



REGINA DOMINICAN

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

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Regina Dominican to dedicate Peace Pole

At a time when wars and violence rage throughout the world, the Regina Dominican community invites you to join them in a special prayer for peace. The school will celebrate the beginning of the 2005-2006 year by planting and dedicating a Peace Pole. The ceremony will take place on the school's front lawn, 701 Locust Road in Wilmette, on Thursday, September 1 at approximately 10:35 a.m. Community members are cordially invited to attend both the planting ceremony and the Back to School Liturgy, to be held that morning at 9:30 in the auditorium.

In inviting the community to the special dedication, Sister Adrienne Piennette, O.P. President, noted that the ceremony will be a reminder of the school's theme for the new school year, "making peace within our school community, our families, and beyond." She added that the eight-foot, four-sided pole will proclaim the prayer, "May peace prevail on Earth" in eight languages that are spoken by Regina Dominican students: Arabic; Hebrew; Tagalog, a language spoken in the Philippines; Korean; Polish; Gaelic; Spanish; and English.

As part of The Peace Pole Project, Regina Dominican joins 200,000 communities in 180 countries which have planted Peace Poles as silent monuments to peace. The World Peace Prayer Society was founded in Japan in 1955 by Masahisa Goi (1916-1980) in response to the devastation caused by World War II. The non-profit organization is dedicated to spreading the message of the prayer, "May Peace Prevail on Earth," and to the ultimate transformation of the world.

Regina Dominican, founded in 1958 by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, is a college-preparatory Catholic high school for young women. Its mission is to "foster academic excellence, truth, peace, and justice, while challenging each student to develop leadership for life and respect for all races, cultures, and faiths."