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Human Trafficking Awareness Day Prayer Vigil Honors the Memory of Carole Lombard, CSJ

Each year the Anti-Trafficking Coalition of the Boston Unit of LCWR has hosted a Prayer Vigil to commemorate National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. In 2007, the U.S. Senate designated January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Those who gathered at our Motherhouse joined in solidarity with thousands of people across the country to raise awareness of sexual slavery and human trafficking worldwide.

A special part of this year's vigil was to honor the memory of Carole Lombard, CSJ, who labored tirelessly to eradicate human trafficking by engaging and inspiring others, educating people from all walks of life, and advocating for just legislation to combat and eliminate human trafficking. Carole was a founding member of the Boston Anti-Trafficking Coalition [ATC] and a public advocate for Massachusetts legislation on behalf of victims and survivors of human trafficking. She was a major participant in the six-year effort to support the passage of anti-trafficking legislation passed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on November 21, 2011.

During the vigil, a glass etching designed by Adela Rodriguez, CSJ, acknowledging Carole's efforts was presented to Bakhita House, a safe house for women who are victims of human trafficking. In presenting this memorial, Mary Lou Simcoe, SUSC, stated, "There wasn't a request to attend a workshop, take on a speaking engagement, or attend an anti-trafficking event to which Carole could say 'no'. She was totally committed to educating, informing, and supporting any effort to end this grave social evil." Carole was a founding member of the task force which established Bakhita House. Pat McSharry, SNDdeN, also a member of this task force, received the memorial etching for Bakhita House. She said, "Carole was a woman attentive to all forms of injustice but very involved in the issue of human trafficking in recent years. I am convinced that she continues to advocate for the women of Bakhita House."

Roman Catholic women religious have been key leaders in the national and international movement to stop human trafficking. In the past several years, the Boston area ATC has sponsored six symposia each attended by well over 200 participants who want to be part of the initiative to end this crime against humanity. Another symposium addressing the issue of Human Trafficking is planned for April 2014. ☞

Read more about this vigil in the [News and Events section of our website](#).

PICTURED IN MASTHEAD: Participants gathered in the CSJ Motherhouse Chapel and on the sidewalk outside the CSJ Motherhouse during Prayer Vigil for National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. **RIGHT TOP TO BOTTOM:** Participants process outside; Pat McSharry, SNDdeN receives glass etching for Bakhita House in memory of Carole Lombard, CSJ; Carole Lombard, CSJ, at a 2011 Anti-Trafficking Symposium; Claire Archambault, CSJ, during the Prayer Vigil; Sister Pat McSharry shows the glass etching to Sisters Pat Keefe, Catherine Ginty, Carmela Abbruzzese, and Roberta Ristuccia; Adela Rodriguez, CSJ, at work in her studio creating a glass etching.



Annual Visit to Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center

By Linda Boothroyd, CSJA

On Saturday, December 7, three sisters and eleven associates joined Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ, in our annual visit to Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center. This yearly pilgrimage has become a very special part of the Advent/Christmas season for us. Gifts for the clients are collected over several weeks and we are always amazed by the incredible generosity of the Associate family.

Part of our charism calls us to reach out to the dear neighbor without distinction and that is clearly manifest in our visit. We are the only group who visits these special people during the holiday season. It is really a spiritual journey as we share songs, gifts, personal journeys, smiles, tears and love with the men and women who reside there. It is so evident how much our visit means to them and we are always deeply touched by our meeting.

Clients later enjoy wonderful baked goods provided by sisters and associates. Greeting staff is like greeting old family members. The love and respect of staff and clients for Sister Kathleen is so evident. There is a peaceful gratitude when we leave and carry in our hearts and prayer the faces and names of those we have met. ☺



PICTURED ABOVE: CSJ associates and sisters with a staff member of Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center during their December 2013 visit.

Dates to Remember

- JAN. 22, WED., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- JAN. 25, SAT., 9:30AM-12:30PM — CONGREGATION GATHERING
— MEMBERSHIP IN THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH — Pat Bergen, CSJ
- JAN. 26, SUN., 10:00AM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- FEB. 2, SUN., 10:00AM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- FEB. 6, THURS., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- FEB. 8, SAT., 12:30-3:30PM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING
— “PRAYING TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY,”
— Fontbonne Convent Milton
- FEB. 9, SUN., 10:00AM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- FEB. 11, TUES., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- FEB. 13, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse
— All Welcome
- FEB. 19, WED., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- FEB. 24, MON., 6:30-8:00PM – EVOLVING CONSCIOUSNESS CONVERSATION
– Motherhouse Chapel — All welcome
- FEB. 27, THURS., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- MARCH. 8, SAT., 9:30AM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING
— Motherhouse Brighton [snow date: Sunday, March 9]
- MARCH 15, SAT., 9:30AM-2:30PM — CONGREGATION GATHERING
STEWARDSHIP AND FUTURE PLANNINGFOR CSJs – Details to follow.

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SISTER BERNADETTE RODLEY, CSJ

Date of Birth: April 2, 1924

Date of Death: January 7, 2014

In the 68th year of her Religious Life.



SISTER MARGARET LOWELL, CSJ

(Sister Gertrude Marie)

Date of Birth: March 18, 1928

Date of Death: January 14, 2014

In the 68th year of her Religious Life.

MEMBERSHIP: 334



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