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Sr. Mary Flood, O.P.

Fall 2023

Dear Friends,

As I sit in my office in Blauvelt and look at the Ramapo Hills, I'm enjoying the beauty of God's creation. The brilliant colors of autumn beginning to blaze from the hills remind us that these trees will soon shed their leaves and welcome winter, a time when the ground absorbs the nutrients needed for new growth come spring. Truly, the author of Ecclesiastes understood the rhythm of nature ... *"for everything there is a season."*

Having experienced a summer of historic heat, raging wildfires, and devastating rainfall, we must recognize the disastrous effect of climate change affecting people across all continents. Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home", was a call for action against climate change, which disproportionately affects the poor and marginalized. His new apostolic exhortation entitled "Laudate Deum: Praise God," released on October 4th, at the conclusion of the 2023 Season of Creation, is again an urgent call for us to respond to the climate crisis: "... with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point."

In this edition of Blauvelt Connections, you will read about Sister Arlene Flaherty's experience at An Tairseach, a Dominican Center for Ecology, Theology, and Spirituality, directed by the Cabra Dominican Sisters in County Wicklow, Ireland. In line with Pope Francis' cry for the healing of the Earth, An Tairseach is an educational and retreat center that welcomes multi-cultural and multi-generational students to learn how to contribute to the sustainability of the Earth.

Dominican University Alumni Association planned to honor Sister Barbara McEneaney at their annual golf outing, originally scheduled for September 25th. Because of the weather, this event is rescheduled for November 1st. Sister Barbara retired from the university in June after thirty-five years as campus minister. Many expected attendees have stated that they are coming to the golf outing dinner to express their appreciation to Sister Barbara for her compassion and impact on their lives.

Our first Designer Handbag Bingo was held on September 28th and was a wonderful success. Over 185 guests filled the Lawrence Room in Rosary Hall for a game of bingo and a chance to win a beautiful designer handbag. We are most grateful to Kerrin Kissel and Kristin DeGuzman from our Development Office, who planned and executed the event, and to Jimmy O'Donnell, our bingo caller, who entertained everyone with his jokes.

On September 29th, Saint Charles Parish in Staten Island honored Sister Jeanine Conlon and the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, who ministered in Saint Charles School and Parish from 1963 until 2023. The event was held at the Hilton Garden Inn and was very well attended. Many former students and their parents returned for the event hoping to see Sister Jeanine, who served in Saint Charles for fifty-three years, thirty years as principal.

On September 30th, Dominican University dedicated its new turf field to Sister Mary Eileen O'Brien in recognition of her thirty-five years as President of the university. During her tenure as President, the college acquired university status, developed a magnificent campus, and welcomed a diversity of students, many of whom are the first members of their families to attend college.

This November, we shall celebrate the 145th anniversary of the arrival of our congregation in Blauveltville and the establishment of our first ministry, Saint Joseph's Asylum for Children, later called Saint Dominic's Home. In her article, Sister Michaela Connolly recalls the events of our early foundation and how we arrived in Blauveltville. Saint Dominic's Home, now known as Saint Dominic's Family Services, has survived 145 years because, over the years, it has adapted to the varying social service needs of the times.

We are grateful to you for your kindness, friendship, and generosity in supporting our Congregation and our outreach in ministry. We continue to pray for you and your families.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary J. Flood, O.P.

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Congregational Happenings



Thank you, **SOAR!** for the recent grant awarded to the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt to purchase physical therapy equipment for the new physical therapy room at the Motherhouse. Offering our sisters a higher level of care at home and on a regular schedule will allow them to maintain their independence by increasing strength, mobility, stability, confidence, and safety while decreasing the

risk of falls and injury. We are grateful to SOAR! for their generous grant benefitting our aging sisters.

Celebrating our Jubilarians



On Sunday, June 4th, the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt celebrated fifteen Jubilarians with a Jubilee Mass and celebratory reception at St. Dominic's Convent.

Congratulations Jubilarians!

