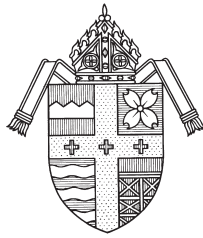


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## Dominican Sisters returning to Notre Dame High School

KNOXVILLE—Bishop Richard F. Stika of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville has announced that three Dominican Sisters will serve at Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, beginning in fall 2010.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, headquartered in Nashville, are a teaching order. The congregation—also called the Nashville Dominicans—will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding later this year.

The sisters are part of Notre Dame High School's history, said Deacon Sean Smith, chancellor for the Diocese of Knoxville, and served there at its founding in 1876. "The possibility of their return to the school has been a source of hope for the diocese and the Christian faithful of the Chattanooga area," he said. "I am grateful they have accepted Bishop Stika's invitation to send three of their sisters to Notre Dame in the fall of 2010."

Dominican Sisters currently serve at Knoxville Catholic High School and St. Mary School in Oak Ridge.

"The sisters' presence at our schools has been a tremendous blessing, for which the entire diocese is grateful," said Deacon Smith. "As the Dominican Sisters celebrate the 150th Jubilee of their congregation, Bishop Stika offers his prayers of gratitude and support for all their members."

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