

Update Sundings

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Dream the Dream by Kathy Tighe, CSJA

Dream the dream was the subject for the associates meeting on April 11, 2015. Mary O'Rourke, CSJ, began the morning with contemplative silence and singing of Sancte Joseph. As she shared the journey that inspired her to present a proposal to begin our Boston CSJ Associate Program, she explained how in her work as a spiritual director she noticed a need within laypeople to share God's desire within them with others. In 1982, with trust in the Holy Spirit, she presented a proposal to the leadership team and the dream of an Associate Program began to unfold with mystery, joy, and excitement.

Reflections from associates Marianne Miller, Laurie Abruzzi, Dolores Dauenhauer, and Jean McKinney followed. From within her heart, each shared her experience as an associate and her desire to recommit each May. There were common threads throughout these reflections: the importance of the sisters in and throughout their lives, a trust that the Spirit is working, risk taking, and the many blessings received in being an associate.

The morning ended with the singing of *Quietly Await* based on the Maxims of Jean Pierre Médaille, SJ, and set to music by Joanne Gallagher, CSJ. In the closing comment of Linda Boothroyd, CSJA, "I say, 'Wow!' with deep gratitude to all for a beautiful day!"



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Mary O'Rourke, CSJ; Dolores Dauenhauer, CSJA; Margaret Lelakes, CSJA, Laurie Abruzzi, CSJA, and Carol Fitzsimmons, CSJ; Jean McKinney; other participants; Marianne Miller, CSJA; table discussion with associates, sisters, and other participants.

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR COMMUNICATORS

Being Smarter than Your Camera

Ann Marie Grady, CSJ, was "back by popular demand" of the New England Communicators for Women Religious [NECWR] who meet twice a year at the Sisters of St. Anne Province House in Marlborough. After offering a workshop for this group a year ago, participants agreed they wanted more. This time, members were encouraged to extend an invitation to others who do photography for their congregations.

The questions that framed her presentation were simple yet engaging. In addition to her informative presentation, Ann Marie prepared a simple website that can be used for reference in the days ahead. Participants who came brought their cameras and were able to ask all manner of questions. Ann Marie's combination of patience and professionalism provided a positive experience for all. In trying to assist the group in using their camera to the best advantage, she challenged us "to be smarter than your camera." To view images of this presentation visit: <https://necwr.wordpress.com/>

PICTURED ABOVE: Anne Marie Grady, CSJ, assists a participant with her photography questions.



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Maryann Enright, CSJ
and Joanne Gallagher, CSJ



The inquiries we receive through the "Contact Us" section of our website range from those who are searching for a specific sister, a request to receive our publications, questions about lodging, and everything in between. In the midst of this year's winter storms this request arrived: *My name is Dawn Brannman. I am the Director of Retreats and Service Learning at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace in San Diego, CA. We are an all-girls high school founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. I am writing to you because I am bringing a group of students to Boston for spring break. The purpose of the trip is 3-fold: to serve our dear neighbor in Boston, college visits and to become acquainted with the history of Boston. I wanted to see if there may be an opportunity for us to partner with the Sisters of St. Joseph in Boston in some way. I have contacted Casserly House and I am waiting for a response.*

And so it happened that the week after Easter, the group visited Casserly House and Fontbonne Academy. In both places, the students asked, "How are we related to you?" Once we explained the tree, they had a sense of the connected journey. Of course, they loved the fact that Fontbonne was named for Jeanne Fontbonne – a real person to them as well. At Casserly House, they asked about the name and were fascinated that Mother Regis Casserly's memory and legacy continue to pervade. Their school, Our Lady of Peace, has no sister remaining in the school and the convent is used as the school's extension. The students there continue to ask the same question that we ask at Fontbonne. "How do we keep the mission alive with fewer and fewer sisters present?" I suspect after walking the corridors, attending the Spanish/ French Honor Society's induction and the social that followed, they had experienced the CSJ mission in everyone they met. It was a genuine experience of neighbor with neighbor. 🌸



PICTURED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Students and teacher from Academy of Our Lady of Peace, San Diego, CA, with Maryann Enright, CSJ, at Fontbonne Academy; tutoring at Casserly House; Nancy Braceland, CSJ, at Casserly House with one of the OLP students.

HELP US CELEBRATE

A Place at The Women's Table

May 20, 2015, 5:00-7:30pm

Join us for the 6th Anniversary of The Women's Table, and help us raise funds to continue supporting women through advocacy, meaningful connections, and unique programs. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities visit www.csjboston.org



Dates to Remember

APRIL 28, TUES., 7:00PM-8:30PM [AN EXPERIENCE IN INSIGHT MEDITATION](#)
visit the Events section of our website for more details.

APRIL 30, THURS., 5:30PM — LIVING THE DREAM DINNER 2015
—Seaport Hotel—visit: <http://www.csjboston.org/> for details.

MAY 1, FRI., 7:00PM — ASSOCIATE COMMITMENT — Motherhouse

MAY 14, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse

MAY 16, SAT., 9:00AM- 2:30PM— CONGREGATION GATHERING
— Motherhouse — Details to follow

MAY 20, WED., 5:00-7:30PM — A PLACE AT THE WOMEN'S TABLE
— visit the Events section of our website for more details.

MAY 29-30—Annual Overnight CSJ Associate Retreat
— St. Joseph Retreat Center, Cohasset — For details call 617.746.1770

JUNE 6, SAT., — Congregation Picnic—Details to follow

JUNE 18, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse

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

SISTER LORRAINE HINRICHSEN, CSJ

Sister Marie Gerard

Date of Birth: March 4, 1936

Date of Death: April 21, 2015

In the 60th year of her Religious Life.

MEMBERSHIP: 309