



CONGREGATION GATHERING: CSSJ Maxims ~ Love's Design for the Now

After spending Friday, April 4, with the Mission Effective Facilitators for our Sponsored Ministries and Congregation Ministries, Marcia Allen, CSJ/Concordia, was the keynote speaker at our April 5, 2014, Congregation Gathering. Marcia's focus: "*CSSJ Maxims ~ Love's Design for the Now*" began with references to the six virtues described in the *Règlements* of Jean Pierre Médaille, SJ, as "The Goal of the Association". Marcia commented that "there is no sense talking about the Maxims until we've done something about these 6 virtues." Because both documents, were written in the mid-seventeenth century, Marcia began by demystifying some of the archaic language of that era. During the time for table reflection and sharing Marcia invited us to contemplate together:

- Who are we as a community fully one; in union with the creatureliness around us?
- What characteristics reveal this? What values? What suffering? What joy?
- How do we witness to living out Maxim 1: immersion in the aim of our vocation through, modesty, gentleness and holiness? These, she explained, are the fundamentals for hospitality.

A special gift of the day was a personal copy of "*The Maxims of the Little Institute in Haiku*" by Frances Agnes Blake, CSJ. These Maxim Haikus have been posted each Sunday in CSJ and Associate News but are now available in a manner suited for personal reflection.

At the end of the morning, Kathleen Carr, CSJ, outlined details of our **Congregation Planning Process** in response to our 2011 Chapter Call: **to discern together with wisdom and imagination for the future of the sisters of St. Joseph**. During the next 18 months, this process, to which we are all invited, is aimed at articulating a plan to sustain, revitalize, and transform our life with the dear neighbor without distinction. Kathy explained that some parts may be challenging, others more comfortable. But together we can develop the best plan to inform and shape our CSJ future. ↪

THE WOMEN'S TABLE: Connecting Neighbor with Neighbor in Allston/Brighton

After 18 months of preparation, the owners of [Glenville Stops](#), Allston's newest restaurant, found a unique way to thank those who helped with the massive renovations and planning process. Owners Mike and Fred Chapman invited over 70 contractors, vendors, neighbors, and friends who had assisted in creating this welcoming neighborhood eatery. When they told their colleague, Joshua Krefetz, esq., that they also wanted the evening to benefit a small local non-profit group, he suggested The Women's Table. The "Thank You" dinner that took place on April 3 became an opportunity to tell the story of The Women's Table to those who gathered. Proceeds from this event will benefit The Women's Table.

In addition, don't forget that The Women's Table celebrates its five-year anniversary with a cocktail reception on April 30. For tickets and details, visit <http://thewomenstable.org/upcoming-programs/> ↪



PICTURED TOP RIGHT TO LEFT: Marcia Allen, CSJ, Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, Suzanne Bradford, CSJA, Frances Agnes Blake, CSJ, Marianne Miller, CSJA, Pat Boyle, CSJ, Kathy Tighe, CSJA in background; Kathleen Carr, CSJ, describes the Congregation planning process. **PICTURED AT RIGHT:** Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ, The Women's Table Board member; Fred and Mike Chapman, Owners of Glenville Stops, and Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA; Mary Rita with Josh Krefetz [far right] with another guest.



ANTI-TRAFFICKING COALITION

If you don't think human trafficking happens in your zip code, think again.

On Saturday, April 12 the Boston Unit of the LCWR Anti-Trafficking Coalition hosted a **S.O.A.P Outreach Campaign** led by its founder, Theresa Flores. SOAP Outreach is a hands-on, action orientated initiative aimed at broadening awareness of hotel/motel managers and owners of the local reality of human trafficking in the Boston Area.

How did the SOAP Outreach Campaign get started? On her worst night, being auctioned off to nearly two dozen men in a dingy, dirty, inner city motel, Ms. Flores recalled the only item that would have reached out to her, a bar of soap with which to clean up. With that in mind, she created SOAP-Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution. Since its founding, SOAP, an Ohio based group, has partnered with the non-profit, Be FREE Dayton to distribute thousands of bars soap labeled with a red band that gives the National Human Trafficking Hotline number (888.3737.888) and key identifying questions to high-risk motels.

On Saturday, over 70 participants wrapped thousands of bars of soap, prepared them for distribution, and traveled to approximately 40 area hotels. There they spoke with hotel managers about human trafficking and asked that they make the soap available in their hotels. During the packaging process, Theresa offered suggestions on how to approach hotel managers and shared her story as a survivor of human trafficking. 100,000 American youth are being trafficked right now. The average age of entry into prostitution in the US is 12-14 years of age. Theresa emphasized that there is no such thing as teen prostitution. If you are under 18, you are a trafficking victim. As the second leading crime worldwide and in US, human trafficking is an epidemic. For more information visit: www.traffickfree.com.

PICTURED AT TOP: Theresa Flores speaks to participants as they prepare soap for distribution; Marilyn Audit, Helen Sullivan, CSJ, and Helene Higgins, CSJ, go over directions to hotels; Students from Boston University work with sisters to wrap and package soap; Mariagrazia LaFaucia carries cartons of soap to cars. Bernadette Kenney, CSJ, Anna Maria, and Jo Perico, CSJ, work together preparing the soap.

Dates to Remember

- APRIL 22, TUES., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- APRIL 30, WED. 5:00-7:00PM — A PLACE AT THE WOMEN'S TABLE
Celebrating five years [Visit our website for tickets](#) and ways to support The Women's Table.
- MAY 1, THURS. 7:00PM — ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
— ASSOCIATE COMMITMENT LITURGY
- MAY 1, THURS. — VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION — registration due to marytheresa.o'reilly@csjboston.org
- MAY 3, SAT. 1:30PM — JACKSON WALNUT PARK CSJ 140TH CELEBRATION
Save the Date, Details to follow
- MAY 7, WED. 7:00PM — EVENING PRAYER TO CELEBRATE OUR YEARS OF MINISTRY WITH THE PRIESTS & BROTHERS OF THIS ARCHDIOCESE
- MAY 15, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MOTHERHOUSE & FONTBONNE CONVENT

APRIL 17 – HOLY THURSDAY

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

5:30PM: Motherhouse, Brighton

6:30PM: Fontbonne Convent, Milton

APRIL 18 – GOOD FRIDAY

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

2:30-2:45PM: SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST— Ecumenical Prayer & Procession stops at Motherhouse Chapel

3:00PM: Fontbonne Convent, Milton

5:30PM: Motherhouse, Brighton

APRIL 19 – EASTER VIGIL

7:00PM: Motherhouse, Brighton

7:00PM: Fontbonne Convent, Milton