

# Soundings update

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## Fontbonne Convent: New Beginnings

By Mary McGilvray, CSJ; photography by Kathy Maguire, CSJ

On September 10; Fontbonne Convent's dining room was the site of an enjoyable evening for 44 sisters. The occasion was a celebration of the melding of the Springfield SSJs with the Boston CSJs. After opening remarks by Dorothea Masuret, CSJ, singing accompanied by a pianist with a mobile keyboard set the mood for fun and frolic. Among selections by Alice Kenney, SSJ were "OVER THERE" transformed to "WE ARE HERE". "IT'S A LONG LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY" made reference to the distance between Bethany and Milton. Borrowing from this tune, the SSJs described their maiden voyage from Milton to Bethany via the maze of routes 93/95 and 128 all wrapped into one.

Christiana Cronin, CSJ, changed the words of "EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE" to "Boston, Springfield, at Fontbonne we are one. We sing our Alleluias, and we're out to have some fun. Old and older together; watch out for those walkers and canes As we shuffle the halls of Fontbonne, we are ready to start again."

In the manner of Laurel and Hardy, two sisters performed a skit called "WINE IN ROME." With stemmed glasses in hand they pantomimed their version of events in Rome, which led to the joining of our two communities.

MUSING ON COMMUNITY LIFE, which followed was a reflection on the choices made in our youth, of our life-long commitment to serving The Lord and His people, and the fact that in our later years "We are not alone". We are two communities made one by circumstances and in bonding, each has enriched the other. ♡



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT; TOP TO BOTTOM: Loretta Scarlet, SSJ at the keyboard; Ann Marie Ghiloni, CSJ, Mary Lou McCarthy, CSJ, Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, and Eunice Condrick, CSJ; Alice Kenney, SSJ and Lorraine Quinn, CSJ, enjoying an exchange of stories; the SSJs singing of their New Beginnings; Mary Alves, CSJ, enjoys the celebratory meal

# The Joseph Conversation Movement by Margaret Lelakes, CSJA

SEPTEMBER 2014 ASSOCIATE GATHERING



As associates gathered in the chapel on September 13, we were welcomed by Judy Swett, CSJA, and Kathy Tighe, CSJA, who presented the

morning program: *CSSJ Charism, Mission,*

*Movement...Joseph Conversation Movement.* After the opening prayer, they shared a video segment from the January presentation by Pat Bergen, CSJ, as a starting point to listen, reflect, relate, and question. A power point presentation of the Charism and Spirituality of CSSJ as a Movement followed.

After time for contemplation, we returned to our Joseph Circles where thoughts, hopes, and dreams for the future of the associate program were recorded. Each circle reported what they deemed important to continue the conversation of daring to dream for the future.

Everything we do affects other people. It flows from who we are and how God is calling us to the live the CSJ mission and charism among the dear neighbor as we work or volunteer in congregation ministries, enter into personal family responsibilities, or serve our neighborhood communities in joyful and loving ways. We are able to come together in prayer and not be afraid to speak or hear with a listening heart. Through fidelity to prayer, we discern local and world issues in an effort to make a difference.

We are also learning that social media and the internet offer ways to communicate by inviting others to meetings, sharing our mission, highlighting our sponsored programs, and more. Associates were encouraged to visit the CSJ Boston website for frequent updates and continue to share what we do on our own Facebook page.

For more than 25 years, associates have continued to deepen relationships with sisters by getting to know vowed members in loving, respectful ways. We are walking with them as they discern their future and our own as CSJ associates. As one associate reminded us, "The lace is not finished though the charism goes on." ✍



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT; TOP TO BOTTOM: Joseph Conversation Circles during September Associate Gathering; Presenters, Judy Swett, CSJA, and Kathy Tighe, CSJA; Christine Farmer, CSJA; Diane Stelfox, CSJA, and Dolores Dauenhauer, CSJA; Beth Sheehan, CSJA and Ann Murphy Fletcher, CSJA; LOWER RIGHT: Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ.

## Dates to Remember

OCT. 2, THURS., — BOSTON FOUNDERS' DAY LITURGY — OCT. 4, SAT., 4:00PM — SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY, Fontbonne Convent, Milton — all welcome

OCT. 5, SUN., 10:00AM — Motherhouse Liturgy — all welcome

OCT. 7, TUES., 5:30PM — Motherhouse Liturgy — all welcome

OCT. 12, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY, Fontbonne Convent, Milton — all welcome

OCT. 15, WED., 5:30PM — Motherhouse Liturgy — all welcome

OCT. 16, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — all welcome

OCT. 17-18, — ASSOCIATE OVERNIGHT GATHERING — Nahant  
— call 617.746.1670 to participate.

OCT. 18, SAT., 4:00PM — SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY, Fontbonne Convent, Milton — all welcome

OCT. 23, THURS., 5:30PM — Motherhouse Liturgy — all welcome

OCT. 26, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY, Fontbonne Convent, Milton — all welcome

NOV. 8, SAT, CONGREGATION GATHERING — NOTE: This is a schedule change from the date of Nov. 22 that was advertised in June. The date on the Congregation Bookmark is correct.

"Keep an ever free heart..."

**SISTER LOUISE MURRAY, CSJ**  
*Sister Avitus*

**Date of Birth: November 27, 1920**  
**Date of Death: September 19, 2014**  
**In the 75<sup>th</sup> year of her Religious Life.**

**MEMBERSHIP: 321**