

## Mission Minute #5

### DASS Convocation (3/8/22)

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During Catholic Sisters Week, the Dominican Association of Secondary Schools hosted a convocation open to administrators, faculty and staff. Held via Zoom, the keynote speaker for 2002 was Sr. Mary Catherine Hilbert, OP who spoke to those assembled on the Characteristics of Dominican Education; specifically, Caritas & Veritas (with Veritas, or the pursuit of truth noted as “true & helpful truths”). This was all mentioned in conjunction with the pursuit of justice, especially social justice, as key parts of the Dominican identity.

Referencing key writings such as [Gaudium et Spes](#), [Laudato Si](#) and Simone Weil’s [REFLECTIONS ON THE RIGHT USE OF SCHOOL STUDIES WITH A VIEW TO THE LOVE OF GOD](#), Sister Mary Catherine’s presentation offered Five Insights which included topics such as Truth in Community, Love of and the Beauty of Diversity, Solidarity, Finding One’s Joy and Purpose, Wisdom, Holy Curiosity & Insight, Contemplation, Prayer & Attention and others. A key takeaway from the presentation was that in Dominican schools, STUDY (one of our [Four Pillars](#)) is an essential part of spiritual practice; in giving genuine attention to and our best efforts in gaining knowledge and acquiring wisdom (and by not giving in to discouragement) we exemplify [Veritas](#).



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