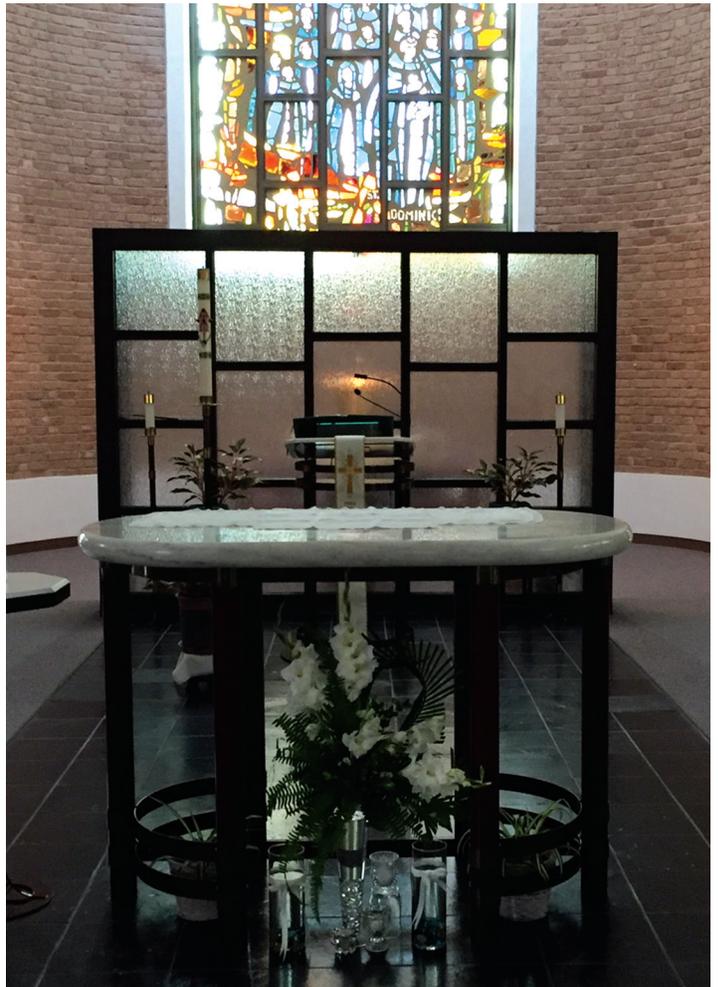


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Greetings FROM THE prioress

Dear Friends,

This winter and spring have been unsettling for everyone around the globe as we all have tried to navigate the pandemic and the physical, mental, spiritual and economic impact that has accompanied it. Like so many, we shuttered our offices and meeting spaces as the sisters on the Motherhouse grounds stayed at home and sheltered in place. We have missed our friends who come to our grounds to celebrate liturgy with us, share a meal and to attend our events, which have been postponed until we can all gather safely together again.

During this pandemic, we have seen the suffering of the vulnerable and marginalized amplified. The Leadership Conference of Women Religious, of which we are a member, noted that during this time we have learned “our suffering has been unequal. Elders, black and brown neighbors, native communities, refugees, and immigrants have borne disproportionately the brunt of sickness and death.



Prioress, Donna Pollard, OP

Our prayers for the healing of the nation must acknowledge the brokenness of our democracy and call us to repair the injustices this pandemic has revealed.” And in the midst of this unprecedented time, the nation and the world witnessed, once more, several acts of police brutality and violence that unjustly ended more black lives in our country.

As we continue to plan for the future of our congregation and our mission and charism, we hold in our hearts and in prayer those hurting in our local and global community and commit to walk

beside them to advance social change for justice, peace, and the integrity of all God’s creation. You remain in our prayers as we continue to hold you in our hearts with love and gratitude. May God continue to bless you, heal you, and fill you with light.

With love and in prayer,

Donna M. Pollard, O.P.

Donna M. Pollard, OP
Prioress

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Ministry



FROM THE GARDEN

In the fall of 1994, our ecology committee had a dream to use a small plot of the motherhouse grounds for a vegetable garden, one that would give witness to our commitment to live and act in an ecologically responsible manner. On Good Friday in April of 1995, our dream was realized, and our garden was laid out.

