

Caldwell Dominican Sisters Receive 2010 Peace Award

The Sisters of St. Dominic (Caldwell) minister as members of the Catholic Church's International Order of Preachers (OP) following the Rule set forth 800 years ago by their Founder, St. Dominic and brought to NJ by our congregation's Foundress, Mother Catharine Muth in 1881. Each Dominican congregation of Sisters (and each province of Dominican friars) has a patron saint or title after its "St. Dominic" Order title. Caldwell Dominicans claim the Sacred Heart of Jesus as our special patron. That's why our congregational shield has the red section added to the traditional black and white Dominican shield.



On June 10, 2010, Sisters, Associates and Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Jersey City gathered for a light supper in the Caldwell Motherhouse to celebrate this year's Feast of the Sacred Heart. After supper, everyone moved upstairs to the Chapel where the celebration continued with chanting of Solemn Vespers. Sr. Veritas Picardi, OP, a Caldwell Dominican member of the congregation's Commission on Global Issues, proclaimed a scripture passage from the book of the prophet Ezekial (34: 11-15). In her preaching that followed the scripture proclamation, Sister Veritas presented several insights into the role of Jesus' love and care for the human family and all creation as the "Good Shepherd" and encouraged those present "to be Good Shepherds: to lead, to care, to preach, to teach, to heal, to rescue."



On behalf of the entire Dominican Community, the Commission on Global Issues (CGI) presented **The 2010 Peace Award to The Community of Sisters at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City, NJ.**



**Sisters Alice McCoy, OP; Elise Redmerski, OP; Carol Van Billiard, OP; Luke Dworschak, OP.
Not pictured: Sisters Jean Veronica Duszynski, OP; Uchenna Okereke, OP.**

The Peace Award plaque was presented to the OLS community and individual roses were presented to each of the Sisters in the community. In reading the citation that accompanied the Award, Sister deMontfort Kinchellagh, OP – congregational Justice Promoter and Chair of CGI – called the assembly's attention to the evening's souvenir booklet containing this statement by the OLS Sisters:

“All the OLS Dominicans are known by our neighbors as persons to whom they can come when they have a need and be received warmly and respectfully. This perception is not just as providers of service, but as part of the community. The community building that is accomplished when people come together and participate in these events and projects is such a positive alternative to violence and gangs. In the turmoil of these times, we rejoice that God has allowed us to be part of a local ‘village’ of those who care and want to build life, hope and peace in our world.”

Solemn Vespers closed with the singing of two traditional hymns in Latin: *Salve, Regina* (Hymn to the Virgin Mary); *O Lumen* (Hymn to St. Dominic).