

Our Mission

Springfield Dominican Associates are called to embody the Dominican charism, hear and proclaim God's Word, and promote the dignity of all persons. We commit ourselves to lives rooted in prayer, study, community, and ministry. Through our diverse gifts we strive to participate in the mission of the church by putting into action our call to preach the Word with our lives.

“Our spirituality draws us to be deeply connected with ourselves, with one another, with the world around us, and with our God.”

*- Sister Mary Joan Sorge, OP
Director of Associates*



Uncover the light of the Gospel in the world

- † Deepen your relationship with God and God's people.
- † Use your unique gifts.
- † Embrace your role as leaven for the world.



Want to know more?

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Be *Light*
For the World
as a *Springfield*
Dominican
Associate



Monthly meetings will allow you to explore:

- St. Dominic's life and the work of the order he founded, the Order of Preachers
- Gifts the Dominicans bring to the church and the Order's life of study, prayer, community and service
- The witness of Dominican saints like Catherine of Siena, Thomas Aquinas, Rose of Lima, and Martin DePorres
- The history and ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield
- Your own relationship to God and God's people
- The role of the baptized as messengers to the world in search of meaning



Reasons to become a Dominican Associate

- ✿ A call to share the Gospel
- ✿ A longing to pray, study, and serve with others
- ✿ A desire to preach the Word with your life



How do I become a Dominican Associate?

If you are a baptized Christian and at least 21 years old, you are eligible to seek candidacy. After acceptance into the program, associate candidates complete a nine-month formation process in which they study dimensions of church and Dominican life as they are interwoven in study, prayer, community, and ministry.

The formation process concludes with a one-day retreat during which candidates discern the next step of commitment. The associate relationship is formalized and celebrated through a commitment ceremony held at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield, Illinois.



“ We fill each other with spiritual strength and we then take that strength out to give to others who may need help to bear the cross. ”

Patty Fitzpatrick

“ I find that my faith has grown in reading and discerning God's word as well as in finding the courage and strength to DO God's word. ”

Nancy Armstrong

“ I'm ever so grateful all these years for the support, friendship, and interaction with the sisters and associates who have been with me on this journey. ”

Fran Fischer