Our plans this year to host a 25th anniversary garden blessing and celebration were thwarted by the coronavirus pandemic and the closure of our motherhouse grounds to the public. However, on April 14, the 1995 founding date, Sr. Heloise Cruzat, OP, our garden liaison, and Sr. Kitty Carter, OP blessed the garden with a simple ceremony until a proper celebration can be rescheduled.

Our garden has experienced a rich history over the past 25 years. During the first ten years, Sr. Clement Johnson, OP, botanist, founding member of our ecology committee, and resident expert, instructed and inspired our garden volunteers and visitors. From the outset, she consulted with Dr. Bob Randall of Urban Harvest in the planning of our garden. After Sr. Clement suddenly passed away in 2004, Debbie Leflar, an energetic and faithful gardener served as garden leader from 2005 through 2012. Pilar Hernandez began serving as garden leader in 2013. Pilar carefully prepares each seasonal planting and watches over the harvest, tending, analyzing, and improving for more abundance.



Our community garden has always received the support and devoted labor of volunteers, student service groups, and garden lovers. Both our garden and our gardeners have been honored by Urban Harvest over the years. In 2007, we received the Urban Harvest Donation Garden honor and in 2012, the Nutgrass Roots Award, presented to community gardens that are as tenacious as nutgrass! In January 2019, Urban Harvest chose our garden site to honor veteran gardener Garland Kerr when she retired from the Urban Harvest board.

The Dominican Sisters' Community Garden has always been a donation garden. Manna House, a nearby Third Ward social service cooperative, has regularly received our donations from the beginning. We donate garden produce to Star of Hope as well.

Our garden goals remain the same as 25 years ago – to donate organic garden produce to help those in need, and to assist others with the practice of organic gardening in their local areas. Sr. Heloise noted, “Ours is a story of gratitude for all the interest, the help, and the enthusiasm that we regularly experience. Ours is also a story of being kind to the monarch butterflies and of enjoying our serene and beautiful space regularly.”



FARMER BOBILYA

Earlier this year, Sr. Ceil Roeger, OP and Laura Henderson visited Farmer Bobilya Apendeki's urban farm in Southwest Houston. The Dominican Sisters have been privileged to support the development of Bobilya's farm through Plant It Forward Farms (PIFF). PIFF is a nonprofit organization founded in 2011 by Dominican Family member Teresa O'Donnell. PIFF empowers refugees who are resettled in

Houston and who have agricultural backgrounds to develop sustainable farming businesses that produce fresh, healthy food for our community. PIFF farmers sell their produce through weekly farm share subscriptions, farm stands, farmers markets, restaurants, and distributors.



Farmer Bobilya fled conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo with her family. After living many years in a refugee camp in Tanzania, she and her family were granted resettlement in the United States in 2016. Bobilya has always been a farmer and is pleased to have found meaningful and dignified work in a familiar occupation. She loves the weather in Houston because it is "not too cold!" and reminds her of Congo. Bobilya is a devout Christian who is grateful for being safe from the violence in her homeland. PIFF farmers are respectful stewards of the land, using sustainable, non-chemical agricultural techniques that leave the soil healthier than they found it. To learn more, visit www.plant-it-forward.org.

DEDICATION

In early March, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School in Port Arthur, Texas, dedicated its gym in memory of our Sr. Julian Giglio, OP, who served as principal from 1986 - 2000. Renee Tolin, the current principal of St. Catherine, helped to organize the event. The morning began with the school children's Mass, presided over by Most Reverend Curtis J. Guillory, SVD, DD, Bishop of the Diocese of Beaumont. Bishop Guillory remarked that Sr. Julian served as an inspiration of loving service to which we are all called.

The Mass and dedication were well attended by the school community, former teachers who served with Sr. Julian, family members, including Sr. Julian's sister Catherine Morrison, and sisters from our congregation – Emily Bordages, OP, Barbara Ann Collins, OP, Barbara Ann Cernosek, OP, and Julie Greig, OP. Following the dedication, Jo Beth Jenkins, who is Sr. Julian's niece, hosted a lovely luncheon in her beautiful home in Beaumont.



