

Presidents Report
The Dominican Development Group “Mid-Year” Meeting November 6, 2017
Diocese of the Dominican Republic
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Greetings Board Members and Guests!

It is Fall here in Michigan and we are about to be treated with some of the most spectacular colors nature has to offer before she rests for a few months. Living in an area with four seasons is a choice, and, a challenge at times. Each change marks the passing of time and whether we like it or not—we must embrace that change. Fall brings celebration of the harvest and thanksgiving for a productive growing season. The trees are about to show us how beautiful letting go can really be. I have come to appreciate the changing of the seasons, for each of them holds a significant promise, lessons to be learned from nature and ...”this fragile Earth, our island home”. I then look forward to the coming season and it’s subtle, and in some areas, not so subtle changes, with anticipation of what is to come and the different way in which I go about my activities.

In this past week we have celebrated the bounty and blessings of a life of service in Bishop Holguin. We celebrated, gathering in memories, songs, and blessings received. Then, in a blaze of color, we celebrated with anticipation, the next season to come in Bishop Quezada, embracing the changes in the way we will go about our activities. We will continue to enjoy the previous seasons’ harvest, and, look forward to planning and planting the programs and ideas necessary for sustenance and continued growth of our DDG partnership. Thank you, Bishop Holguin, for the season that has been. Thank you, Bishop Quezada, for the season that is to come.

I look forward to seeing you all in February 2017 for the DDG Annual Meeting in Santo Domingo, in which a more formal report will be presented. Once again, the DDG cannot thrive without the support and commitment of our Companion Dioceses, At-Large members, missionaries, volunteers, and continual prayer. I thank you all for honoring our post communion prayer by going out and doing “the work God has given you to do”

In heartfelt thanks,

Deacon Beth Drew