

Soundings update



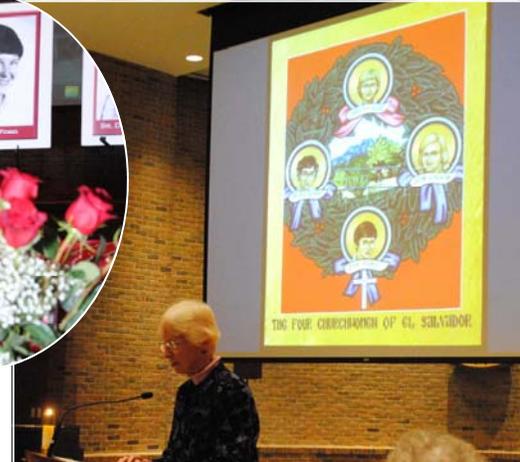
We Remember & Celebrate the Women of El Salvador

Their laughter is silent now. Their voices of concern can no longer be heard. Sporadic gunfire invades the stillness of the afternoon. Their energy is not visible now. And there is sorrow in the eyes of those who loved them. Thirty-three years ago their passing away seemed utter destruction, but they are in peace. Eternal peace.

This evening we gather here in time and space, but we connect with them regardless of time. We connect with them any time - as they are today - in a new way. No longer are they just those young, brave, inspired holy women; they are something more - the more. And so, they are with us this evening - a dynamic presence - available to us now, or whenever we think of them and hold them in our hearts. May our prayer this evening be a conscious welcoming of these five women into our midst - here in this chapel - and may we thoroughly enjoy their presence!

With this inspiring reflection, Helen Sullivan, CSJ, welcomed those who gathered to remember and celebrate the lives and legacy of the Churchwomen who died in El Salvador in 1980. In 1981, the Salvadoran Humanitarian Aid, Research, and Education Foundation, otherwise known as SHARE, was founded in Washington, D.C. Their mission today is to strengthen solidarity with and among the Salvadoran people in El Salvador and the United States as they struggle for justice, human and civil rights, and economic sustainability.

One of the ways SHARE fulfills this mission is by inviting delegations of different groups of people to El Salvador. The delegations have provided a unique opportunity to accompany Salvadorans as they remember their past and confront current struggles. During the past decade, seven Sisters of St. Joseph and two CSJ Associates have been part of these delegations. And so, 33 years later, on December 2, 2013, we gathered to honor their memory and support the ongoing work of SHARE. In the words of Jon Sobrino, SJ, "Christ is present here in the person of these women. He is Maura, Ita, Carla, Dorothy, and Jean. But He is risen, too, in these same women, and he keeps the hope of liberation alive... Yes, their deaths fill us with sorrow and indignation. And yet, our last word must be: Thank you. In Maura, Ita, Carla, Dorothy, and Jean, God has visited El Salvador. ≈



PICTURED ACROSS TOP: — Ann McNeil, CSJ, leads the assembly in danced prayer with "Song for Martyrs" by Carolyn McDade; Anne Rudser, a long-time friend of Ita Ford's family joined in the service and presented the candles in memory of Ita; There was an opportunity to offer donations to the SHARE Foundation. To the right of the basket is a bandana that belonged to Maura Clark which she gave her friend Patricia Keefe, CSJ. **AT RIGHT-TOP TO BOTTOM:** Mary Anne Doyle, CSJ, was among those who presented a candle in memory of the martyrs; Roses given by Ita Ford's sister-in-law for this service; Helen Sullivan, CSJ, during the procession honoring the women martyrs of El Salvador.



PICTURED ABOVE:
Franny Wool, CSJ, set up a Christmas wonderland at the December 3, 2013, Dear Neighbor Gifts sale at Bethany Health Care Center. Bethany residents, staff, and St. Joseph Hall residents enjoyed the opportunity for Christmas shopping.

Dear Neighbor Gifts Christmas Sale Days! at Motherhouse

MOTHERHOUSE DINING ROOM, BRIGHTON
Wednesday, December 11, 2013
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM & 4:00-5:15pm
Saturday, December 14, 2013
1:30 – 3:30PM

Sale table: selection of books, cards, cds, and novelty items
Christmas: Cards from Printery House
 Christmas novelty items
 Willow Tree Nativities and Holy Family plaques
Limited Edition: Red Sox Greeting Cards

AN INVITATION FROM LCWR REGION I BOSTON UNIT ANTI-TRAFFICKING COALITION



JOIN IN A Prayer Vigil TO COMMEMORATE THE SIXTH ANNUAL Human Trafficking Awareness Day

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2014 ♦ 1:00 P.M. —2:00 P.M. ♦ OUTSIDE [AND INSIDE] MOTHERHOUSE

We will gather in our Motherhouse Chapel. ♦ Warm beverages and cookies served after the vigil.

This year our Prayer Vigil for Human Trafficking Awareness Day will be

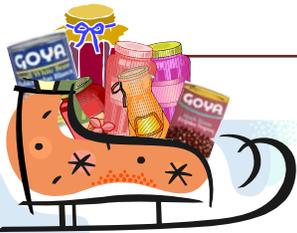
IN Memory of Carole Lombard, CSJ,

who worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the crime of human trafficking

Prayer vigils from previous years pictured above.

On December 14, as we come together for our **Advent-Christmas Gathering**, please consider helping us out with a donation of either a jar of jelly or a can of black, red, or white kidney beans. We will have boxes at the front door of the Motherhouse.

As always, we thank you for your help and support. **Olga Viasus, CSJ & Sr. Jelly aka Pat Quinn, CSJ**



Dates to Remember

- DEC. 11, 11:30AM-1:00PM & 4:00PM-5:30PM— DEAR NEIGHBOR CHRISTMAS SALE — Motherhouse
- DEC. 11, WED., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- DEC. 12, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome
- DEC. 14, SAT., 1:30-3:30PM— DEAR NEIGHBOR CHRISTMAS SALE — Motherhouse
- DEC. 14, SAT., 2:00-5:00PM — ADVENT-CHRISTMAS GATHERING
- DEC. 19, THURS., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- DEC. 22, SUN., 10:00AM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- DEC. 24, TUES., 7:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY – All welcome
- JAN. 11, SAT., 9:00AM-1:00PM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING — Motherhouse
- JAN. 11, SAT., 1:00-2:00PM — PRAYER VIGIL FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY — Motherhouse
- JAN. 16, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome
- JAN. 25, SAT., 9:30AM-12:30PM — CONGREGATION GATHERING — MEMBERSHIP IN THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH —Pat Bergen, CSJ