GUATEMALA MISSION

Guatemala has not been immune from the global pandemic. In March, Sr. Mary Brenda, OP, canceled her annual spring break service trip with St. Agnes Academy students to our mission school in Guatemala City, San Vicente de Paul Bethania. When our head of school, Sr. Miriam Oliveros, OP, closed the school in March, she could not offer students online or virtual classes because the school and its families do not have internet or computers. However, teachers continue to send schoolwork to the children with the help of a small bookstore, which photocopies the children's class work for parents to pick up. Sr. Miriam does not know when



classes will resume but reports that this system to continue the children's education is working so far. In the Bethania neighborhood where our school is located, there are reported cases of COVID-19, however the school children and their families remain safe at this time.

As the number of cases began to rise this spring, the president of Guatemala imposed a strict curfew. Like much of the world, only essential businesses are operating, public transportation is not running, churches are closed, and many have lost their jobs. Sr. Miriam has been able to send groceries to the school families in need and gives thanks to God that she and the school community are okay. She continues to pray for perseverance, patience, internal peace, and an end to this crisis.

RACIAL JUSTICE



In February, we hosted a workshop entitled, Racial Wealth and Income Gap Experience, led by Catherine Gillette from NETWORK. The workshop combined an informational presentation, small group activity, individual reflections, and group discussion to educate participants about the origins of our nation's racial wealth and income gap.

During the workshop, participants broke into groups of four to learn about 12 different federal policies, implemented throughout our nation's history, and to see how these policies led to the intentional divestment of the Black community and provided the structure for what we understand as white privilege today. The workshop dispels claims of America's meritocracy by providing participants with an opportunity to examine the institutional and political realities of racism. Participants were surprised to learn that policies such as the Social Security Act, National Housing Act, National Labor Relations Act, and others were designed to benefit white communities and to intentionally exclude African American communities with devastating consequences that continue to be played out today in our nation's income and wealth gap.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Once again in January, we participated with our community partners in activities during Human Trafficking Awareness Month. On January 11, Human Trafficking Awareness Day, we hosted with St. Luke's Health a prayer and labyrinth walk in memory of St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of human trafficking survivors. Those present were invited to walk the labyrinth and engage in other contemplative activities. Margaret Harle, a member of our labyrinth committee, provided background on the labyrinth and suggested people hold victims and survivors in their prayers while they walked.



On Saturday, January 25, we participated with Fair Trade Houston in The Good Market, an event to promote fair trade and ethically made products at A 2nd Cup, a coffee shop in Houston whose proceeds go to assist survivors of human trafficking. We staffed a table with Equal Exchange brand coffee, teas, and chocolates. We informed consumers that purchasing fair trade products decreases the risk of children becoming victims of human trafficking because fair trade supports small farm coops that earn a fair price for their crops, build strong communities, and help preserve our planet.



Community



REFLECTION ON LIFE DURING THE PANDEMIC OF 2020

When Laura Henderson asked me to write a short piece for the next Good News, I spent a couple of days just letting the topic spin around in my head. What could I write about? We were in lock down here at the Villa, just like everyone else was in their homes. We were practicing social distance in our dining room and in our chapel. We have had no visitors during these last two months, taking our temperatures every morning, keeping to our regular prayer schedule, prayer services in the morning and evening prayer in the afternoons. My office computer was brought over here to my room at the Villa, so I could “work from home.” Most of my ministry stopped on March 13, as we had closed our Dominican Spirituality Center. We are not having Mass during these months, just like parishes, so I did not have to schedule musicians for the Masses on Saturdays. So, I had a lot of extra time, but for what?

