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### **Dominican Sisters of Peace Elect Leaders, Set Direction**

ST. LOUIS, MO – Founded last week on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, the Dominican Sisters of Peace have completed their first General Chapter (canonical meeting for decision-making in religious congregations).

During the Chapter, the following Sisters were elected to the new Leadership Team:

- Sr. Margaret Ormond, OP - Prioress
- Sr. Joan Scanlon, OP - First Councilor
- Sr. Gene Poore, OP - Second Councilor
- Sr. Therese Leckert, OP - Third Councilor
- Sr. Gemma Doll, OP - Fourth Councilor

In addition, the Chapter set direction for the Dominican Sisters of Peace, incorporating the deliberations into four commitment statements preceded by a prologue (attached). As the members live into the new reality of the congregation, specific action steps will be developed for implementing the commitments.

Most of the Chapter was broadcasted to the congregation's six motherhouses and an additional large member residence so that Sisters unable to attend would be able to view the proceedings. Sisters living in smaller residences on mission were also able to access the live proceedings via the web.

A pontifical institute, the Dominican Sisters of Peace includes more than 650 Sisters serving in 29 states and in Honduras, Nigeria, Peru, Tanzania, and Vietnam. The congregation also has more than 500 Associates (women and men from throughout the country who partner in mission with the Sisters). Central administration offices for the congregation are located in Columbus, Ohio, with various other offices located in St. Catharine, Kentucky; Akron, Ohio; and Oxford, Michigan.