Texas, and principal at St. Francis de Sales Catholic School in Houston. After ministering in education, Sr. Rita began parish work at St. Frances Cabrini in Houston and St. Charles in Nederland, Texas, where she was in charge of adult formation. She then became the director of social services at Christ the King Catholic Church in Houston. Sr. Rita and Sr. Justin Farinella, OP founded Wellsprings Village to help women with life skill development and education. Sr. Rita also served as development director of Wellsprings. Today, Sr. Rita ministers in our community.

Pamela van Giessen, OP

(Diamond Jubilee) was born in Bloemendaal, The Netherlands, and worked as a translator before joining the Dominican Sisters of Houston in 1991. Sr. Pamela has served as chaplain at the Houston Seafarers Center in the Port of Houston, where she visited seafarers on board ships to provide spiritual and social care, and as chaplain for Solari Hospice where she provided spiritual care for dying patients and their families. Sr. Pam has also served as the volunteer coordinator for Santa Maria Hostel in Houston, which serves women and children with addiction. Today, she continues to minister at Santa Maria Hostel. Sr. Pamela coordinates fun and therapeutic activities for the women and children at the hostel and has started a meditation/empowerment class there as well. Sr. Pamela also ministers to various needs at our retirement home, St. Dominic Villa.

COMMUNITY INSTALLATION

In June, we installed our new leadership team. Most Reverend Joseph Fiorenza, Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston, presided at the Installation Liturgy at which Donna Pollard, OP became the 14th prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Houston. Mary Jean Olsovsky, OP was installed as vicaress and Antoinette “Kitty” Carter, OP as councilor. Over the next six years, our leadership will be guided by our commitment to focus our efforts, energy, and resources on integral ecology, which Pope Francis declares must always “integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.”
Last year two of our dearest and long-time employees retired. In October, Pat Kutra, who worked in our finance office for over forty years, retired. Pat was always willing to help our sisters and employees whenever needed. Doris Yordanoff, nurse manager at our retirement home, St. Dominic Villa, retired at the end of 2015. Doris served our retired and infirmed sisters with loving care for over twenty years.

INTERFAITH DISCUSSION

In October the Dominican Family hosted an interfaith discussion on social justice issues. Two speakers were invited and asked to describe the intersection between their faith and their work in social justice. Afshan Jilani, a member of Spring Interfaith Dialog Council and a member of the Social Services and Interfaith Committees of the Islamic Society of Greater Houston, began the evening with an overview of Islam and its core beliefs. She spoke not only about her work in interfaith dialogue, but specifically about how she and her husband live out their Muslim faith as a family.

Reverend Hannah Bonner, former Pastor at St. John’s United Methodist Church in Houston, spoke of the need for solidarity in addressing social justice issues. For the last year, she has been intimately involved in seeking justice in the Sandra Bland case. Reverend Bonner now serves as Pastor of Hope AME Church in Prairie View, Texas.

Phyllis Chappell, who helped organize this event, noted that many present gained dramatic new insights into the Islamic faith, and she was deeply impressed by Afshan’s presentation and by the gentle, strong, and gracious woman that she is. Dominican Family member Neil Douglas commented, “For me the most impactful aspect of the evening was Hannah Bonner’s statement that her aim is to ‘make all of us uncomfortable about racism’ in our society, within the context of the sacrifices she made in pursuing her advocacy efforts.”
DOMINICAN CONFERENCE

In October twelve Dominican Sisters of Houston and members of the Dominican Family traveled to Dallas to participate in “Living our Legacy,” a Dominican conference to celebrate 800 years of the Order of Preachers. Dominican friars, sisters, and laity from across the United States attended the conference hosted by the Friars of the Southern Province. Inspired by the lives of St. Martin de Porres and St. Rose of Lima, presenters focused on living out the “preferential option for the poor.” Speakers emphasized the two saints’ care of the poor and asked how we are called to continue that care today. The Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community, and preaching were evident throughout the weekend. Those who attended were reminded of our legacy to preach daily with our lives as members of the Order of Preachers.

REMEmBRANCE & THANKSGIVING

On Sunday, October 30th we celebrated All Saints and All Souls with our annual event, “Labyrinth of Remembrance and Thanksgiving,” which has been sponsored by our labyrinth committee since 2005. In honor of the 800 year jubilee of the Dominican Order, the committee expanded this year’s program to include music and art. Before evening prayer, Sr. Anna Marie Flusche, OP, gave an organ recital in the Villa chapel. She began the concert with the familiar “Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring” by Bach and chose “O How Blest Are You Whose Toils Are Ended” by Brahms, to lead us into evening prayer. After prayer, those who attended either walked the labyrinth or toured the art work of Sr. Mary Peter Tremonte, OP. Guests were then invited to a reception hosted by the Dominican Family and to an exhibit assembled by Sr. Anna Marie on Dominican organ builders, a subject on which she has written extensively.

DAY OF PEACE

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21st. In 1981 the United Nations General Assembly declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. This year, students from St. Agnes Academy and St. Pius X High School came to our chapel in St. Dominic Villa to join the Dominican Sisters for prayer and ringing of bells for a more just and peaceful world.
We are truly blessed to have such generous and loyal support from so many donors. Thank you for valuing the mission and ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Houston and for allowing us to carry out successfully our work for the people of God. Your gifts to our Partners in Mission Annual Fund are inspiring and support all of our sisters’ work. Your loyal support of San Vicente de Paul School in Guatemala helps to better the lives of so many children. And finally, your generosity towards our retired sisters is deeply appreciated. Thank you for honoring them for their many, many years of service. May God bless you, heal you, and fill you with light. 

Thank you!

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