Thank God for computers and smart phones. I have read a lot of articles, reflections from others about the pandemic, listened to lots of audio books on my smart phone, and prayed a lot. I read several spiritual reading books, and Carrie, our exercise director, made a YouTube for us so we were able to continue our twice a week exercise class. Sr. Eleanor and Sr. Annette organized a series of DVDs on “Aging Gracefully” with interesting discussions after “in groups of only ten, please!” We have a dedicated staff here at the Villa, nursing, kitchen, and maintenance, who have kept us clean and healthy. They have been our “first responders,” and we are so grateful to all of them.

At the dining table one morning, one of the sisters at my table of three said she had been asking herself, “What have I learned from this experience?” The question has been with me for a while now, and as we begin to think about how life will be after our experience of lock down, what have I learned? One thing I have been reminded of is how important the people we love are to our lives. Not being able to visit, to touch, and to hug because of social distancing is something I have really missed. We all have received and made lots of phone calls, emails, texts to just keep in touch and check on each other. It’s so important to have those connections! I have spent a lot of time in prayer, praying for families all over touched by the virus, my own community members, my blood family members and friends, the staff with whom I minister, and immigrants and people in vulnerable living situations. I feel like I have been on a several months’ retreat in some ways.

I know that life will not be the same after this is over. We have learned to do without a lot of outside activity by having to shelter in place. I do not have a lot of answers right now, but as these days continue, I hope that all of us will be conscious of the gifts we have and the gifts that we must share with each other. We are so grateful for all who have touched our lives in so many ways.

Adrian Dover, OP
May 8, 2020



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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

In February, we celebrated significant anniversaries of two of our employees. Chris Kutra has served our community for 40 years in our plant and facilities department. Ruby Wilson has served for 35 years in dietary and is currently our food services manager. Both Chris and Ruby have been gifts to our community with their ability to take on new challenges and to adapt to the many changes that have occurred over the past decades. Ruby now is responsible for the menus, shopping, and preparation of three meals a day at our retirement home. Chris has become a tech wizard and skillfully takes on any number of tasks each day. Gratitude filled our hearts as we celebrated with them and their families at lunch and expressed our thanks for their presence and service in our community.



LUNAR NEW YEAR



In January, we celebrated the Lunar New Year with the Vietnamese sisters in residence with us at the Villa. To celebrate the Year of the Rat, the sisters entertained us in traditional dress with songs in both Vietnamese and English along and with their traditional dance. We also enjoyed a wonderful lunch of Vietnamese food. This year, our celebration was bittersweet as Sr. Christine said goodbye to us. Our Villa was Sr. Christine's first home in the United States after leaving Vietnam a few years ago. She now resides in Elm Grove, Wisconsin and attends Mount Mary University where she hopes to earn her nursing degree. We miss her but are excited for her to continue her education, have new experiences, and live once again with members of her own congregation.



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DOMINICAN FAMILY

January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, was the perfect backdrop for the Dominican Family's January gathering. As we remembered the visit of the magi and the migration of the Holy Family, we learned about the reality for migrants at the border between Mexico and Texas. A delegation from the Dominican Sisters of Houston and Houston Dominican Family participated in the Border Awareness Experience in July and shared their reflections at Monday's gathering. Laura Henderson shared a recap of the group's trip, which was organized through Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas. Anne Doyle, Judy McCullough, Don McCullough, and Ceil Roeger, OP also shared their reflections from their immersion.

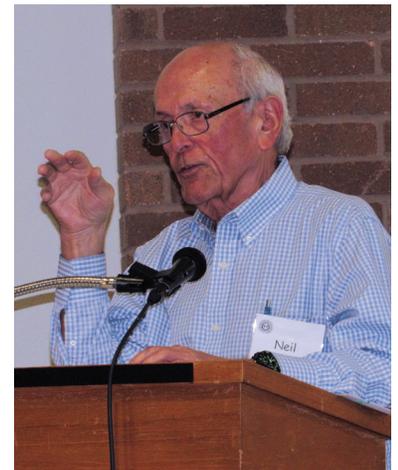


In February, the Dominican Family was led through a very thoughtful and insightful presentation on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* by members of the Integral Ecology Committee. Committee members recruited the assistance of three very passionate students from St. Catherine Montessori School who shared their insights on the impacts of ongoing damage to our planet.

