

Soundings^{update}

NEW MEMBER ELECTED TO CSJ ASSOCIATE TEAM

“We journey together into the unknown and spirit-filled future.”

On Saturday, March 8, our CSJ associates gathered in Brighton for the final step of their election process. After discernment, reflection and sharing, Kathy Tighe, CSJA, was elected to join Linda Boothroyd, CSJA, and Mary Ellen O’Connell, CSJ as part of the Associate Leadership Team. The Penthouse was alive with the presence of 37 associates as well as the support of two associate candidates and 15 Sisters of St. Joseph who journey with our associates as mentors, friends, and companions. Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, congratulated Kathy and thanked all who participated in the process. On Monday, the Leadership Team affirmed the election results.

We are grateful for the prayers and support from all of the community during the past few months as the associates participated in the affirmation, discernment, and election process. The Spirit was with our associates throughout the day. How grateful all of the associates are for the willingness of Marianne Miller, CSJA, and Elise Cheverie, CSJA, for their participation throughout the election! As an expression of gratitude for their openness and generous hearts, Maureen Doherty, CSJ, presented Kathy, Marianne, and Elise with flowers. How blessed the Associates are! How blessed the Congregation is to have such wonderful candidates! A special word of thanks goes to all of the affirmees who, though called by their peers, felt that this was not the time to remain in the process. Let us all continue to celebrate our entire “Family of Joseph”, as we journey together into the unknown and spirit-filled future.



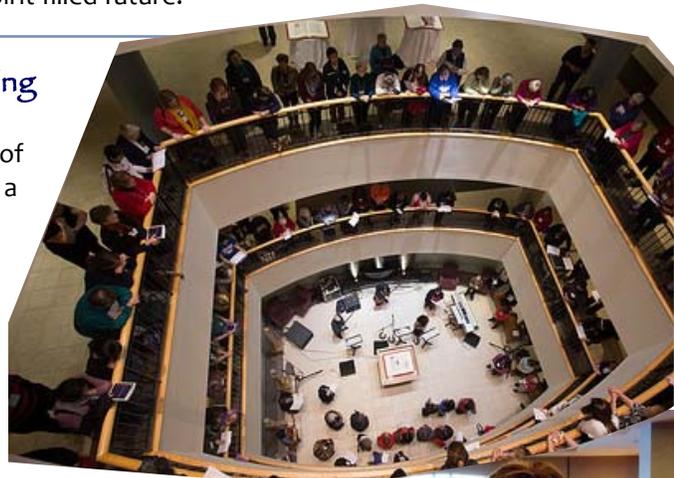
NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK: *The Start of a New Beginning*

National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) was launched the second week of March as part of National Women’s History Month. Its goal is to shine a national spotlight on the good works and good will of Catholic sisters. As explained on our website and in a previous issue of Soundings Update, this initiative is made possible through a grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The plan is to bring national visibility to the contributions of women religious, whose far-reaching work on the frontlines of social change, women’s leadership, healthcare, education and the Church remains relatively unknown.

As part of NCSW, a national campaign called **SISTERStory** was launched.

SISTERStory aims to broaden awareness of Catholic sisters. Who are Catholic sisters? What are their lives like? What impact have they had over the course of American history? What difference do they make today? The intention is to demystify religious life – the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the experience of living in community, the desire to belong totally to God – by sharing the stories of Catholic sisters. Betsy Conway, CSJ, and Jackie Salas, a senior at Regis College, were among those who participated in the March 8, 2014, storytelling session at St. Catherine University in St. Paul. The process involved connecting sisters with young women to share their impressions in an authentic, first-person 20-something voice.

Of this experience Betsy remarked, “Hearing the voices of the young women and the sisters singing together in prayer was very uplifting. The energy and enthusiasm of the two groups together was dynamic.” Jackie Salas comments, “We all came from different places, sharing different charisms, but the common thread that ran through each of us was the passion to spread God’s great love. The weekend was beautiful and was just the start to a new beginning!”



PICTURED TOP TO BOTTOM: Kathy Tighe, CSJA, Linda Boothroyd, CSJA, and Mary Ellen O’Connell, CSJ, receive a blessing from associates gathered during their election weekend; associates during the discernment process; Opening prayer during National Catholic Sisters Week gathering; Jackie Salas and Betsy Conway, CSJ, at the NCSW gathering.