75 Years

Sr. Miriam Catherine Nevins

70 Years

Sr. Margaret Flood
Sr. Angelus Healy
Sr. Shirley Jeffcott
Sr. Mary Jo Lynch
Sr. Ursula McGovern
Sr. Amadeus McKenna
Sr. Gertrude Simpson
Sr. Caritas Wong

60 Years

Sr. Catherine Burns
Sr. Mary Elisha Byles
Sr. Mary Ann Collins
Sr. Michaela Connolly
Sr. Jo-Anne Faillace
Sr. Noreen Walsh

Sisters Reconnect with Saint Dominic's Home Alumni

Back in 1984, Saint Dominic's Home Alumni Association began hosting the Annual Alumni Picnic for former residents, their families, and the Blauvelt Sisters who cared for them as infants, children, and teens. While attendance in recent years has decreased mainly due to aging members unable to travel, nearly 20 alumni came to Blauvelt on Saturday, July 29th, for an enjoyable reunion reconnecting with each other and the Sisters.



Congratulations Sr. Barbara!

Sr. Barbara McEneaney will be honored at Dominican University's 26th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Outing on Wednesday, November 1st. This year, all proceeds will benefit the Athletics Department at the University.



IN MEMORIAM

SISTER MAUREEN GIBBONS, O.P.,

formerly Sr. John Therese, a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York, for the past 63 years, died on August 10th, 2023 in St. Martin de Porres Community at the Motherhouse in Blauvelt, New York. Sister Maureen was 81 years of age.

Congregational Happenings

Congratulations Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien!



Sr. Mary Eileen received the Inaugural Harriet D. Cornell Award for Excellence at the Clarkstown Democratic Committee luncheon on Sunday, September 10th .

On Saturday, September 30th, the new turf field at Dominican University New York was named **O'Brien Field** dedicated in honor of the longtime President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., in recognition of her visionary leadership and service over the past 35 years.



On Friday, September 29th, Sr. Jeanine Conlon & and the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt were honored at the St. Charles Anniversary Gala held at Nicotra's Ballroom on Staten Island.

Congratulations Sr. Jeanine!



Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell

celebrated her 90th Birthday on September 11th.

Happy Birthday, Sr. Dominic Marie!

Congregational Happenings
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A Never Forgotten Memory of My First Fall Festival

By Jeannette Borgia Earl

It was the summer of 1952; I was ten years old and had just gotten promoted from third grade to Sister Mary Ellen's 4th grade. As was usual, we now 4th graders would spend mornings in Sister's third floor classroom doing arts and crafts and probably a bit of school work as well. Afternoons were different; on one of those



Jeannette with her siblings one week after arriving at St. Dominic's Home

afternoons, Sister Mary Ellen (Cameron) had a softball game going in the girls' plot. Although I wasn't a player, I recall eagerly volunteering to keep score, which meant creating a large box with

chalk on the ground, dividing it in half, and entering a hash mark when a team scored. At some point, the chalk ran out, and once again, even more eagerly, I volunteered...this time, to run up to Sister Mary Ellen's classroom for more chalk. I ran as fast as I could, but when I got to the classroom, I found the door wouldn't open no matter how many times I yanked on the door knobs. Fortunately, right next to the 4th grade was what was then the sewing classroom, and knowing it had double doors that would allow me access to

Sr. Mary Ellen's classroom, I quickly entered it, got to the double doors, and, as I pushed both doors open, I heard a loud C-R-A-S-H. I had no idea what could have fallen, but when I stepped inside Sr. Mary Ellen's classroom, there, lying on the floor, was the Sacred Heart of Jesus, totally decapitated. You know it was an 'Uh-oh, I'm in trouble scene.'

Sr. Mary Ellen was going to be my 4th grade teacher, and my ulterior volunteering efforts were to please her, to stand out, and to be noticed by her. To be sure, decapitating the Sacred Heart was definitely

not part of my volunteering plan, so I grabbed some chalk, ran as fast as I could down the stairs, praying no one would see me, laid the chalk on the ground, and as I smiled at Sister, went right on keeping score like nothing terrible had happened up on the third floor.

Of course, the very next morning, Sr. Mary Ellen approached me and asked if I had broken the statue of the Sacred Heart, and, of course, I said, "No, Sister." Periodically, throughout July and August, Sister would ask the same question. I would respond with the same "No, Sister," until ...One day, the Convent grounds were waiting for the influx of buses from the City that carried visitors coming to support what we children at the time, called "Old Timers Day." There were booths set-up all over the grounds, and on that Saturday morning, the girls were told they could leave the plot and walk around to see the booths and pick up any trash



Christmas at St. Dominic's Home

lying around. For us to be out of the plot was a treat!