Our Dominican Family gathered for a meaningful discussion on clericalism and the spiritual response to the abuse crisis in the Church hierarchy in March. The evening started with a distinguished panel of Dominicans, including Sr. Maureen O'Connell, former Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese; Dwight Wolf, a therapist who has ministered and worked with victims; and Fr. John Rooney, spiritual director at St. Mary's Seminary.

Sr. Maureen described the process of receiving reports of abuse of minors and investigating them. In her experience, she felt the Archdiocese tries to be transparent. She noted that Pope Francis realized that what was missing in the process was to hold bishops responsible, and that he has been and is implementing improvements in this process. Next, Dwight Wolf turned the discussion to the core wounds that human beings experience, which he defined as abandonment, betrayal, and shame. Finally, Fr. Rooney described his experiences as a priest during this time period, and how priests necessarily navigate "between prudence and paranoia" so that their actions can be viewed transparently, and without succumbing to fear that well intended actions will be misinterpreted.

The pandemic required meetings in April and May to be held via Zoom like so many gatherings this spring. In April, members had a great discussion on kindness and optimism, and during May's meeting, members discussed the disproportionate effect the pandemic is having on minority and vulnerable populations. The pandemic also necessitated the cancellation in April of the Dominican Family Commitment Liturgy, during which new members are welcomed into the group. The ceremony is rescheduled for this fall.



LIFE AT THE VILLA

In March, daily life on our Motherhouse grounds changed as it had for people around the world. While the pace of life has slowed during our “lock down,” we continue to be so grateful that our retired sisters remain healthy and safe, and we continue to pray for the many who have been devastated by the coronavirus, especially the vulnerable and marginalized in our society. During this time, Sr. Pat Casey, OP has been capturing life at the Villa with her camera and many of her photographs are featured here. Several sisters have shared their thoughts on life at our motherhouse grounds.

Sr. Mary Jean Olsovsky, OP, our Vicarress, shared, “Some of the blessings of COVID-19 are having time to do those items we put off for another time, such as going through boxes we haven’t touched in months or years, cleaning out our bedrooms, using items in the pantry that have been on the shelf for a while, etc. We are grounded, but at the same time, we are protecting ourselves and our Earth. At the motherhouse, we continue to practice social (physical) distancing, gathering in groups of ten or less for meals, prayers, and meetings.”

Eleanor Cresap, OP, our Villa administrator, shared that the sisters at the Villa “are showing their flexibility and adaptability to all the changes during the last few months. Our main concern is to do as much as possible to protect the sisters from contracting the virus. The sisters are asked not to leave the Villa and only essential personnel are allowed in after having their temperature checked. We are thankful for all our blessings including our staff who keep us fed, cared for, and supported in many ways.”

Sr. Eleanor and Sr. Annette Dworsky, OP have helped organized more activities for the sisters. Carrie Gimmetstad, who has led our exercise classes for more than six years, put several of her routines on You Tube for the sisters. We have communion service three times a week and have been viewing and discussing adult spiritual and faith formation courses by Dr. Richard P. Johnson, PhD. After watching one of the lectures entitled, Live in the “Now,” Sr. Raphael Bordages, OP, wrote the following poem:

Now

Lord, it is good for us to be here *Now!*
Jesus, you are so close to me *Now*
Thank you so much for my being *Now*
Your love is like the gentle breath of a newborn baby.
Yes, another beautiful creature who is full of Joy to be, *Now*
This *Now* experience is where time stands still,
So that I may bask in your BEING, *Now*.
Thank you.







SUMMER CAMP

For over twenty years, our congregation has enjoyed offering our Dominican Sisters' Summer Camp to middle school girls. However, over this past year, we came to the difficult decision that we can no longer staff and operate the camp. The summer camp introduced students to the beauty, power, and fragility of nature and the interconnective relationship between the natural environment and human experience.

