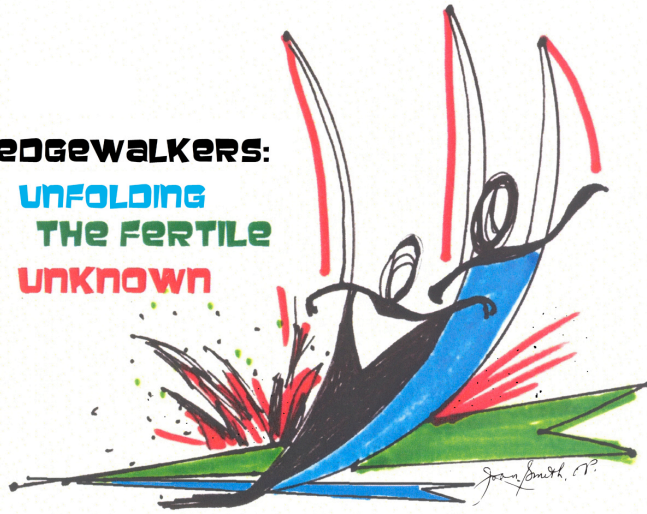


**EDGEWALKERS:**  
**UNFOLDING**  
**THE FERTILE**  
**UNKNOWN**



Dear Sisters and Associates,

We are pleased to invite you to register for the first national gathering of the newly formed Dominican Sisters Conference. As previously announced, the theme for this convocation is **“Edgewalkers: Unfolding the Fertile Unknown.”**

“Edgewalkers are people who walk between the spiritual and material world and who work at the boundaries and edges of society. They are the bridge between the sacred and the secular, between the past and the future, and the creators of the peaceful places where different voices and worldviews can be heard.” **Timothy Radcliffe, OP**, our well-known Dominican brother, and **Judi Neal, Ph.D.**, author and Director of the Tyson Center for Faith and Spirituality in the Workplace, will be guiding our journey and reflections during our time together. We are sure it will evoke new energy among us as we begin to shape this new Dominican Sisters Conference as well.

The Convocation will be held at the beautiful **Westin Wheeling Hotel on the North Shore**, 15 minutes north of Chicago’s O’Hare Airport from Oct. 4-7, 2012. It promises to be a very suitable meeting space as well as one that can offer some diverse dining and entertainment options in the immediate area. However, as with most hotels, there is a fair amount of walking required between the meeting, dining, and living spaces. If you normally use accommodations for such mobility, you will want to be sure you have them available to you. If you have any doubt about your ability to handle the physical demands of the workshop or the meeting space, please feel free to contact Sr. Mary Sue Kennedy at the office (248-536-3234) with any questions you may have.

We look forward to this being a gathering of the giftedness of all of our Sisters and Associates: the planners and organizers, the thinkers and dreamers, the artists and visionaries, the youthful and the wise...So come with your many gifts and unique life experience to enrich the process. If

you cannot join us in person for whatever reason, please lend us your prayerful support during our time together. Please notice that, even if you cannot attend the convocation, you are invited to register as a prayer supporter in the contact information portion of the registration. Finally, we encourage you to take advantage of the reduced rate for early registration, as it will greatly help us in planning for the Convocation.

Please keep us in your prayers as this planning committee attempts to be “edgewalkers” between the past and the future of Dominican life in the United States.

The DSC Convocation Planning Committee:

Judy Brunell, OP

Therese Demers, OP

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Marie Michelle Hackett, OP

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Rose Celeste O’Connell, OP (chair)



**REGISTRATION**  
**Dominican Sisters Conference Convocation**  
***Edgewalkers: Unfolding the Fertile Unknown***  
**OCTOBER 4-7, 2012**

*Carefully complete and return it with your payment.  
You may want to make a copy for your records.*

**Return completed page to:**  
**Dominican Sisters Conference**  
**Sister Mary Sue Kennedy, OP**  
**29000 W. Eleven Mile Road**  
**Farmington Hills, MI 48336**  
**No refunds after August 1, 2012**

**Registration fees:**  
**\$275 before July 13, 2012**  
**\$295 from July 14-September 3, 2012**  
**\$310 after September 4, 2012**  
**Non-refundable amount of \$50.00**  
**Donations \_\_\_\_\_**

*\* Make checks payable to: Dominican Leadership Conference*

**Registration includes 3 Continental breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, Thursday evening Social and break refreshments.**

***Do you have special dietary needs?***  
**(Describe) \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Registration/Payment for the convocation does NOT reserve a room.*

**Note:** Reservations for hotel rooms must be done directly through the Westin Chicago North Shore: 1-800-228-3000 or:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1108162943&key=2684E>  
(**\$119. Per room per night: singles, doubles – one to four to a room**)

***A Hotel Web site for 2012 Convocation of Dominican Sisters occurring  
(September 30, 2012 - October 11, 2012) has been created for you.***

Guests can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from August 16, 2012 to October 12, 2012.

Below you will find the appropriate link(s) for your participants to access the site:

Attendee: [2012 Convocation of Dominican Sisters](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1108162943&key=2684E)

(OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser)

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**Saturday Night Banquet Options: check one:**

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_

**Vendors:** I would like to reserve a vendor table at \$40. Per table for Sisters and Associates.  
(Please add payment to registration fee.)

**Hotel/Airport Transportation:** The hotel is providing airport pick up from O'Hare Airport. If you need a pick up and return at O'Hare Airport please fill out the transportation form. (Reduced cost - \$10 each way)

**Liturgy/Ritual**

I would like to sing in the Convocation Choir: \_\_\_\_\_ soprano \_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> soprano \_\_ alto\_\_

I am willing to be a cantor/soloist: Yes\_\_ No \_\_

I play an instrument (name instrument)\_\_\_\_\_

I will need an instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ I can bring mine \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to dance for the rituals. Yes \_\_ No\_\_

Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Reader \_\_\_\_\_ Preacher \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORTATION REQUEST**

I will need pick up and return from and to O'Hare Airport by Westin Hotel.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a transportation form.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Vowed Member \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ PrayerSupporter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (ministry) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT

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