Even today, as I write, I vividly see Sr. Mary Ellen by herself, standing in front of a booth diagonal to where I was, maybe fifteen feet or so apart. We made eye contact, and a voice from within encouraged me to walk over to Sister and admit, "Yes, I broke the Statue." Sister simply asked why I didn't tell her "from the beginning." "Because I was afraid you were going to hit me," I replied. Back then, even though I didn't know the word

or would have understood its meaning, I somehow knew - felt - the smile that appeared on her face was one of understanding and compassion for my fear. Today, when I reflect back on that whole experience, I still feel bad about decapitating the Sacred Heart. The sense of relief, the weight lifted from my shoulders as I said, "Yes, I broke the Statue," to Sister was a lesson in how good it feels to be honest. Today, I recognize that experience as my first of being relieved of a guilty conscience.



Jeannette with her siblings six months after arrivig at St. Dominic's Home



Transfer of Leadership Celebrated



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New Leadership Team – Sr. Mary Flood, OP, Prioress; and Councilors, Sr. Didi Madden, OP, Sr. Ellenrita Purcaro, OP, and Sr. Terry Rickard, OP



New Leadership Team



Altar, Chapel of the Most Holy Rosary

*@*n Sunday, June 25th, the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt celebrated the Transfer of Leadership during a Eucharistic Liturgy at the Chapel of the Most Holy Rosary. Sisters,

Associates, family and friends attending were welcomed by Sr. Terry Rickard to this special ritual installation of the newly elected leadership team. For the next five years, the congregation will be led by Sr. Mary Flood, OP, Prioress; and Councilors, Sr. Terry Rickard, OP, Sr. Ellenrita Purcaro, OP, and Sr. Didi Madden, OP.

We are deeply grateful for the leadership of Sr. Michaela Connolly, OP, and her Councilors, Sr. Mary Ann Collins, OP, Sr. Mary Flood, OP, and Sr. Ellenrita Purcaro, OP, during the past six years for their service and selfless commitment to strengthening the mission and ministries of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York



Father Arthur Purcaro, Sr. Michaela Connolly, Sr. Lauria Fitzgerald

A Special Anniversary

by Sr. Michaela Connolly, OP

November 5th marks the 145th anniversary of the arrival of the first sisters and children at St. Joseph's Convent on Western Highway in what was then called Blauveltville, some 15 miles north of New York City. Our history tells us it was a cloudy and cool day, which would have helped make the long trip a comfortable one.



One can only imagine the excitement that morning as seven sisters and nine little girls prepared to say goodbye to their friends in Holy Rosary Convent on Second Street on the lower eastside of the city. It had taken some time and much effort on the part of our foundress, Mother Mary Ann Sammon, and the sisters of Holy Rosary for this new home for orphaned girls to become a reality.

She had dreamed of this day ever since she had joined the cloistered convent in 1873 and began advocating for the sisters to shelter homeless children she had met on the streets of the city. Many of those children had become orphaned, as she had, as a result of the great famine that afflicted Ireland and its poor in the 19th century.

Mary Ann had emigrated with her uncle's family to New York at age 7 and, when she was older, was employed by a German Catholic family living in St. Nicholas parish. She met the Dominican sisters when she brought the young girls of the family to the parish school where they taught.

Mary Ann's request on behalf of the street children was accepted by the sisters and several children came to live at the convent. As the numbers increased, some were sent to live at other convents where the sisters were teaching.

In 1875, the Second Street convent formed a corporation for the care and education of orphans and other children. In May 1877, the ministry legally began when ten children were sent to the convent by the recently formed Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

As the number of children increased, the Cardinal asked the sisters to find a place in the country large enough to accommodate all the children in their care.



Initially Sr. Mary Ann and her superior, Sr. Hyacinth, hoped to build an orphanage on land the convent owned in St. Catharine's parish in Blauveltville. It had been purchased in 1870 in the hope of building a parish school. However, a nationwide financial panic in 1873-74 caused a great burden on the parishioners, and the plan was abandoned.

The two sisters visited the site but realized the cost of building an orphanage would be too expensive for the convent. As they were returning back to the city, they saw a For Sale sign on property on Western Highway and decided to inquire about it.

When they went into the house, they were amazed to see a large oil painting depicting one of the miracles attributed to St. Dominic, that of raising a dead child to life, which took place at the church of St. Sixtus in Rome. Our history tells us that on seeing the painting, Mary Ann exclaimed, "Here we shall be" and so they were. The Second Street convent purchased the house and its 16 acres and named it St. Joseph's Convent. The property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eustace, gave them the painting, which now hangs in the foyer of our motherhouse.