Each summer, our sisters and volunteers brought their talents and interests to offer numerous activities to our campers, such as fishing, canoeing, nature hikes, arts and crafts, soap making, baking, making home-made ice cream, woodcraft, singing, archery, zone ball, lacrosse, tai chi and others. The program also included an introduction to the life of St. Dominic and some of the values he preached. The fun-filled lessons were taught with a deeper underlying motivation to reveal how to truly listen in quietude, the importance of teamwork, our responsibility to share, and many other basic principles.

We are very grateful to Sr. Thomas Ann LaCour, OP and her leadership, to the other sisters in our community, and to all who have volunteered and supported this program. Following are the names of Dominican Sisters who have volunteered over the years: Sisters Amelia Akers, Mary Kay Bailey, Kelly Biddle, Doloretta Bieter, Mary Ann Bocklett, Emily Bordages, Francis Marie Bordages, Marie Bordages, Raphael Bordages, Antoinette Boykin, Mary Brenda, Assumpta Campbell, Mary Alice Carbajal, Barbara Ann Cernosek, Barbara Ann Collins, Heloise Cruzat, Adrian Dover, Annette Dworsky, Jo Rita Fertitta, Anna Marie Flusche, Linda Gibler, Julian Giglio, Julie Marie Greig, Mary Magdalen Hanel, Mary Frances Heins, Ann Huffstetter, Wanda Jinks, Carletta LaCour, Thomas Ann LaCour, Lauren Lindee, Carol Mayes, JoAnn Niehaus, Mary Jean Olsovsky, Laura Rembold, Ceil Roeger, Lucy Sala, Sharon Steglich, Therese Warden, Mariana Wood, and Stephen Anne Zawacki.





Study & Prayer

REFLECTION BY LINDA GIBLER, OP



In this season of COVID induced confusion and isolation, I have found it helpful to remember that God continually creates and blesses.

According to biblical accounts, God creates out of chaos and out of nothing. In Genesis (1:1-3), we read that in the beginning there was darkness and God's Spirit blew across the chaos and called forth light. Then in Second Maccabees (7:27-29), we hear a mother emboldens her son by reminding him that God created all things from nothing. When we are embroiled in chaos or the emptiness of isolation, it helps me to recall that we are on fertile ground for God's creativity.

Genesis is also clear that everything God creates, God also blesses. We are assured that there is blessing within the chaos.

Following each disaster in Earth's history caused by extinctions, storms, or volcanos, after each fire and flood, and even each seasonal cycle of decay, God resumes creation with what is left. Out of the destruction itself and the barrenness in disaster's wake, God creates, bringing forth new possibilities and blessing them into fullness. So it is for other-than-humans, which instinctually follow the Creator's call.

We humans are not always as responsive as the beings around us. For God's creativity and blessing to flourish in us requires our consent, and to some extent, our participation. God never forces blessing on us; we need to respond to God's creativity so that it can freely flow.

In this time of COVID chaos and its persistent separation, we can expect both creativity and blessing from God. When we pause to feel the creative breath enveloping us, we notice that we have changed. We have learned from our own confusion and loneliness and now we are called to recognize the chaotic emptiness in ourselves, our families, our society, and in our Earth herself, and to notice how God is calling us, luring us, to participate in re-creation and wholeness for all.

We have been amazed to see how quickly Earth has begun to heal. She gives us hope that we can do likewise because it is not our efforts alone that draw us to creativity and fullness but the very activity of God always creative and blessing who moves in us and through us.

We are invited to join our breath to the one Breath that calls newness to emerge and blossom.

ADVENT PRAYER

On Saturday, December 14th, we gathered with the Dominican Family for our annual Advent Morning Prayer and Brunch. Anna Sklut, who is the Director of Campus Ministry at St. Agnes Academy and Dominican Family Chair, preached at the service. She began by reminding us that Advent is a time of darkness and waiting that seems to match the darkness of our world today. Anna reflected, “We cannot rush through this period of waiting. We cannot pretend there is no darkness. We cannot turn away from the hardship and struggle in our world, we cannot ignore the work to be done. But neither can we get lost in the darkness or forget about the light that is to come: As Isaiah says, ‘Strengthen the hands that are feeble, / make firm the knees that are weak / say to those whose hearts are frightened: / be strong, fear not!’”

