

The Racine Dominicans

Racine Dominican Mission

Committed to Truth, Compelled to Justice

Commitment to truth in the light of the Gospel compels us to consecrate whatever power we have, personally and as community, to sustain the fundamental right of every person to pursue the fullness of life and to share in the common good.

– Constitution - Article 8 (partial)

A Brief Overview of the Racine Dominicans

"Committed to Truth, Compelled to Justice" is the guiding principle for the rule of conduct and direction in all ministries, individual and sponsored, and for the Racine Dominican community.

The Racine Dominicans are a community of vowed women religious (sisters) and lay associates, located in Racine, Wisconsin where they settled in 1862. Their current home (since 1962) is just north of Racine – a city on the shore of Lake Michigan about 30 miles south of Milwaukee, but sisters and associates still serve in many vocations in locations in the United States and Canada. Prayer, study, and preaching are integral to the lives of all Racine Dominican sisters and associates who strive to follow the example of [St. Dominic](#) and are inspired by the great achievements and writings of [St. Catherine of Siena](#).

Justice and Rights Commission

The [Justice and Right Commission \(JRC\)](#), begun in 1989, was formed out of a need to consolidate efforts, to give a unified voice, to educate, and further the mission: Committed to Truth, Compelled to Justice.

In honor of 25 years as an organization, the [Justice & Rights Commission – Prehistory, Formation and 25 Years of Service](#) booklet, was produced. It celebrates events and accomplishments of JRC placing them in the context of history with a corresponding timeline. The booklet can be downloaded through the above link.

Racine Dominican Sponsored Ministries

Through the years, the sisters have founded and sponsored dozens of ministries, filling a variety of needs in Wisconsin and beyond. Many of the ministries were designed to become self-sufficient and passed on to be ministered by the lay community. Others ended as needs changed or objectives were achieved.

Today, the Racine Dominicans (with a corporate title of Sisters of St. Dominic) is a 501(c)(3) organization with six sponsored ministries that are 501(c)(3) corporations. The sponsored ministries are blessed with the assistance of thousands of professionals, volunteers, and donors (individual and corporate), religious and lay people whose missions align with the Racine Dominicans. Currently, the sponsored ministries are:

- [Bethany Apartments](#)
- [Senior Companion Program](#)
- [Siena Retreat Center](#)
- [HOPES Center](#)
- [Eco-Justice Center](#)
- [St. Catherine's High School](#)

[Learn more about the sponsored ministries of the Racine Dominicans.](#)

Shorelight Memory Care

The Racine Dominicans have begun a new ministry called Shorelight Memory Care. Shorelight offers much need memory care services in Racine and Southeastern Wisconsin. It opened in April 2016 and is fully-staffed, state-accredited, caring for those with Alzheimer's and dementia. Shorelight is a non-denominational, faith-filled, state-of-the-art care facility offering patient-centered care. Visit the [Shorelight Memory Care](#) website for more information.