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ON THURSDAY,
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A BEAUTIFUL
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Handbag Bingo



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Dominican University New York

Blauvelt Dominican Collaboration in Ireland

by Sr. Arlene Flaherty, OP



Blauvelt Dominicans, like many of you who read this newsletter, have deep, generations-old roots in Ireland. Like some of you, we too have family living and working in Ireland today as well. As you may know, our congregation's Irish roots go back to our foundress, Mary Ann Sammon of County Tipperary. She came to the U.S. in the mid 1800's as a young immigrant woman and founded our congregation to care for vulnerable children, a critical need of her day. Our wider Dominican Family in Ireland includes the Cabra Dominican Sisters, whose work today also addresses the critical needs of our day. Among their many ministries is An Tairseach, the Dominican Center for Ecology, Theology, and Spirituality, located in beautiful County Wicklow, in the shadow of the Wicklow mountains, and on the coast of the Irish Sea. For the past year, the Blauvelt congregation has collaborated in the Cabra Dominican ministry of An Tairseach, (*pronounced an tar shick*) through my work as teacher, workshop facilitator, retreat leader, and team member at this beautiful and timely ministry.

An Tairseach, Irish for "threshold," is many things. It is an educational and retreat center, as well as a 72-acre organic farm and farm shop. An Tairseach is home to an organically raised suckler herd of 32 cattle, a pig named Dottie, a wide variety of birds and pollinators such as honey-making bees, Molly, the cat, and a breathtaking array of flowers, plants, and vegetables. Students of all ages and from all over the world come to An Tairseach to learn how to contribute to the sustainability of fragile Earth, a critical concern of our day. This mission is accomplished through many program offerings. Among them, two, 10-week long residential programs during Fall and Spring, which include courses on earth literacy, cosmology, theology and spirituality, geology and botany, Celtic spirituality, dance, art, poetry, and field study-excursions to many sites across the Emerald Isle. In addition to these two longer residential programs, day and weekend workshops as well as retreats are

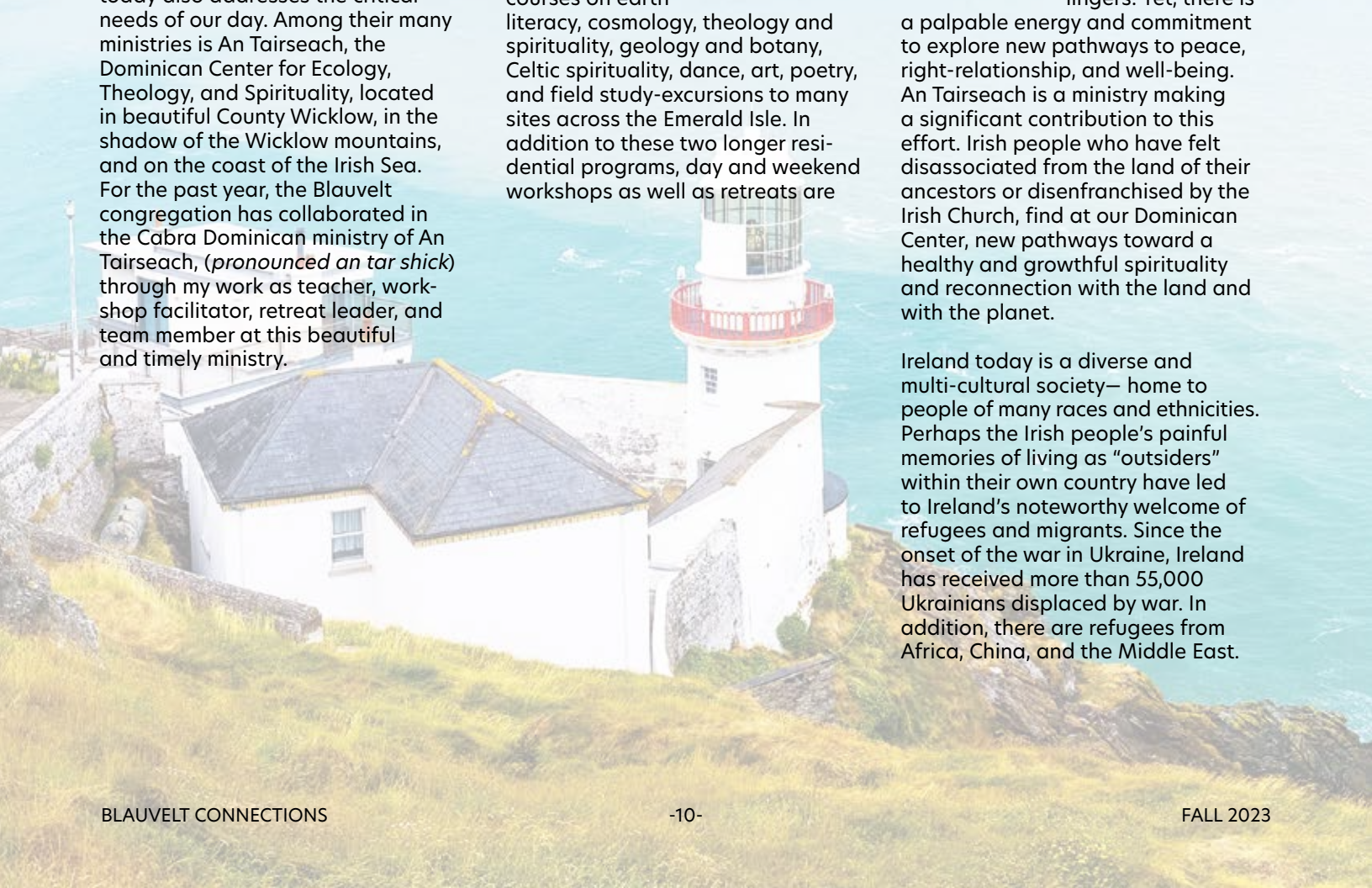
also offered. Some programs are available online. The meals served at An Tairseach are organically sourced from our Dominican farm and prepared by one of the best chefs in Ireland today.

