

We look to Joseph as our model of justice, gentleness, and humility.

Extending as he did, a cordial charity toward all.



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update Soundings

CSJ ASSOCIATES' DISCERNMENT & ELECTION

A New Moment for Our Associates *by Marianne Miller, CSJA*



The earliest gatherings of associates were held in the Penthouse during March and April of 1986. This past Saturday, March 7, found associates together again in the Penthouse marking a new chapter on our journey. In true CSJ spirit and with the wonderful and wise guidance of Joan Duffy, CSJ, we came to the culmination of a deeply contemplative process of decision-making to elect a new leader.

Prayer set the tone of the morning and was followed by the reflections of associates, Linda Boothroyd, Elise Cheverie, Joanne Mauldin, and Judy Swett, who had remained in the leadership process. Each shared beautifully of her experience in being called at this moment in time to leadership. Our deep listening was followed by a particular reverence and sensitivity during our final table conversations just prior to voting.

It was with deep gratitude for the gifts of each woman that associates then voted to re-elect Linda Boothroyd to join the Associate Leadership Team of Sister Mary Ellen O'Connell and Kathy Tighe. Sisters and associates together celebrated our leadership team. We prayed that Linda and, indeed, each of us, may resonate with the song of our CSJ charism and the refrain: that all may be one with God and with one another. ☞

PICTURED ABOVE: Joan Duffy, CSJ, speaks to those gathered; Kathy Tighe, CSJA, Joanne Maulden, CSJA, Linda Boothroyd, CSJA, Judy Swett, CSJA, Elise Cheverie, CSJA, and Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ; Elise, Judy, Linda, and Joanne address the group; Fran Armstrong, CSJA, Mary Barrett, CSJA, and Carole Anne Scott, CSJA, during group discussion.

National Catholic Sisters Week – Discern Conference *by Lauren Ghazal, Regis College, Grad Student*



PICTURED ABOVE: Lauren Ghazal, Betsy Conway, CSJ, and Jackie Salas during the NCSW Discern Conference.

This weekend, I had the wonderful experience of attending the National Catholic Sisters Week [NCSW] Discern Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota with Sister Betsy Conway and St. Joseph Worker, Jackie Salas, 2014 Regis Alum. I approached this weekend eager and open to any and all experiences. What I gained from this short weekend of discussion and reflection was truly an unexpected surprise. Before attending, I can honestly say I did not know what the word "discern" meant. I equated it to a decision; you either said yes or no. Upon hearing several of the speakers throughout the weekend, and in discussions with other students and Catholic Sisters, I soon realized I knew absolutely nothing about this concept. Discernment is not a decision you can make quickly, and for sure, it is not something I could figure out in a weekend. Discernment is a long process, one in which you reflect on God's calling through prayer, reflection, and service. I feel so blessed to have been able to attend Discern. I'm looking forward to continuing the discussions generated by my experiences this past weekend in my future time at Regis and in my nursing career. As Jackie commented, "It was wonderful being with and hearing from people who are moved with the same spirit--the spirit that moves us toward the good and calls us to community." ☞



Let the good times roll!

Mother Nature cooperated on Tuesday, March 3, when the Sisters of Jesus Crucified [CJC] hosted a belated but no less celebratory Mardi Gras at their residence in Brockton. Approximately 80 Sisters of St. Joseph, both Springfield and Boston, as well as Holy Union Sisters and Sisters of Charity of Nazareth who live in Brockton participated. The evening began with a prayer service and continued with dinner and entertainment. Of special note are the Dominican Sisters from North Viet Nam who live with the CJsC while studying to continue their education. During the prayer service, they sang and danced a traditional Vietnamese dance. The pictures tell the rest of the story. ☺



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

SISTER MARY BEATA GALVIN, CSJ

Date of Birth: March 14, 1926

Date of Death: Thursday, March 5, 2015
In the 71st year of her Religious Life.

SISTER PATRICIA ANN HOGAN, CSJ

Sister Jean Francis

Date of Birth: April 11, 1935

Date of Death: March 12, 2015
In the 62nd year of her Religious Life.

MEMBERSHIP: 312

Dates to Remember

MARCH 17, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY

MARCH 19, THURS., ST. JOSEPH DAY LITURGY

9:30AM — Fontbonne Convent — followed by a simple social

7:00PM — Motherhouse

MARCH 20, FRI. 3:46PM — SPRING BEGINS! — all welcome

MARCH 22, SUN., 11:15AM — SUNDAY LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent

MARCH 24, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY

MARCH 28, SAT. 4:00PM PALM SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent

MARCH 29, SUN. 10:00AM PALM SUNDAY LITURGY — Motherhouse

APRIL 3, GOOD FRIDAY, SHORTLY AFTER 12:00NOON
— BRIGHTON-ALLSTON INTERFAITH PROCESSION OF THE CROSS
WITH THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST.

— Begins at the International Church, Allston — all welcome

APRIL 7, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY

APRIL 14, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY

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

APRIL 21, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MOTHERHOUSE & FONTBONNE CONVENT

APRIL 2 — HOLY THURSDAY

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

5:30PM: Motherhouse, Brighton

6:30PM: Fontbonne Convent, Milton

APRIL 3 — GOOD FRIDAY

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

3:00PM: Fontbonne Convent, Milton

5:30PM: Motherhouse, Brighton

APRIL 4 — EASTER VIGIL

7:00PM: Fontbonne Convent, Milton

7:30PM: Motherhouse, Brighton

