

# Soundings update

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## BOSTON CSJ FOUNDERS' DAY / JUBILEE CELEBRATION

### A Multi-faceted Celebration!

*Welcome remarks by Maureen Doherty, CSJ*

**T**his has indeed been quite a year of celebrations! ....so many opportunities to have experienced Eucharist in many and varied ways; to have celebrated with and been blessed by

families, friends and benefactors. How fitting it is that we bring our 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary year to a close by gathering, as we do so often, around this table, where, as the song says: "Bread of Life is broken now; Cup of Life is poured as we share the supper of the Lord."

We are also celebrating the Anniversary of our founding in Boston. 141 years ago our sisters began their ministry to the dear neighbor in Jamaica Plain. For the past 50 years, Sisters Pat Andrews, Carol Fitzsimmons and Mary Murphy, our Golden Jubilarians whom we honor tonight, have continued to be bearers of a tradition that seeks to be for others a visible sign of God's presence and inclusive love. In imitation of Joseph, they have been models of justice, gentleness and humility, extending as he did, a cordial charity toward all. We thank you for your years of service and know that God will continue to companion you on your journey. . ✨

**PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT; TOP TO BOTTOM:** A view of the chapel during Mass; Jubilarians Carol Fitzsimmons, CSJ, Mary L. Murphy, CSJ, and Pat Andrews, CSJ; Pat, Mary, and Carol pause for pictures.

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

### A Day to Remember

*By Roberta Ristuccia, CSJ*

**M**any years ago, in 1958, a group of vibrant young women were greeted at the novitiate door of the Sisters of St. Joseph by Sister Elizavetta (Dorothy Melanson, CSJ). We had no idea what life was going to hold for us. Our hearts were full of dreams about our future as Sisters

of St. Joseph. We did our best to become all that was asked of us. As years passed we learned how to use our gifts by serving others. Some of us chose another path in life and others continued the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We remained in touch all these years.

On September 6, 2014, we honored that woman who touched our lives. Sister Dorothy celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. We gathered in the dining room at St. Joseph Hall, opened with a prayer, raising our hands in blessing. We shared gifts of food, hors d'oeuvres, beverages and of course, a birthday cake. We chatted, told stories, laughed and enjoyed one another. The party closed with a standing ovation and song for Sister Dorothy who left us with a beautiful smile. ✨

**PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT; TOP TO BOTTOM:** Members of the group who entered in 1958 with Dorothy Melanson, CSJ, [center]; Dorothy with Roberta Ristuccia, CSJ.

## Masterpieces by Our Senior Artists *by Brenda Forry, CSJ*

Each day at Saint Joseph Hall brings something new and wonderful. Two weeks ago, Sister Imelda Fallen, SSJ, came to me with an idea. She wanted to begin an art class with the sisters. As soon as we announced it, there were five people signed up. After two weeks they brought their work down and set it up in the dining room. It was amazing! The accompanying picture tells it all. Our budding artists are: Sisters Francis Marilyn DeCoste, Dorothy McKenzie, Cathy O'Neill, Mary O'Rourke and Theresa Pond. ❧



## Sister Denise Kelly Playground



On the evening of October 6, the new "Sister Denise Kelly Playground" was dedicated at Bethany Hill School. It was a perfect evening and a wonderful time with good friends, tours of the building, and the presence of children playing! The collage above was created for the occasion by Zita Fleming, CSJ. ❧

## Fontbonne Academy CELEBRATES

### Susan Degnan, '79 AS NEW Head of School

On Wednesday, October 8, Fontbonne Academy faculty, staff, trustees, students, parents, alumnae, and family members celebrated Susan Degnan's official installation as the new Head of School at Fontbonne Academy. While Susan knows she stands on the shoulders of amazing leaders who have gone before her, as a 1979 graduate of Fontbonne she is enthusiastic about becoming Head of School.

During the reception that followed the Mass, Rosemary Brennan, CSJ presented Susan with a framed CSSJ heritage board depicting the life and times of Mother St. John Fontbonne after whom the school is named. ❧



## Dates to Remember

- OCT. 15, WED., 5:30PM — Motherhouse Liturgy — all welcome
- OCT. 16, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — all welcome
- OCT. 19, SUN., 10:00AM — Motherhouse Liturgy — 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
- OCT. 26, SUN., 5:00PM — Motherhouse Liturgy — all welcome [NOTE 5:00PM TIME]
- NOV. 2, SUN., 10:00AM — Motherhouse Liturgy — all welcome
- NOV. 8, SAT, 9:00AM-2:30PM — CONGREGATION GATHERING —
- NOV. 13, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — all welcome