As is often the case, the ministry of teaching inevitably involves a commitment to learning. This past year at An Tairseach not only brought me into the welcoming arms of the Irish Cabra Dominican Sisters but also a bit more deeply into an understand-

ing of Irish culture and all the history and complexities that have shaped the multi-talented, warm, and tenacious, Irish people. The trauma of Ireland's generations old struggles to overcome oppression at the hands of many

lingers. Yet, there is a palpable energy and commitment to explore new pathways to peace, right-relationship, and well-being. An Tairseach is a ministry making a significant contribution to this effort. Irish people who have felt disassociated from the land of their ancestors or disenfranchised by the Irish Church, find at our Dominican Center, new pathways toward a healthy and growthful spirituality and reconnection with the land and with the planet.

Ireland today is a diverse and multi-cultural society— home to people of many races and ethnicities. Perhaps the Irish people's painful memories of living as "outsiders" within their own country have led to Ireland's noteworthy welcome of refugees and migrants. Since the onset of the war in Ukraine, Ireland has received more than 55,000 Ukrainians displaced by war. In addition, there are refugees from Africa, China, and the Middle East.



Not too long ago, the An Tairseach Center was able to offer housing and care to young women, refugees from Afghanistan who are now thriving and pursuing their education in various Irish colleges and universities.

An Tairseach is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. With a vision emerging from their reflection on the Gospel and the signs of their times, the Dominican Sisters of Cabra, Ireland, who founded An Tairseach back then, were compelled to respond to what they saw as a critical concern of the day— the crisis of Earth's unsustainability. Since then, an alternative vision for a more sustainable Earth, and a new relationship with Earth is growing among millions in the world today. Human over-reliance on fossil fuels has contributed greatly to global warming and the climate catastrophes that are destroying many habitats, including human communities across our planet. The Catholic Church is now emerging as a significant leader in the work of healing Earth. Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'* and the *Laudato Si'* movement, is galvanizing the global scale of Catholic commitment to Earth's sustainability. The commitment we Catholics are called to make involves engaging the Church's call to eco-conversion and nurturing an eco-spirituality. This involves a willingness to cross a threshold from old ways of thinking about Earth as a commodity for our use toward ways of understanding our place as a species in the interdependent web of life. This work involves new ways of thinking, acting, and believing about our planet, our use of resources, and our commitment to the rights and care of all who call Earth home.

