

# 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

- ✝ Embrace your baptismal commitment to grow in faith.
- ✝ Build relationships and community as you connect with the sisters.
- ✝ Learn more about Dominican Life and Mission.
- ✝ Use your unique gifts to share the light of the Gospel.



## Want to know more?

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



## What Dominican Associates are saying

*“Being a Dominican Associate is a true blessing in my life. As an Associate my prayer life is more vibrant. I have the opportunity to assist the sisters in their mission while growing in faith and life myself.”*

~ Mary Helen (Call) Rowland

*“I feel the warmth and joy of being at home. I have formed friendships that have inspired me. Friendships that are more than friendships, they are family.”*

~ Kris Wellman

*“My journey has been extraordinary. I have met and engaged with such wonderful people! The candidacy period has greatly enriched my life. I am grateful in ways I cannot verbalize.”*

~ Margaret Lombe



## 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



## Monthly meetings will allow you to explore:

- St. Dominic's life and the work of the the Order of Preachers
- The Dominican Charism — the gift Dominicans bring to the church
- The four pillars of prayer, study, community, ministry (service)
- Your own relationship to God and God's people

## 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.

