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### **Dominican Sisters of Peace/St. Catharine College participate in Nuns Build 2010**

NEW ORLEANS, LA – This spring, the St. Bernard Project of New Orleans sponsored their second program for several dozen Catholic Sisters and friends to help rebuild houses in the devastated St. Bernard civil parish. Nuns Build 2010 was held May 31 - June 5 and once again included the Dominican Sisters of Peace, with a wonderful contingent of volunteers from the congregation's Ministry of Welcome and from St. Catharine College (SCC), one of the congregation's founded institutions located in St. Catharine, Kentucky.

Vocation Ministers **Srs. Cathy Arnold** and **Amy McFrederick** joined the Nuns Build project for a few days, bringing two women in discernment to join in the experience as part of a larger mission week. **Sr. Regina McCarthy** (SCC Spanish instructor) and **Associate Bettye Brookfield** (SCC art instructor) were part of the St. Catharine team that included Pam Brady, RN (a nurse at St. Catharine Motherhouse), Vicki Guthrie (SCC Dean of Students), and SCC students Amy Jaglowicz, Priscilla Lee, Jackie Rucker, and Nicole Wheatley. (cont'd)



Top: (Left to Right): Two homeowners, Trinh Pham, Sr. Cathy Arnold, Heidi Miles, Katie Addy, Sr. Amy McFrederick

Middle: (Left to Right): Seated - Amy Jaglowicz, Nicole Wheatley, Priscilla Lee, and Jackie Rucker; Standing - Pam Brady, Vicki Guthrie, Sr. Regina McCarthy, OP

Bottom Left: Bettye Brookfield, OPA

Bottom Right: Sr. Regina McCarthy, OP

The group worked alongside grateful homeowners and other volunteers, mostly completing walls and performing other practical tasks. They also had opportunities to tour different areas, meet residents and hear their stories, and share meals and conversation with those whom the St. Bernard Project has helped.

“Almost five years later, the devastation is still incredibly hard to see,” Vickie Guthrie commented after one of the area tours. “[There are] neighborhoods where some houses have been rebuilt, but others are abandoned or missing altogether. The symbols spray-painted on the houses remain, indicating the house was checked, its condition, and if any bodies were found.”

The Nuns Build participants were heartened to see progress being made in rebuilding St. Bernard Parish and elsewhere and were proud to be part of a volunteer project contributing to the efforts. They had such a wonderful experience and encourage others to consider coming to contribute their time and talent, noting that volunteer opportunities can be arranged with the St. Bernard Project even outside the context of Nuns Build.

Nuns Build is held for one week, twice a year. Women Religious from across the country are invited to participate, along with their friends and families. The next Nuns’ Build week will be held November 15 – 20, 2010. For more information or to participate, contact [volunteer@stbernardproject.org](mailto:volunteer@stbernardproject.org).

To see a wonderful video of this spring’s Nuns Build, created by the Springfield Dominican Sisters, click:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycpzeR0Nd2k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycpzeR0Nd2k)

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