



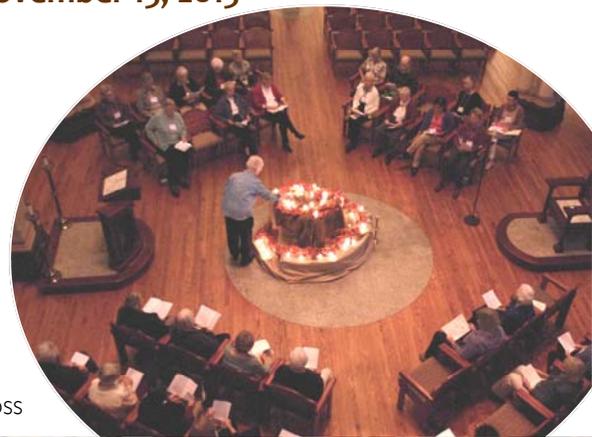
Working Together TOWARD Unity AND Healing in Our World

By Helen Sullivan, CSJ

I had been looking forward to it for months – two or three months, actually. It was the opportunity to be with justice and peace coordinators in CSSJ Congregations from across the country. The Federation Justice and Peace coordinators Fall Meeting took place from October 23 – 27, 2013 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Carondelet, St. Louis, Missouri.

As the invitation said, “We come together to explore how to live from that deep inner space of being willing to take risks and trusting in the Holy Spirit. Working together toward unity and healing of this world, we recognize that the challenge is how we understand the whole and listen deeply to everyone. Believing that each of us has her own piece, we continue to move along the spiral together, as one.”

Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, was present to guide us through a contemplative process that connected us deeply to our justice ministries and called us into action. For me, the meeting was a perfect opportunity to really get to know the other CSSJ justice coordinators. Now I’m already looking forward to next year’s meeting which will be in Minnesota at the Sisters of St. Joseph St. Paul Province. ≈



PICTURED ABOVE— Helen Sullivan, CSJ, lights candle during prayer service; CSSJ Justice and Peace Coordinators from congregations across the country — Helen is in upper right center.

CSJ 140th Celebrated during ACE Bus Tour Visit



The University of Notre Dame is on the road in support of quality education for every child. To celebrate its 20 years of service, the university’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) has launched the *Fighting for Our Children’s Future National Bus Tour* to raise awareness of the impact that K-12 schools have as agents of human formation and social transformation, and to celebrate the unique role that Catholic schools play in nurturing the soul of our nation.

On November 7, 2013, the tour made one of its two New England stops at St. Joseph Preparatory School. The purpose of the visit was to put a local focus on the gift of Catholic education nationally and to honor the contributions to education by the Sisters of St. Joseph during our 140 years in the greater Boston area. Fr. Sean McGraw, CSC, and Fr. Tim Scully, CSC, founder of the ACE program presented the Soren Award to the Sisters of St. Joseph for excellence in Catholic education. Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, as president, and Kathleen Carr, CSJ, who serves as Director of Planning and Operations for ACE Consulting a division of the ACE program, received the award in the name of the Congregation. Participating in the program were St. Joseph Prep students, faculty, and staff, graduates of the ACE program in the Boston area, as well as Sisters of St. Joseph some of whom are Notre Dame alumnae or are connected to Notre Dame in some way. ≈



PICTURED TOP TO BOTTOM: Bus Tour participants arrive at St. Joseph Prep.; Kathleen Carr, CSJ, Tim Scully, CSC, Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, and Sean McGraw, CSC, during the presentation of the Soren Award; a view of the assembly as three St. Joseph Prep students sing a selection from the school’s upcoming musical, “Once On This Island!”



Associates: Call, Charism, Challenge *By Carole Anne Scott, CSJA*

On Saturday, November 2, ten CSJ Associates, along with Associate Director, Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ, traveled to Mercy Medical Center in Springfield to attend the 19th annual meeting of New England Region Associates (NERA). They were joined by other sisters and associates from over a dozen congregations across the area. The full-day program focused on the topic, *"Associates: Call, Charism, Challenge."*

In the initial exercise, participants examined what being an associate has meant to them, sketching or writing about their journey, and recalling those events that have been particularly meaningful and inspirational to them. They then focused on how God is calling them to use their gifts in service to others.

As a final exercise, participants worked in small groups to name any obstacles that might prevent them from fully living out the charism. Among the traits that surfaced were fear, aging, illness, cultural forces, societal pressure, family obligations, and self-centeredness. Returning to the wider circle, participants then discussed possible antidotes to these negative feelings.

The inspiring music of Kathy Sherman, CSJ, was used extensively in the prayer services. The lyrics to her song, *"Let us walk... let us dream... let us hope by the light of the star ... We'll be one by the light of the star..."* made for a spirited closing prayer service. All those attending left the conference with hearts grateful for the experiences presented and for the new friendships forged by the depth of the group sharing. ≈



PICTURED CLOCKWISE: Associates Mary Rita Weschler, June Cieri, Elise Cheverie, Kathy Tighe, Joanne Murphy, Margaret Lelakes, Judy Swett, Carole Anne Scott, Joanne Mauldin, Michele Audet, and Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ; June Cieri, CSJA and Judy Swett, CSJA during a table discussions with other participants.

World Series Wager Fulfilled — CSJ Style

It should surprise no one that the World Series wager between the Boston and St. Louis Sisters of St. Joseph was fulfilled in style at the 2013 CSSJ Leadership Assembly. On Friday afternoon, the entire group took a few minutes to witness the presentation of \$101.00 promised by the St. Louis CSJ Provincial Leadership Team for Bakhita House.

As a "consolation prize," the Boston CSJ Leadership Team presented the St. Louis Sisters with a Red Sox pennant, a baseball signed by Larry Lucchino, and \$101.00 toward their ministry in Uganda — all in the spirit of inclusive love! ≈



PICTURED ABOVE: The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet/St. Louis Provincial Team receive their "consolation prizes" from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston; Patty Clune, CSJ, graciously accepts a Red Sox baseball from Rosemary Brennan, CSJ. **PICTURED LOWER RIGHT:** A close up of the baseball signed by Larry Lucchino.



Dates to Remember

- NOV. 12, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- NOV. 12, TUES., 6:30PM — EVOLVING CONSCIOUSNESS GATHERING — the evening will include a viewing of Ilia Delio's LCWR talk: "Relationship between Cosmology, Theology and the God of Evolution."
- NOV. 16, SAT., 11:45AM-4:00PM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING — at St. Joseph Hall & Bethany. — call 617.746.1670 for details.
- NOV. 17, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- NOV. 21, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome
- NOV. 26, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- DEC. 1, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- DEC. 2, MON., 5:30PM — COMMEMORATION OF THE WOMEN MARTYRS OF EL SALVADOR — Details to Follow
- DEC. 3, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- DEC. 8, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- DEC. 11, WED., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- DEC. 12, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome
- DEC. 19, THURS., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- DEC. 22, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome

