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Greetings FROM THE PRIORESS

Dear Friends,

We have much to celebrate in this issue of the Good News. This issue includes our annual report of gifts, a report that is long and generous because of all of you. Thank you for sharing in our mission and remembering our retired sisters with your gifts. We invite each of you to our open house on November 3rd to visit with our sisters. We also invite you to celebrate Mass in our chapel any Saturday evening at 4:00 pm or to learn more about being a Dominican Family member. We would love to visit and to reconnect with you.

This fall marks the 130th anniversary of the Dominican Sisters of Houston, and throughout, we have been blessed to serve the communities in which we have lived. Our ministry began in 1882 with the opening of our first school in Galveston. Soon after, our sisters heeded the call to travel to other cities where Catholic schools were needed. In the 1960s, we heeded the call of Vatican II and broadened our mission and ministries to serve other needs in our society. While our mission to educate in the Catholic faith continues today, we have embraced our ministry of justice to help the poor, women and children, immigrants, and other oppressed people.

Margaret Wheatley wrote, “We’re creating the future every day by what we choose to do.” We continue to create the future by serving in our ministries, and you are instrumental in helping us successfully carry out our mission. Please know that all the sisters and I remain so very grateful to you. May God bless you, heal you and fill you with light.

Blessing to you and your family,

Carol Mayes, O.P.
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CELEBRATING OUR 130TH ANNIVERSARY

This year the Dominican Sisters of Houston celebrate 130 years of ministry, and we have much to celebrate indeed. We have always been rooted in and have responded to the needs of our culture at the time. From our beginning in 1882, we opened Sacred Heart Academy in Galveston and four years later opened a school for African American children despite protests from the community and threats to boycott Sacred Heart. We continued to see the need to educate in the Catholic faith and provided leadership for the organization and accreditation of the diocesan school system, the Montessori Method and Project Head Start. We have served over 75 schools mainly in Texas, but also in Guatemala, California and other states.

After Vatican II the Church asked us to re-examine our mission and our constitution and to respond to the needs of the communities we currently lived in. Our founder St. Dominic was driven by the Gospel and a strong sense of justice. Following his example, we began to minister in areas other than education. In 1975, the Dominican Leadership Conference declared the ministry of justice to be a priority for U.S. Dominicans, and we embraced this call to help the disenfranchised in our society as the Gospel demands. In 1987, we declared and offered public sanctuary to refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala, and our mission continues to focus on justice for the oppressed and for the environment.

Catherine of Siena wrote, “Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear.” For 130 years our sisters have lived St. Catherine’s words while responding to the needs of our time. Today, we continue to carry on our legacy in education. We currently serve 18 schools including our own St. Pius X High School and St. Agnes Academy, where we teach the Catholic faith and a sense of justice as St. Dominic did. Outside of the classroom, we continue to educate and to collaborate with others on justice issues, such as immigration, workers’ rights and human trafficking.

VERITAS AWARD

In June, the St. Agnes Academy Alumnae Board President, Dominique Marshal Varner, presented Sr. Carol Mayes, OP with the 2012 Veritas Award. Sr. Carol graduated from St. Agnes in 1956 and was nominated over a dozen times by her classmates for the award. The Veritas award is given each year to a St. Agnes alumna for her professional and academic achievement, community service, leadership, integrity and commitment to St. Agnes.

On August 12th, a broad coalition of organizations in the U.S. joined the Mexican Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity, led by poet Javier Sicilia, to embark on the “Caravan for Peace.” The Caravan undertook a 25-city journey across the United States to call for an end to the drug war that has devastated families and communities on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. The Caravan’s ultimate goal is to help bring an end to the war by urging alternatives to drug policies and sensible regulations of the U.S. gun market, as well as other critical changes.

The Caravan rolled onto the motherhouse grounds of the Dominican Sisters of Houston on August 26th and was greeted by members of the organizing committee. The Caravan then journeyed to St. Paul Methodist Church for a town hall forum. Those present heard stories of devastation from the war on drugs, such as one mother’s story of losing four sons to the violence in Mexico. Other Houston events included a community dinner and discussion before members of the Caravan headed back to the motherhouse and the archdiocesan retreat center for a night of rest. Before leaving Houston the next day, the Caravan attended a prayer service at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

On September 10th, the Caravan arrived in Washington, D.C., its final stop. Members of the Caravan shared their stories with government and community leaders and on their final evening held a vigil and procession for peace supported by different faith-based, neighborhood and advocacy communities.
2012 JUBILARIANS

On Sunday, August 5th, Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza, Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston, presided over the jubilee Mass of the Dominican Sisters of Houston, during which our 2012 golden and diamond jubilarians were honored.

