

August 19th – Celebration of 150 Years of Dominican Life and Mission

Universal Prayers for August 19th

Celebrant: we join today with all those Dominican women who lived and worked, celebrated and flourished, in many places during the last 150 years. We give thanks as we remember their concerns, dreams, calls, ministries, and promises.

Leader of Prayer: For the Church throughout the world led by Pope Francis, and all her ministers and followers who have walked with us during the last 150 years, especially for Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, who celebrates with us today, we pray to the Lord...

For our nation and this city of Springfield, for those who serve in our government, in our military and in civil service. We pray especially for the safety and welfare of first responders, and all who stand in harm's way to protect and defend the lives of others, we pray to the Lord...

For the poor, the homeless, the shunned, the unemployed and those who live without life's basic necessities; We pray especially for those living in shame or fear. May they be blessed with hope, we pray to the Lord...

For our Foundresses and each Leadership Team, past and present, who as wise, courageous, and graced-filled women led us through 150 years of ministries, evangelization, accompaniment, and social transformation, we pray to the Lord...

In gratitude for the four Springfield Dominicans who answered the call to serve in Peru 57 years ago - and for all those who accompanied the Peruvian people, especially our Peruvian Dominican Sisters and Associates, we pray to the Lord...

For all our Associates who are energized by partnership with us as they participate in Dominican life guided by prayer, study, community, and service, we pray to the Lord...

For our Families, Benefactors, Board Members, and Co-workers as they share Gospel spirit with us in the tradition of Fathers P.J. Macken and Timothy Hickey, Dr. George Jones, Charles Rout, and Mrs. Richard Yates, we pray to the Lord:

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Spirit of God, we give thanks for all those women who lived and worked, celebrated and flourished, in many places and in many ways, during 150 years of preaching by prayer, study, community life, and service. Let your grace continue to pour through them, filling them with passion for truth. Grant them courage to do what must be done in our day. Grant them peace for ongoing relationships in their stance of solidarity as they choose space, energy, and time for the marginalized, the broken, the strangers, the ill, the women, the children, the elders, and the dreamers. Continue to stretch them into Dominican women for the life of the world. Amen

