

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE ARCHIVES
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Please note: these questions are meant to be a guide to an oral history interview. Knowing that some interviews may veer from this list, interviewers should use their own judgement to determine which questions to ask and in which order.

Interviewer: Today's date is [Month/Day/Year]. This is [interviewer name] sitting with [interviewee name], of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. [Welcome Sr.]

1. Please tell me about your background:
 - a. Where and when were you born?
 - b. Who were/are your parents?
 - c. Do you have siblings?
 - d. Are there any significant childhood memories that you would like to share?
 - e. Did you have a vocation prior to taking your vows?
2. Tell us how and when you first became involved in a Dominican congregation. What drew you to Dominican life?
3. How did your friends and family feel about your choice to become a Dominican Sister?
4. When you first joined as a Dominican Sister, where did you live? (For those who came to the Springs/Columbus motherhouse, which house did they live in? Original, 1970s, or current house?)
5. Can you recall for us what you felt becoming a Novice?
6. What was your first mission as a Dominican Sister?
7. Where have you travelled to in missions/ministries?
8. Can you share some stories from your ministries?
9. What type of mission work have you been engaged in during your time as a Dominican Sister?

10. Can you share a powerful spiritual moment that you have experienced?
11. What types of work have you done while working and living in this motherhouse?
12. What are some challenges you've faced as a Dominican Sister?
13. Can you tell us what it was like living in the motherhouse during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic?
14. Do you have any fun stories about Monastic Life?
15. Is there anything else you wish to share?