

Dear Sisters and Associates,

It is the Fourth of July weekend and we are finally feeling ready (nearly). We leave for South Africa on Sunday morning, July 10<sup>th</sup> and return at the end of the month. Once again the DSI Newsletter features our Sisters in Africa but not specifically Montebello. Here is what we have planned, knowing that flexibility and adaptation to another culture might reshape what we do. We focus in three areas:

### **Dominican Spirituality**

- Using Barbara Schwartz's DVD on the Lands of Dominic, we will use a segment each day as the basis for conversation
- We'll devote time to Catherine, Thomas and Albert, the OPs in Florence, Eckhart and the mystics, OPs in Latin America, and OPs in Asia. We expect our sisters in Montebello to tell us of the OPs in Africa
- Together we'll extract characteristics of Dominican Spirituality from all of the above.

### **Being Dominican in an expanding Universe**

- Review the Universe Story in ritual and media
- Reflect on the ecological work of OPs around the world today
- Reflect on Dominican life in light of the Earth Charter

### **Initial Formation for Preaching**

- We will pray daily using Lectio and the readings for July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- We will review basic elements of preparing a preaching text
- We hope to celebrate Mary Magdalene with a "Festival of Preaching"

We are so grateful to all of you for joining our team with your prayers and material support. Catch up on Facebook while we are gone by going to: [OPSCC Website – Resource Page](#)

Look for a full report upon our return.

Lapho kukhona omunye wethu sonke sikhona

Where one of us is all of us are