Sr. Doloretta Bieter, OP celebrated her Diamond (sixty-year) Jubilee this year. Sr. Doloretta grew up in St. Austin Parish and is a graduate of St. Mary Academy in Austin, Texas. In 1955, she began her teaching ministry at St. Mary School in Houston and later taught at St. Agnes Academy, St. Pius X High School and St. Francis de Sales, all in Houston, and O’Connell High in Galveston. Sr. Doloretta also taught music at Sacred Heart School in Austin. In addition to her teaching ministry, she served as campus ministry secretary at the University of Houston and as senior minister at St. Francis de Sales Parish. She is presently retired and serving in the prayer ministry at St. Dominic Villa.

Sr. Edna Ann Hebert, OP also celebrated her Diamond (sixty-year) Jubilee this year. Sr. Edna Ann grew up in Port Arthur in St. James Parish and graduated from St. James High School. In 1954, she began her teaching ministry at Sacred Heart School in Houston. She continued her teaching career at various schools in Houston, Beaumont and Galveston, including Holy Rosary School, St. Mary Cathedral School, St. Mary School and the Little School House Montessori School, and at Sacred Heart School in Austin. Sr. Edna Ann is a certified Montessori teacher and in 1966 co-founded St. Catherine Montessori School in Houston. Sr. Edna Ann retired in January 2012 and currently serves in the prayer ministry at St. Dominic Villa.

GIFT SHOP

In lieu of the annual arts and craft sale, the Dominican Sisters of Houston will host an open house on Saturday, November 3rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to celebrate the opening of our gift shop inside St. Dominic Villa. Enjoy visiting with the sisters while browsing our gift shop filled with handmade items. Also enjoy coffee, baked goods and a plant sale during the open house. The gift shop will be open throughout the year after Mass on Saturdays, during events at the Dominican Center for Spirituality and by appointment.
Sr. Annette Dworsky, OP

celebrated her Golden (fifty-year) Jubilee. Sr. Annette grew up in Rosenberg, Texas in Holy Rosary Parish and graduated from Lamar Consolidated High School. In 1964, she began her teaching ministry at Sacred Heart School in Houston as an elementary school teacher. Her 41 year teaching career took her to many schools, including Holy Family, St. Anthony, Little Flower and St. Joseph in the Beaumont area; St. Christopher, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Resurrection, St. Pius X, and Seton in the Houston area; St. Austin in Austin; and St. Francis de Sales in Riverside, California. Sr. Annette also served in pastoral ministries at Holy Rosary in Rosenberg. She is currently the pastoral coordinator for St. Dominic Villa, home for our retired sisters, as well as advocate for our sisters at St. Dominic Village Nursing Home.

Reflecting on their jubilee, Srs. Doloretta, Edna Ann and Annette wrote: “Archbishop Fiorenza reminded us as we celebrated our Jubilee that grateful people are happy people. Therefore, it is not hard to imagine that August 5th was a happy day. Surrounded by community, family and friends, we joyfully thanked God and all who brought us to this memorable day. We felt greatly honored by the overwhelming support of those who celebrated with us. We also express gratitude for two sisters who celebrated with us in heaven, Sr. Kevin Benson, OP, who died in 1961 and Sr. Hazel Miles, OP, who died in 1989.

Sr. Marie Therese Moratto

celebrated her 75th Jubilee at St. Dominic Villa with friends and family on September 25th, the exact date she entered the congregation in 1937. Sr. Marie Therese was baptized at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in League City, graduated from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio and received a master’s degree in education from the University of Texas. She began her teaching career in 1939 at All Saints School in Houston and went on to teach high school mainly in Galveston, Taylor and Houston. She spent 24 years working as business manager for Bishop L.J. Reicher in Austin until her retirement to the Villa in 1984.

In May we held a reception at St. Dominic Villa, the home of our retired sisters, to thank our donors for their Dominican Society support of our Partners in Mission Annual Fund, our Guatemala mission school and our retired sisters. Sr. Carol Mayes, OP thanked those in attendance for their support of our ministries and our retired sisters and for helping to change lives with their generous giving.
LANDS OF DOMINIC

During the first week of September, we hosted an “armchair tour” of the “Lands of Dominic” at St. Dominic Villa, our retired sisters’ home. Ann Willits, OP, a Sinsinawa Dominican, took the sisters on a virtual pilgrimage with lectures and slide shows that followed St. Dominic’s life and mission from childhood until his death in 1221. Sr. Ann began with a discussion on the spirituality of a pilgrimage, during which one must be attentive and prayerful.

