

an immigrant
I was a ~~stranger~~
and you welcomed me.

Matt. 25:35

Jesus

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Soundings update

40 DAYS OF PRAYER, FASTING AND ADVOCACY — SEPTEMBER 9-OCTOBER 18, 2013

FAST Action For Immigration Reform

On Saturday, September 21, a day of prayer, fasting, and advocacy took place our Motherhouse. Several dozen sisters, associates, and friends joined with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious [LCWR] and the U.S. Catholic Bishops [USCCB] during this pivotal moment for comprehensive immigration reform. Our commitment to just and comprehensive immigration reform grows out of our recent Chapter Direction statement to "... respond in new ways to people who are poor and marginalized, especially immigrants..."

This event was part of a 40-day nationwide initiative by people of faith who believe in engaging communities in prayerful action in solidarity with those whose lives are directly impacted by our unjust immigration policies and who will be most impacted by reforms under consideration by policy makers. These faith-based groups seek immigration reform that reflects the best of our nation's values and helps to build stronger, more welcoming communities.

The day began and ended with prayer in the Motherhouse Chapel. In the interim, participants took turns standing outside the Motherhouse holding signs advocating for just immigration reform. Catherine Ginty, CSJ, was among the participants. As we processed outside for a time of public witness, she commented, "My parents would be proud to see me here today because this is who they were." Passersby waved and sounded their horns in affirmation of this public witness. Pedestrians stopped to talk and learn more.

This nationwide event began on September 9, when Congress returned from recess, and lasts until October 18. Individuals, congregations, and study groups are asked to sign up to participate in the fasting at <http://www.fastaction.us>.

This action also echoes the conviction of the U.S. Catholic bishops that now is the time to pass just and compassionate immigration reform. The bishops urge the 113th Congress to support immigration reform that

- ◆ Provides a path to citizenship for undocumented persons in the country
- ◆ Preserves family unity as a corner-stone of our national immigration system
- ◆ Provides legal paths for low-skilled immigrant workers to come and work in the United States
- ◆ Restores due process protections to our immigration enforcement policies
- ◆ Addresses the root causes (push factors) of migration, such as persecution and economic disparity.

To learn more about justice and compassionate immigration reform visit:

<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/> 

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PICTURED AT LEFT TOP TO BOTTOM: Catherine Ginty, CSJ, Helen Mary McGonagle, CSJ, Pat Underwood, CSJ, Judy Swett, CSJA, Marta Gonzalez, Pat Andrews, CSJ, Olga Viasus, CSJ, Claire Mommsey, CSJ.





Grief Support Series

The Women's Table will be hosting a 6-week Grief Series for those experiencing loss. This includes loss of a loved one through death, or significant transitions that affect one's "life story." This series will run for six consecutive Tuesday evenings, from October 1, 2013, through November 5, 2013. Each meeting will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Motherhouse. There is no cost for this series, however donations to The Women's Table are welcome. Please share this opportunity with friends and family.

Finding Your Voice through Writing

The Women's Table will be hosting a 6-week Writer's Workshop this fall. **Finding Your Voice through Writing** aptly describes this series, which is open to women from all walks of life. Past participants have said, "This has been a unique experience," or "I am among kindred spirits here; this has been a refuge for me." The series will meet on six consecutive Thursday mornings, beginning Oct. 17, 2013 and continuing through Nov. 21, 2013. Each session will be held at the Motherhouse. There is no charge for the workshop, however donations are welcome.

**To register for either of these workshops,
please call Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA, at: 617.746.2056.**



Saturday, October 5, 2013—8:00am-1:30pm
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

To Register Contact
Office of Worship and Spiritual Life
617-779-3640
or spiritual_development@rcab.org

Celebrate with us...

DARING to CONTINUE to DREAM

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston
invite you to celebrate the
140TH ANNIVERSARY
of our presence among the people of Boston
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2013 AT 2:00 P.M.

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saint Agatha Church, Milton, Massachusetts
Reception Following in Saint Agatha Parish Center

RSVP TO leanne.nassise@csjboston.org or 617.746.2029

*"Our growth in Christ is characterized
by a share in his life,
death, and resurrection.*
Constitution, Spirit & Purpose, #2

SISTER MARGARET M. CONCANNON, CSJ
(Sister Valentia)

Date of Birth: July 8, 1921
Date of Death: September 15, 2013
In the 74th year of her Religious Life.

SISTER MARY MCLAUGHLIN, CSJ
(Sister Lerina)

Date of Birth: July 18, 1927
Date of Death: September 20, 2013
In the 68th year of her Religious Life.

SISTER EUSEBIA CALLAHAN, CSJ
Date of Birth: March 22, 1913
Date of Death: September 24, 2013
In the 82nd year of her Religious Life.

MEMBERSHIP: 337

Dates to Remember

- OCT. 1, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- OCT. 4-5, FRI.-SAT. — ASSOCIATE GATHERING — Mount Carmel Villa, Nahant — call 617.746.1670 for details.
- OCT. 6, SUN., 2:00PM — DARING TO CONTINUE TO DREAM — CELEBRATION OF 140 YEARS — St. Agatha Parish Church, Milton, MA to RSVP — email leanne.nassise@csjboston.org call 716.746.2029 for details.
- OCT. 16, WED., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- OCT. 17, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome
- OCT. 24, THURS., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- OCT. 26, SAT., 9:00AM TO 12:30PM — CONGREGATION GATHERING — VATICAN II AND BEYOND — with Richard Gaillardetz — details to follow
- OCT. 27, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- NOV. 16, SAT., 11:45AM-4:00PM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING — at St. Joseph Hall and Bethany. — call 617.746.1670 for details.