An Tairseach is not only a place, but it is a vision. An Tairseach is a threshold that is within each and all of us. It is where the grace we need to live our faith through cultivating a more holistic and healthy relationship with Earth can be found. We, Blauvelt Dominicans, during our



for all of us to engage is: What will we do to cross the threshold into a new way of being human and a new way of being one with Earth?

recent Chapter, articulated a vision similar to our Cabra Dominican Sisters in which we state that "all creation discloses manifold aspects of Divine presence and wisdom, and has inherent dignity and rights." In the course of the coming years, we hope to nurture this vision and to grow our collaborations with the Dominican Family and people everywhere who are committed to the Creator's dream and our desire for a flourishing Earth and a flourishing community of life. The question

For more information about An Tairseach in Wicklow Ireland: <https://antairseach.ie/courses/>
For a brief video of the story of An Tairseach <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7k67KTmBgKM>
To read In Communion with the Sacred Universe: The Story of An Tairseach <https://antairseach.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/The-Story-of-An-Tairseach-by-Sr-Marian-OSullivan-OP.pdf>



Kristin DeGuzman

Congratulations to Kristin DeGuzman on her promotion to Communications and Events Coordinator.



Kristen Bonomolo

We welcome Kristen Bonomolo, Finance/HR/Health Office Coordinator, to the Business Office.



Sr. Mary Feigen

We welcome Sr. Mary Feigen, Development Assistant, to the Development Office. Sr. Mary is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Hope in Ossining, NY.

Creating Our Future Today!

U.S. Gathering of Younger Dominican Sisters

By Sr. Terry Rickard, OP

More than 130 Dominican Sisters gathered in Columbus June 27-30, 2023, to explore new ways of engaging our future together. Sisters Didi Madden, Kathleen McManus, Terry Rickard and Jenn Schaff participated onsite in the Assembly and Sr. BarbaraAnn Sgro attended virtually. The gathering was led by the Futuring Leadership Team supported by the Dominican Sisters Conference. Sr. Lisa Kane, a Racine Dominican, was recently hired as the DSC Associate Director for Futuring.



Ohio Dominican University hosted Sisters from 17 different US-based congregations, including women from the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States. All those who attended were under 70 years of age, and they ranged from women beginning their novitiate to those who have been vowed members of their congregations for decades. This cohort reflects a more culturally diverse membership than our individual congregations.



Together, we explored ways to support vowed Dominican life into the future with new ways of collaborating and relating. The foundational questions that guided our deliberations were: (a) What role can we play in evolving Dominican life and mission to meet the needs of the future? and (b) What can we do better together than alone?



CIRCLE OF FAITH

What is the Circle of Faith Monthly Giving Program?

The Circle of Faith Monthly Giving Program, made up of a special group of committed supporters, was established as an essential part of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt Annual Fund. The Annual Fund provides an opportunity for friends, family, and the community to support the life and mission of our Sisters. Annual Fund gifts of all sizes are welcome and make it possible for us to effectively and faithfully promote Truth, Hope, Mercy, Compassion, and Justice to those served through our ministries.

The Circle of Faith Monthly Giving Program is an easy way to provide the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt with a source of income we can count on every month. Sustainable support from our current monthly donors and the annual support from so many of you help us reach those in need and provide dignified care for our aging and infirm Sisters.

Your gift, whether large or small, monthly or annually, is greatly appreciated and will make a lasting difference.

Why Give Monthly?

As a Circle of Faith member, your generous contribution will go even further in helping us respond to the needs of those we serve and to plan for the unexpected. Monthly gifts are a vital and dependable financial resource for our ministries and our aging and infirm Sisters who have dedicated their lives to serving God's people.

The Impact of Your Monthly Gift

\$15 Monthly Gift	Provides funding for ongoing programs at the Motherhouse, including personal training, stretching exercise classes, games & programs to improve cognitive ability, and crafting.
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Thank you!



GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 28, 2023



GivingTuesday

is a global day of generosity that will take place on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

GivingTuesday

encourages people to do good and has grown into a global movement that inspires people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

On GivingTuesday

every act of generosity counts. Generosity gives everyone the power to make a positive change in the lives of others. To join the **GivingTuesday** movement and support the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt:

- Visit our website at www.opblauvelt.org/giving, or our Facebook page by searching opblauvelt.org to donate
- Encourage your friends and family to participate in **GivingTuesday** by sharing why you support the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt
- Connect with our Sisters on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter: @opblauvelt (make sure to use the hashtag **GivingTuesday**)
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Today, professed Sisters and Associates are involved in education in colleges, elementary schools, and special education programs.

Other ministries include:

- Healthcare
- Social service programs
- Adoption services for older children
- Programs for migrant children
- A shelter for homeless women and their children
- Housing services for persons with HIV/AIDS
- Programs for the mentally ill and chemically addicted

We are active in social justice activities, retreat work, pastoral care for the homebound, and hospice, prison, and prayer ministry.

Learn more by visiting

www.opblauvelt.org

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