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FEDERATION NOVITIATE PROGRAM: KATHY MCCLUSKEY, CSJ, ON THE VOW OF OBEDIENCE

Insights and Discernment:

On February 25 and 26, 2015, eight Sisters of St. Joseph from across the US Federation formed a small community of learning to delve more deeply into the *Vow of Obedience*. Led by Kathy McCluskey, CSJ, their time together opened up the meaning of obedience in general and what it means to vow obedience in religious life and in a community of Sisters of St. Joseph.



Part of the time was spent grappling with what obedience means in practice, which means looking at how it is practiced and fostered - personally and communally- what is helpful, what tensions are built in, and how this current moment in history influences us. The days were filled with reflection and rich conversation along with Kathy's important bits of teaching and insights. "As I am about to begin the second half of my canonical/federation novitiate year, I am feeling grateful and excited about the coming months and the many wonderful programs we have scheduled. The program on the Vow of Obedience was very engaging and enriching for me," shared Erin McDonald, CSJ novice with the Congregation of St. Joseph. "Kathy facilitated a day rooted in prayer and heart sharing as well as a day full of valuable learning and new insights into discernment and our vow of obedience. It was also a wonderful gift to be able to share this experience with such a diverse group of CSJ's." "It was really a great experience," added Baya Clare, CSJ /St. Paul. ✍

Participants included Sisters Baya Clare (St. Paul), Melinda Pellerin (Springfield), and Erin McDonald, Jeanne Cmolik, Rose Ann Hefner, Marie Gillich, Marcella Clancy, and Pat Murray (Congregation of St. Joseph). This program was organized by the U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph as part of an effort to help provide Erin McDonald, CSJ, this year's US Federation Novice with a peer group for some of her classes. Upcoming classes that will be held at St. Joseph Center in Cleveland include [Being Consecrated in Our Church Today](#), led by Sister Cathy Nerney on March 14-15, 2015, and [The Vow of Poverty](#), led by Michelle Leshner on April 25, 2015. This article was prepared by Pat Milenius, Congregation of St. Joseph,, Director of Mission Advancement

Volunteers in Mission

June 20-27, 2015



Volunteers in Mission 2015, a time of sharing prayer, community, and service, is scheduled for the week of June 20-27, 2015. VIM week is an apt expression of Pope Francis' words announcing the Year of Consecrated Life and challenging religious congregations to "Wake up the world!" During this week of service at St. Francis House, Casserly House, and The Women's Lunch Place, participants dare to "Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, acting, living!" and broaden the circle of love poured out toward every kind of neighbor without distinction.

We are grateful for the hospitality of the sisters at Fontbonne Convent that enables the group to share community life with the sisters there and with one another.



PARTICIPANTS IN 2014 VIM WEEK PICTURED CLOCKWISE: Laurie Abruzzi, CSJA, and Joanne Murphy, CSJA [in background] at Women's Lunch Place; Pat Quinn, CSJ, Mary Theresa O'Reilly, CSJ, and Claire Morrissey, at St. Francis House; Eva Amott, CSJA, with students at Casserly House;

If this opportunity interests you or you know someone whom you would recommend, please contact Mary Theresa O'Reilly, CSJ, before April 1, 2015 at marytheresa.o'reillycsjboston.org.



Writer's Workshop for Women

"We all can't be published, but we all have something to say."

--Mary Caruso, Instructor

The Women's Table will be hosting a **5-week Writer's Workshop** this spring. *Finding your voice through writing* aptly describes this series, which is open to women from all walks of life. Past participants have said, "This has been a unique experience," or "I am among kindred spirits here; this has been a refuge for me."

The series will meet on five consecutive **Thursday mornings, beginning March 5th, 2015 and continuing through April 2nd, 2015**. Each session will be held at the residence of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 631 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. There is no charge for the workshop, however donations are welcome.

To register, please call Mary Rita Weschler at
The Women's Table: 617.746.2056 or email: maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org



Retreat for Mothers of Children with Special Needs

Come away for a day for respite, reflection and sharing!

The Women's Table of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston is hosting a day-long retreat on Saturday, March 21st in Nahant, MA, with the option of an overnight stay on Friday, March 20th. The program on Saturday will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and will include light refreshments in the morning and lunch.

Cost per person is \$10.00. RSVP to Mary Rita Weschler at
The Women's Table: 617.746.2056 or via email:
maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org.

Dates to Remember

- MARCH 7, SAT., 9:30AM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING, Motherhouse
— call 617.746.1670 to participate [Snow Date: March 8, Sunday]
- MARCH 7, SAT., 4:00PM — SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY, Fontbonne Convent
- MARCH 10, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- MARCH 12, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — all welcome
- MARCH 15, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY, Fontbonne Convent — all welcome
- MARCH 17, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- MARCH 19, THURS., ST. JOSEPH DAY LITURGY
9:30AM — Fontbonne Convent — followed by a simple social — all welcome
7:00PM — Motherhouse — all welcome
- MARCH 20, FRI. 3:46PM — SPRING BEGINS! — all welcome
- MARCH 22, SUN., 11:15AM — SUNDAY LITURGY
— Fontbonne Convent — all welcome
- MARCH 24, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- MARCH 28, SAT. 4:00PM PALM SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY
— Fontbonne Convent — all welcome
- MARCH 29, SUN. 10:00AM PALM SUNDAY LITURGY
— Motherhouse — all welcome
- 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

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



It takes
courage
to be
crocus-minded

From a poem by Jo Sorley

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