



Living the Dream Dinner

Approximately 400 friends, former students, and supporters attended the second annual **Living the Dream dinner** held on April 30, 2015, at the Seaport Hotel.

There were several highlights during the evening. The Hynes Family of Boston was honored with the **Dear Neighbor Award** in recognition of the outstanding contributions they have made to the growth and prosperity of Boston and, especially, for their contributions to the poor and disenfranchised through their compassionate philanthropy. **Mike Sheehan**, CEO of the Boston Globe and MC for the event, introduced **Sisters Cathy Clifford, Mary O'Rourke, and Pat Andrews** who were featured in a brief video about the way in which the Sisters of St. Joseph "connect neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God."

The guest speaker, **Kristen Donoghue McCosh**, MSJA alumna, an active and vocal member of the disability community for over 30 years, shared her experience of sustaining a spinal cord injury in a 1983 diving accident as a freshman at Mount St. Joseph Academy. Kristen explained that, "Nearly a decade before the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law, the Sisters of St. Joseph made my return to school possible." She continued, "They did not need a federal law to tell them what to do, because they followed a divine law."

This event raised almost \$650,000. This is testimony to the support needed for these ministries to grow as weSisters of St. Joseph continue to connect neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God. To view the dinner video and slide presentation with more pictures of the evening, visit www.csjboston.org.

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PICTURED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Masthead: Centerpiece flowers for dinner; Internal Dinner Committee and helpers for the evening; Sisters sing "Sancte Joseph" at conclusion of evening; the extended Hynes Family of Boston; Ellen Pumphret, CSJ, Principal of MSJA when Kristen was a senior, and Kristen McCosh; Gail Donahue, CSJ, thanks attendees and asks for continued support; awards by Adela Rodriguez, CSJ.

FOR WOMEN DISCERNING A RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Nun Run!



PICTURED TOP TO BOTTOM: Marian Batho, CSJ, and Virginia O'Connell, CSJ, at Holy Name Convent with a "Nun Run" participant; Pat Quinn, CSJ, offers Maxim Cards to participants during the Prayer of Sharing the State of the Heart, Ann Marie Lawless, CSJ, is pictured at far left.

Fiat! is a cooperative project of the women religious in the Archdiocese of Boston. On April 25, 2015, the group offered a "Nun Run" for women discerning a religious vocation. The day included visiting, praying with, and getting to know different religious communities. The group began with Mass at the Daughters of St. Paul in Jamaica Plain and continued on to visit the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Brighton. Then they visited The Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville. The final stop was with the Sisters of St. Joseph at Holy Name Convent in West Roxbury. Marian Batho, CSJ, and Pat Quinn, CSJ, were instrumental in coordinating this event. Each sister at Holy Name Convent spoke about her own vocation and served a light supper to the women who participated. To conclude the day, Pat Quinn, CSJ, led the group in gathering the graces of the day through the prayer of Sharing of the State of the Heart.

Celebrating the Joys of Association

by Carole Anne Scott, CSJA

On Friday, May 1, sisters, associates, and friends gathered in the Motherhouse Chapel for the annual Associate Commitment Mass, with Fr. Oscar Pratt as celebrant. Making first commitment was Kathie Shute who has a long history of journeying with CSJs as a Regis student and as a teacher, both in Santa Rosa, New Mexico, and later, at St. Pius V, Lynn. In her reflections, Eva Amott, CSJA, stressed that "In the Peace of Christ we are all one body," and stated that as associates, "We are part of that great swarm of bees who can do so much more good as part of a community... than we can as individuals." Picking up on that theme, Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, remarked that the "buzzing" of the associates adds much to the Congregation. Elise Cheverie, CSJA, offered the Intercessions which concluded by asking God to "Make us a people whose song is Alleluia, whose sign is peace, and whose name breathes love." The Mass also featured liturgical dance by Kathy Short, CSJ, and the singing of "Quietly Await" by its composer, Joanne Gallagher, CSJ. Linda Boothroyd, CSJA was honored for her five years of service as Associate leader and for assuming another term. Energized by the Liturgy, all continued the celebration with refreshments and conversation in the spirit of our charism. ✪

A slide presentation with many pictures of this event is available at: <http://www.csjboston.org/>



PICTURED ABOVE: Kathie Shute, CSJA, with her mentors, Dorothea Masuret, CSJ, and Denise Edinger, CSJA; Eva Amott, CSJA, offers reflections; Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, accepts Kathie's commitment as a CSJ Associate; Associate Leadership Team, Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ, Linda Boothroyd, CSJA, and Kathy Tighe, CSJA, lead recommitment of all Boston CSJ Associates.

New Mexico Treasures *By Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ*

Warmth, enthusiasm, and commitment characterize our men and women associates in New Mexico. It is always a pleasure to travel there. This time they were very happy that I brought the rain. In Albuquerque, Santa Rosa, and Clovis, we reflected, using Scripture, our Constitution, and our Consensus Statement, along with Kathy Sherman's songs, *You and I* and *I Am With You*, on our journeys together as Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates. Our Associates shared the richness of their experience and their openness to God's call in everyday life.

My trip to New Mexico fell between Easter and Pentecost and we prayed about the many times that Jesus called His followers, and now us, to recognize Him in our neighbor, in our daily experiences. To find Jesus at the tomb, on the road to Emmaus, in the boat, in the upper room, in the person of our neighbor or companion, was, is, and continues to be gift.

Briefly, we realized that the Strategic Plan developed by our Boston associates holds true among our New Mexico associates. We strive to enrich our spirituality and community bonds, to encourage and develop leadership and membership, to deepen our relationships within this Family of Joseph, and to affirm our dedication to the Mission and Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph within our own lifestyles and life experiences. ✪



PICTURED ABOVE: Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ, [center] with a group of associates from Santa Rosa, NM; Lillie and Charles Mitchell from Albuquerque, NM.

Dates to Remember

- MAY 13, WED., 5:30PM — LITURGY: VIGIL OF ASCENSION — Motherhouse
- MAY 14, THURS., 7:00PM — TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse
- MAY 16, SAT., 4:00PM — SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent
- MAY 16, SAT., 9:00AM— 2:30PM — CONGREGATION GATHERING — Motherhouse — details in CSJ News
- 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 21, THURS., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY
- MAY 24, SUN., 9:30AM. — SUNDAY PENTECOST LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent
- MAY 24, SUN., 10:00AM — PENTECOST LITURGY — Motherhouse
- MAY 29-30—ANNUAL OVERNIGHT CSJ ASSOCIATE RETREAT — St. Joseph Retreat Center, Cohasset — For details call 617.746.1670
- JUNE 6, SAT., 12:00PM — CONGREGATION PICNIC — St. Joseph Hall
- JUNE 14, SUN., —DONOR DAY APPRECIATION LITURGY — Motherhouse details to follow.

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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