

update Soundings

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Pins Tell a Story: Jacquelyn McCarthy, CSJ

Jacquelyn McCarthy, CSJ, was the keynote speaker for Regis College's Nursing Pinning Ceremony on Friday, May 8, 2015. The ceremony is for undergraduate nursing, generic master's nursing and the part-time bachelor's program. Here are a few excerpts from her words to the graduates:

Have you ever noticed the number of different pins people wear? There are pins and ribbons that represent different countries or charities, for example, the pink ribbon pin that reminds us of the ongoing struggle to eliminate breast cancer or the blue heart that supports those who attempt to eliminate trafficking of women and children.

I wear a pin that tells people that I am a Sister of St. Joseph. I have it on today, it says CSJ. I also have a pin from Catherine Labouré School of Nursing. So why do we put so much emphasis on a pin? I think it is because pins tell a story and we want to share the story with others.

My CSJ pin tells others that I am a Sister of St. Joseph, someone who cares about the poor and marginalized. My school pin distinguishes me as a registered nurse, someone who cares for those who have poor health and in my case, one who cares for those in the sunset of their lives.

So why do I say all this? Someone once said one of the most time honored traditions in celebrating a nursing career is the pinning ceremony. Historians can actually trace the tradition back to the Crusades of the 12th Century when the group of knights (Knights Hospitaller) tended to and cared for the injured and suffering crusaders.

Today the pin you will receive will distinguish you as a graduate of Regis College School of Nursing. Never forget that caring for someone means caring for their emotional, spiritual and psychological being as well as their physical welfare. A listening ear is at the heart of what you will do. Try to imagine yourself in the same situation as the person you are caring for. Learn from them because they have a story to tell. ✍



PICTURED ABOVE: Jacquelyn McCarthy, CSJ, offers keynote address at Regis College's Nursing Pinning Ceremony; Betsy Conway, CSJ, Director of Spiritual Life, background center, offered the blessing at this event.

CSJ Boston Planning Pathways – May 16, 2015

Our May 16 Congregation Gathering began with prayer and continued with an overview of Bethany Health Care Center's strategic plan. There are many facets to this plan. One new initiative emerging from this plan is the establishment of a home care agency called *Bethany at Home*. The purpose of *Bethany at Home* is to meet post-acute, rehabilitation and living needs through service to the Metrowest, Boston and Milton communities. This agency will provide geriatric assessment and home care services in residential settings. More information will be forthcoming.

During most of the morning, sisters engaged in prayerful and courageous conversation around trends in our community life and housing. This conversation was a beginning and set the tone for cluster conversations during the summer.

Near the end of the day Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, shared a plan for implementation of a pathway that emerged in *Mission, Membership and Relationships* at an previous congregation gatherings. This direction calls us to "consider the possibility of agrégées, defining the relationships, determining rights and responsibilities". Rosemary explained that as a way of beginning our conversation about agrégées, we have asked a few of our associates to share their desire for such a relationship. They will also share information gathered from other CSSJ communities who have agrégées.

These information sessions will provide an opportunity to explore questions you may have, as well as, express your hopes and dreams for the potential of a new relationship with the Congregation. We have arranged for three gatherings:

- ♦ JUNE 20, SAT., 10:00AM FONTBONNE CONVENT, MILTON
- ♦ JUNE 29, MON., 1:30 PM ST. JOSEPH HALL, FRAMINGHAM
- ♦ JUNE 30, TUES., 6:30PM MOTHERHOUSE, BRIGHTON

After these information sessions, further conversation will be sought about an agrégée relationship with the Congregation. ✍

CELEBRATING SIX YEARS OF THE WOMEN'S TABLE...

Connecting and Empowering Women

Founded in 2008, The Women's Table is six years young and has become a vital partner in the Allston-Brighton community. On May 20, 2015, approximately 150 sisters, friends, CSJ Associates, and community partners came together to celebrate this relationship. It was an evening to learn more about the ever-widening circles and reach of The Women's Table. Critical to this work is *connection* and *relationship* of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God, a focus that is at the heart of all ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

A special part of the evening included two awards given by The Women's Table. Carlotta Gilarde, CSJ, a Sister of St. Joseph for 61 years, was honored with the "Heart and Sole Award" for actively supporting Maria and her family from Peru. Carol Kolenik, Director of the Harvard Workforce Program, was honored with the "Community Bridge Builder Award" because of her ambitious efforts to unite community groups and form alliances that support people from all walks of life.

The evening concluded with a spirited "Rose Auction" conducted by our very own auctioneer, Carol Mack, Director of Mission Advancement. This event raised over \$14,000 for The Women's Table programs.

Read more about The Women's Table at: <http://thewomenstable.org/>

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



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT; TOP TO BOTTOM: Carlotta Gilarde, CSJ, with Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA, The Women's Table Director, presenting award designed by Adela Rodriguez, CSJ; Carol Kolenik accepting her award; Carol Kolenik with Kevin Honan; Carol Mack with Regis College volunteers and Advisory Board members; Carlotta Gilarde, CSJ, with her family; Bernadette Kenney, CSJ, with Debbie Stande of the CSJ Finance Office; Doug Payne, Mary Rita's husband, during the rose auction; Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA, introduces the award ceremony; Anna Edge, CSJ, with Betsy Conway, CSJ, a member of the Women's Table Advisory Committee; Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, with Lynne Goyuk.

Dates to Remember

- MAY 29-30—ANNUAL OVERNIGHT CSJ ASSOCIATE RETREAT
— St. Joseph Retreat Center, Cohasset — For details call 617.746.1670
- JUNE 2, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY
- JUNE 6, SAT., 12:00PM— CONGREGATION PICNIC—St. Joseph Hall
- JUNE 6 SAT., 4:00PM — SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent
- JUNE 7, SUN., 2:00PM - THE LITERACY CONNECTION:
CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT.
— Motherhouse, all welcome—call 617.746.2100 to attend
- JUNE 10, WED., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY
- JUNE 13, SAT., 4:00PM — SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent
- JUNE 14, SUN., 10:30AM—DONOR APPRECIATION DAY LITURGY — Motherhouse,
—to attend reply by June 8 email cheryl.duggan@csjboston.org or call 617.746.2014
- JUNE 18, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse
- JUNE 20, SAT., 4:00PM — SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent
- JUNE 24, WED., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY
- JUNE 27, SAT., 4:00PM — SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent

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