



Earth Committee Retreat by Maryann Enright, CSJ

On the first weekend of May the Earth Committee met in Nahant for its annual retreat/planning gathering and we certainly were the recipients of the best weather to date. Our opening prayer was planned for outdoors and we basked in the warm morning sun as we gathered by the brick wall to build our Cairn. Traditionally, cairns have been constructed to memorialize fallen comrades or simply to indicate reverence for the natural world. Today, the cairn reflects our appreciation of the interdependence of all creation. We began our sharing by first naming the former members of our committee who have died: Loretto Hegarty, Carole Lombard, Margaret McGarry and Carol Ann Powers. Our Cairn grew by layers when we began naming the species rendered extinct by human activity. There are stones available for you to add to the cairn anytime you are at Nahant. ↪

Sharing our Struggles, Embracing our Hope by Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ & Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA

The National Association of Catholic Chaplains held their 2014 conference in St. Louis, Missouri from May 17 -20. This conference is held annually and provides current trends and new directions in healthcare for its chaplain members. This year, Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ and Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA were invited to present their self-care program entitled *"Sharing our Struggles, Embracing our Hope A Self-Care Program for Healthcare Staff"*.

For the past five years, this program has been a collaborative project between the Chaplain's office of the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, an agency of the Massachusetts Dept. of Mental Health and our own Women's Table. Kathy and Mary Rita created and developed a six-week self-care program for personnel from various disciplines of the center. During the past five years, many staff have participated in this program which met every other week for a three-month period.

The program's purpose is to support staff that routinely care for others by creating a safe, non-judgmental space to discuss issues, hopes, and concerns. Participants can speak without interruption and understand that caring for others can sometimes lead to increased stress and burnout. As part of our program, those attending experience a self-care circle and are able to build relationships and trust among one another.

At the conference in St. Louis, Kathy and Mary Rita presented this program as a ministry of collaboration and unity. They shared with the participants that the program's beginnings were based on relationship, an earmark of our Congregation, and that relationships between the Center, The Women's Table, and the Center's administration and direct care staff were a major benefit of the program. Those attending also experienced a self-care circle and the process and dynamics of the program.

Chaplains were encouraged to see their ministry as one which could highly influence staff development, build community and unity as well as deepen spiritual growth. It is hoped that others might re-create this program in their own venues so that spirituality, community, unity, and reconciliation might be nurtured and stress and burnout lessened within health care settings. ↪

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Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ, and Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA during the 2014 National Catholic Chaplains Convention in St. Louis, MO.

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Associates Gather to Pray, Share, and Celebrate

On Saturday, May 17, associates gathered with many faithful CSJ companions to reflect on the seeds of God's inclusive love that are nurtured, watered, and fed within us and then burst out to carry on the CSJ charism that lies at the heart of all we do. Many reiterated the importance of a deep personal prayer life – the root of ministry. Over this past year, the Strategic Planning Committee has developed plans for the next 3-5 years, carrying forward the Associate Vision Statement (based on our CSJ Vision Statement). Our reflection included: How will I embrace the seeds of God's love in my heart? As pilgrims on the journey how will I dare to dream of my mission; dare to explore and discover what will make my seeds blossom and come to full bloom? As usual, the quiet reflection and deep personal sharing were profound. What a fitting fulfillment to our May I Recommitment to Associate Life - mission and ministry!

Later, all joined in a celebratory cook-out and wonderful "Thank you" to June Cieri for her leadership over the past few years.

Nancy Santangelo thanked June for her hard work, her commitment to the associates and for her presence to each person and event. As June moves to Washington, DC with her husband and his new job, we are grateful for the ways in which she has brought our charism to life among the associates, in The Literacy Connection, by her support of all CSJ activities, and through her presence among us. June is determined to continue to be present at associate gatherings and to bring our charism of unity, reconciliation, and unconditional love to those with whom she relates in Washington. ☺



What are Agrégées?

Come to an **Agrégées Information Gathering** for sisters, associates and other interested women. Three brief gatherings will be held to gain insight, to share wisdom and to spark the flame for this new moment in our Boston CSJ History:

- ◇ Thursday, June 5 - 5:30 -Motherhouse (Penthouse)
- ◇ Thursday, June 12 - 2:00 -St. Joseph Hall
- ◇ Saturday, June 14 - 10:00 - Fontbonne Convent

Come for information, to share your ideas, to spread the word to others...

RSVP to dorothy.harrington@csjboston.org or 617.746.2044

L-R TOP TO BOTTOM: June Cieri, CSJA, Linda Boothroyd, CSJA, Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ;
FOREGROUND: Mary Gaudet, CSJA, Jean Plausky, CSJ, Nan Bouché, CSJA, Marianne Miller, CSJA, Nancy Santangelo, CSJA, Sarah Barrett, CSJA.

FAR LEFT: A cake was shared in gratitude for and celebration of June Cieri, CSJA, as she concludes her time on the CSJA Leadership Team.

Dates to Remember

MAY 31, SAT., WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY offered by Mount Alumnae Association at St. Joseph Prep. For more information visit <http://www.saintjosephprep.org/> or call 617.254.1510. There is no charge but registration is necessary.

JUNE 1, SUN., 10:00AM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome

JUNE 1, SUN., 2:00PM - THE LITERACY CONNECTION: CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

— call 617.746.2100 if you are able to attend

JUNE 7, SAT., 12:00PM – CONGREGATION PICNIC — RSVP by 5/30/14 to leanne.nassese@csjboston.org or 617.746.2029

JUNE 8, SUN., 10:30AM – DONOR APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

— rsvp by 6/1/14 to cheryl.duggan@csjboston.org or call 617.746.2114

JUNE 18, WED., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome

JUNE 19, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse

JUNE 26, THURS., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome

"Keep an ever free heart..."

Maxims of the Little Institute #53

SISTER VIRGINIA MARIE MURRAY, CSJ

Sister Dennis Marie

Date of Birth: October 4, 1928

Date of Death: May 15, 2014

In the 67th year of her Religious Life.

SISTER MARIE AGNES DOYLE, CSJ

Sister Candida

Date of Birth: May 10, 1927

Date of Death: May 17, 2014

In the 70th year of her Religious Life.

SISTER MARIA DELANEY, CSJ

Date of Birth: June 13, 1928

Date of Death: May 20, 2014

In the 67th year of her Religious Life.

MEMBERSHIP: 326