



Racine Dominican Associates' Friday Night Check-In April 14, 2023

TOP 5:

- 15 Apr 2023, 08:30-10 AM, **Monthly Meeting for Associates + Sisters**, in person & Zoom. Presentation on "Smart Recycling" by Daniel Jongetjes, GM of Johns Disposal. Followed by Associate + Sister gathering in Green Dining Room for the Great White Elephant Swap from 10-11:30 AM *Warning: Presence of White Elephants is known to induce spontaneous hilarity & community sharing.*
- 16 Apr 2023, 4-5:30 PM, **Shared Formation Enrichment: The Four Pillars of Dominican Life**, via Zoom. Four communities presenting!
- 19 Apr 2023, 9-10 AM, **CREW**, via Zoom
- 20 Apr 2023, 3 PM, **Fr. Ed Cook from Congregation of the Great Spirit speaks to all** in the Green Dining Room, followed by liturgy.
- 22 Apr 2023 (Earth Day), 12:30 PM, **"Soil & Garden Blessing** at the Siena Garden of Eatin'.

Save These Dates:

- 30 Apr 2023, 1-3 PM CDT, **Shared Formation Enrichment: Saying Yes to Commitment Retreat, via Zoom.** Facilitated by Associate Tesha Urban.
- 26 Apr 2023, 9-10 AM, **CREW**, via Zoom
- 27 Apr 2023, 6:30-7:30 PM CDT, **Virtual Craft Circle** via Zoom.
- 13 May 2023, 8:30- 10 AM **Monthly Meeting for Associates + Sisters**, in person and on Zoom. Presentation on "Mileage Awareness Pilot Project," by S. Janet Weyker & Associate Gail Jacobsen.
- 13 May 2023, 10 AM-10:45 AM, **Summer Enrichment Series #1: "The Recipe for the Perfect Soil for Planting,"** presented by **Ann Pratt OP.**
- 13 May 2023, **Bethany Apartments "Spring Plant Fundraiser."** Gateway College Horticultural Center, Kenosha. Time coming soon.
- 27 May 2023, 9 AM, **Labyrinth Walk**, Siena Center.
- 21-24 Jun 2023, **Racine Dominican Community June Assembly**, Siena Center. Watch your email for all the details.
- 24 Jun 2023, **Enduring Commitment Ceremony**, Siena Chapel. Time coming soon
- 25 Jun 2023, **Sisters' Jubilee Celebration**, Siena Center. Time coming soon.

How Are YOU Caring for Creation this week?

- Start sprouting perennial or vegetable seeds on your kitchen windowsill.

- Participate in *circular recycling* by coming to the *Great White Elephant Swap* tomorrow in the Green Dining Room at Siena at 10 AM.
- Plant a tree.

Sing/Send **Birthday Greetings** this week to: **Gail Jacobsen (4/19), S. Lois Aceto (4/21), Steve Gilbert (4/21), S. Carmen Agbuis (4/27).**

From Lea:

'Tent of Nations' is a farm in the Bethlehem governorate under Area C (extreme occupation and settler violence). The family is Christian and are famous for their refusal to be enemies. If anyone is looking to do a pilgrimage, volunteering to help at the farm is a constructive way to do it. I visited them when I was in Palestine and helped clear a field and plant an olive tree. There is a story behind the name "Tent of Nations" which I will tell you some time.

Please pray this week for:

- *Associates, Sisters and their families who are facing challenges of all kinds!*
- *OP Sisters and Associates of Sinsinawa gathering together in Milwaukee for their Chapter of Elections.*

The NEW Racine Dominican Direction Statements for 2022-2026 from our Chapter:

As a community of Racine Dominican Sisters and Associates led by the Spirit:

We commit to being a contemplative presence as we collaborate with Earth and all peoples, responding to social injustices with voice, action, and resources, especially as expressed in *Laudato si'*.

We commit to discerning a vision of our emerging future through prayer, courageous conversation, collaboration, and action.

Our Racine Dominican Associate 2022-2023 Goals:

- ~ *Grow as a holy, ever-evolving, flourishing community.*
- ~ *Support our Mission Partners & other ministries.*
- ~ *Live out our Dominican Mission together.*

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."
— **Michael Altshuler**