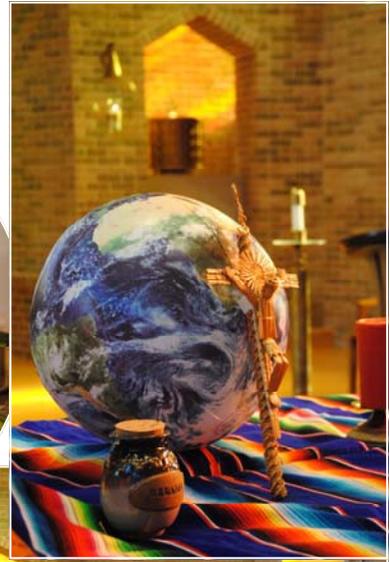
Prayer & Fasting for Just & Comprehensive Immigration Reform

“Heart of God, full of mercy, watch over our sister and brother immigrants. Protect them from harm even as they suffer mistreatment and humiliation on their way. Break open our hearts to embrace them and the gift they are to our communities.” With these words we began our March 9, 2014, gathering of prayer and fasting for immigration reform.

In the material that was distributed prior to our celebration of National Migration Week, we read the words of Bishop Wester, that "fasting is a reminder of our hunger for God." As sisters and associates we were invited to consider ways in which we might join in a rolling fast until such time as just immigration reform measures are passed by Congress.

This prayer on the first Sunday of Lent was an appropriate time to be in touch with our God-hunger and to reflect on the many kinds of hunger experienced by our immigrant families. Participants viewed the brief but powerful video, “Chicken Ala Carte” by Ferdinand Dimadura which speaks about world hunger and its connection to the root cause of immigration issues. Pat Andrews, CSJ, reflected on the video in light of compelling statistics about immigration reform and explained Merriam-Webster’s fourth definition for hunger is “to have a strong desire for and to do something.” She asked, “Where is the hunger for justice? Do we have a thirst for justice to ‘do something’ as this definition suggests.”

The prayer was followed by a simple meal of soup and bread prepared and served by Olga Viasus, CSJ, Rose Canney, CSJ, and other members of the CSJ Immigration Committee.



PICTURED CLOCKWISE: Sisters Olga Viasus, and Rose Canney prepare soup from a Viasus family recipe; Two views of chapel during the prayer; Sisters Rose Canney, Olga Viasus, Maureen Doherty, and Pat Andrews serve the soup. Sister Gerry Shea, pictured in foreground, was a participant; Sisters Barbara Loud and Catherine Ginty serve soup to Sisters Lee Hogan, Mary Scanlon, and Helen Mary McGonagle.



Online readers are encouraged to follow this link to Chicken Ala Carte on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGNmvNlqglY>

Dates to Remember

- MARCH 18, TUES., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- MARCH 19, WED., — 7:00PM-ST. JOSEPH DAY LITURGY — Motherhouse
— reply to Leanne.nassise@csjboston.org or 716.746.2029 before March 14, 2014
- MARCH 23, SUN., 10:00AM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- MARCH 24, MON., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- APRIL 3, THURS., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- APRIL 5, SAT., 9:30 AM - 12:30 P.M. — CONGREGATION GATHERING
— CSJ MAXIMS ~ LOVE'S DESIGN FOR THE NOW with Marcia Allen, CSJ
- APRIL 7, MON., 6:30PM — CONSCIOUSNESS CONVERSATION — Motherhouse Penthouse
— Details to follow
- APRIL 9, WED., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- APRIL 10, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome
- APRIL 13 PALM SUN., 10:00AM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- APRIL 17 – 5:30PM: HOLY THURSDAY – EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
- APRIL 18 – 5:30PM GOOD FRIDAY – CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- APRIL 19 – 7:30PM: EASTER VIGIL

“Keep an ever free heart...”
Maxims of the Little Institute #53

SISTER MURA MAGUIRE, CSJ

Date of Birth: October 23, 1923
Date of Death: March 3, 2014
In the 71st year of her Religious Life.

MEMBERSHIP: 331