Sr. Ann described the strong influence of Dominic’s parents on his lifelong concern for the poor. At 19, Dominic sold his books, except for his copy of the Gospel of Matthew from which he was inspired to sell his possessions and give the money to feed the victims of famine. As a canon and later priest at the cathedral chapter at Burgo de Osma in Spain, he learned of the pillars of community life, prayer and ministry. He added to these the pillar of study. He understood how important study was to preaching. As he sent his monks out in the world two by two to preach and fight against heresy, he understood that they must first be armed with knowledge and sent them to universities to study.

At Burgo de Osma, Dominic came to know Bishop Diego de Acebo, who had the vision of friars going out into the world to preach. Dominic put flesh on Diego’s vision and carried it out during his lifetime. St. Dominic and his friars traveled throughout Spain, France, Italy and Scandinavia. He established a convent in Prouilhe, France, a monastery in Madrid, Spain, and the church and convent of San Sisto in Rome.

Sr. Benignus Galiano, OP, who attended the series, noted that the lectures brought life to St. Dominic’s story, focusing on his personality and how endearing he was. “Dominic was not an authoritarian but rather a man of conviction and deep humility who had a profound trust in God. He drew people to him through the example of his life.” Sr. Paula Enderle, OP commented that the lecture series was also a retreat and gave her time to reflect on her life in ministry. Through the lectures, she confirmed her own vocation and the reasons why she chose the Dominican order when entering religious life. “Our Dominican community has faithfully followed Dominic’s example in a life of mission – living the common and apostolic life.”

DEATH PENALTY

On evenings of scheduled executions in Texas, our sisters gather in the chapel at St. Dominic Villa to pray for victims and their families and to pray for those who are to be executed for the crimes. Members of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP) began public vigils in the late 1990’s in Houston on the steps of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. In 2002, the group began rotating the sites on which the public vigils are held. Currently, vigils are held outside St. Stephen Episcopal Church, St. Paul Methodist Church, St. Anne Catholic Church and our motherhouse grounds at Holcombe and Almeda. Participants are members of TCADP and Amnesty International, church members and passersby, and they meet to give public witness against the death penalty. In recent years, the group has noted that it receives more supportive comments than negative ones from observers. Beginning in October, the public vigils will be held outside our motherhouse grounds for three months. Vigils are also held in other cities throughout the state.
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 enrich 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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Maria Diaz
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In Memoriam

Sr. Mary Jordan Gabriel, O.P.
DECEMBER 5, 1913 – JUNE 14, 2012
Sr. Jordan was born in Plantersville, Texas and was the oldest of twelve children. She and her family moved to Houston and settled in All Saints Parish. Sr. Jordan never attended Catholic school but came to know the Dominican Sisters of Houston through Sr. Bernard, who gave religious instruction classes at All Saints Church. She entered the order in 1931 and made final profession in 1938. She served her community in ministry in many places, including at the Motherhouse and at St. Dominic Villa, and ministered to Bishop Wendelin Joseph Nold during his retirement. Sr. Jordan retired to the Villa in 1986 and then spent her last two years at St. Dominic Village. She always prayed for and kept in touch with her family, her community and the wider world.

Sister Shirley L. Owens, O.P.
JANUARY 4, 1934 – JUNE 26, 2012
Sr. Shirley was born in Houston, Texas. After graduation from St. Agnes Academy, Sr. Shirley entered the Dominican Sisters of Houston in 1955 and professed her final vows in 1961. During her 57 years of religious life, she taught in Houston, Port Arthur, Galveston and Austin. In 1966, Sr. Shirley co-founded St. Catherine Montessori Catholic School in Houston and was its director for 25 years. For the past 13 years, she taught at Sacred Heart School in Rockport, Texas. She loved little children and spent all of her teaching career in the primary grades. In her gentle, loving way, she celebrated every child’s success and was delighted by their accomplishments. She has been a great friend to so many and a great teacher to countless children.

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OCTOBER 27
Labyrinth of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
(Chapel at St. Dominic Villa, 6501 Almeda Road)

NOVEMBER 3
Dominican Sisters Open House (to celebrate the opening of the gift shop in St. Dominic Villa)

NOVEMBER 12
Introduction to Dominican Family
(Learn more about being a member of the Dominican Family; Dominican Center for Spirituality, 6501 Almeda Rd.)

NOVEMBER 15 & 16
Winter Conference with speaker Donald Goergen, OP
(Dominican Center for Spirituality, 6501 Almeda Rd.)

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