

Sister Peg Murphy OP

TACOMA DOMINICAN
FINAL PROFESSION: 1966



Working in London, England, I wrestled with my decision as to what I was being called to do for the rest of my life. Finally, I decided to decline the opportunity for marriage and follow in the footsteps of my sisters, Nora and Mary Pat who had joined the Tacoma Dominicans seven years earlier. I felt called to serve as a Catholic sister. I am very happy with the commitment I have made. I did not look back from the time I made the final commitment to remain a Tacoma Dominican sister.

Born in the rural village of Rockchapel, County Cork, Ireland, I grew up in a family of eight. With limited resources, our parents worked hard to care for us. They were good providers and role models and compassionate to those in need. As a family, we had a strong sense of belonging. Our house was a fun place to grow up. It was a gathering house for the neighbors for storytelling, music, dancing and serious conversations about what was going on politically in Ireland and the world especially during World War II.

As Dominican sisters, we have chosen to live like a family, sharing all things in common. We care for one another and we are together to serve and to respond to the needs of our times. Our community has always been concerned about our financial responsibilities, security and support for ministry. But because there wasn't an official retirement plan in the schools where we taught, we do have some serious financial challenges today. Over the years we have done financial planning and fundraising and we're most grateful for the support from our benefactors. As we continue to serve, we want to be responsible for our care now and into the future. Just as with the family, we take this responsibility seriously.

We are all called to build community and to the commitment to serve as Jesus did – priests, sisters and laity alike. If we love and care as Jesus did, we will take care of our religious and parish families alike.



"Given all the financial responsibilities of the Archdiocese and each parish, we are grateful for calling attention to the urgent retirement needs of the priests and sisters of the archdiocese through the *Called to Serve as Christ* Campaign. I am confident that the parishioners of the archdiocese will once again generously respond to this new call to fund the retirement needs of priests and sisters."

SISTER PEG MURPHY
*on the importance
of the campaign*

You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you:
Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8

Favorite scripture passage