Anna invited us to reflect, “How will you and I choose to create a space for God in our world? How will we choose to open our eyes that have been blind or clear our ears that have been deaf? How will we choose to bloom, or rejoice in joyful song?... because it is in these spaces where we ‘will see the glory of the Lord / the splendor of our God.’”



Following Anna’s preaching, Sr. Donna Pollard, OP presented the Pauline Gannon Award to Claire Warner. The award is given each year to someone who exemplifies a spirit of service and dedication. Every Monday for nine years, Claire has ministered to our sisters who require skilled nursing care. She brings joy to all and is attentive to the sisters’ every need. Claire engages them in conversation, gives manicures and pedicures, and knows just the treat that is the delight of each sister. Her presence is truly a blessing. In accepting her award, Claire encouraged us to do just a little bit more for our elderly, saying, “And it doesn’t take much, because every action makes a difference... a smile, a hug, a simple acknowledgement.”

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IN *Memoriam*



SR. PAULA ENDERLE, OP

January 1, 1928 – February 21, 2020

Sr. Paula (Freida Clare) was born in Beaumont, TX. Following graduation from St. Anthony High School in Beaumont in 1946, Sr. Paula entered the Dominican Sisters of Houston. She earned a B.A. in English at Dominican College, Houston; an M.E.D. in Guidance and Counseling at the University of Houston; Certification in Corporate Ministry at St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO; and an M.A. in Spirituality and Culture at Holy Names College, Oakland, CA.

Sr. Paula served in education ministry at Christ the King School in Houston; St. Mary Cathedral School in Galveston; St. Catherine School in Port Neches; St. Peter the Apostle School in Houston; O'Connell School in Galveston; and St. Pius X High School in Houston. She served also as Director of Urban Crime Prevention with Houston Metropolitan Ministries, and as Pastoral Minister at Christ the King Church and All Saints Parish in Houston.

Her congregational service included her ministry as Prioress, Director of Formation and Vocations, Southern Novitiate Coordinator, National Novitiate Founding Group, National Dominican Novitiate Board, and Administrator of St. Dominic Villa.

Sr. Paula will be remembered for her kindness, her humor, her justice and peace ministry addressing social issues and non-violence, and her love of cooking and gardening.



SR. LOU ANNE HILL, OP

April 25, 1929 – April 18, 2020

Sr. Lou Anne (Madeleine) was born in Greensboro, NC. She graduated from Beaumont High School in Beaumont, TX, in 1946 and entered the Dominican Sisters of Houston in 1947. She earned a B.A. in Mathematics and Physical Science at Dominican College and Certification in Medical Technology at St. Joseph School of Medical Technology. She completed advanced studies in Anaerobic Bacteriology, Basic Infection Control, Management Skills, and Computer Programming at other professional institutions.

Sr. Lou Anne served in education at Sacred Heart School in Houston; Sacred Heart School in Galveston; Dominican High School in Galveston; St. Francis de Sales High School in Riverside, CA; St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, CA; St. Agnes Academy in Houston; and St. Pius X High School in Houston. She tutored at Tenney School in Houston and continued her ministry as a private tutor. She also served as a Medical Technologist at Houston Diagnostic Laboratory in Houston, Northeast Medical Center Hospital in Humble, TX, and National Health Laboratory in Houston. She served as an Infection Control Practitioner in M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and as a Clinical Microbiologist at LabCorp in Houston.

Sr. Lou Anne had a ready smile and pleasant demeanor. She was devoted to her students, many of whom credit their success to her mentoring. She will be remembered for her excellent teaching style, her generosity of spirit, her love of dogs, and her crocheting and needlepoint.

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OCT 10TH — WORKSHOP ON PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION

PRESENTED BY CRAIG OTTENGER.

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Our Motherhouse grounds continue to be closed to visitors; therefore, our fall events may be moved to a virtual platform or canceled. We hope to see you when we can gather together safely.

