



Soundings^{update}

CSJ HERITAGE CONVOCATION 2015

CSSJ Charism: the Call to the More

The 11th CSJ Heritage Convocation of the Sponsored Ministries and Congregation Ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph was held on March 10, 2015, at Regis College Fine Arts Center. After a reception, prayer, and dinner, Carol Zinn, SSJ/Philadelphia spoke with passion, enthusiasm, humor, and concrete examples about our CSSJ charism as the call to the More, a way of life, a way of the gospel.

Carol began by asking, "What can I say that will affirm who you are, you, the heartbeat of the Joseph charism? You are the charism. The charism has you." She continued with three stories that engaged all present in an understanding of our CSSJ charism that was profound, inclusive, and rooted in everyday life.

If you are wondering about the Russian nesting dolls pictured here, view the video of Carol's presentation on our website at <http://www.csjboston.org/>. You can also view additional pictures of the convocation, at this link. 



PICTURED ABOVE: The CSJ Leadership Team during commissioning of administrators, board members and mission effectiveness facilitators; Susan Degan, FA Head of School, Jerry Pucillo, FA board member, Suzanne Kearney, Corporation for Sponsored Ministries, Katy Denning, FA, Mission & Ministry, Nancy Braceland, CSJ, Director, Casserly House. Jim Hanrahan, former corporation board chair and Maureen Doherty, CSJ

St. Joseph's Day 2015

We would like to share the Opening Prayer of the St. Joseph Day liturgy at our Motherhouse, composed by Father Terry Devino, SJ,

When we obey the will of God for our lives at the deepest level, we find our "call" or "vocation." Our first call came at birth when we responded to life and thus became a child of God, a word spoken by God. This word continues to be "spoken" throughout our lives, as it was for the life of Saint Joseph. He allowed God to influence his life decisions and to give shape to the truth of God within him.

May we, at each stage of our lives, become whom we are meant to be, desiring to live ever more boldly the Gospel. 



PICTURED ABOVE: Assembly gathered at St. Joseph Day Motherhouse liturgy; Anna Edge, CSJ, and Winnie DeKarski, CSJ; Marianne Miller, CSJA, and Pat Boyle, CSJ; Fr. Terry Devino, SJ, greets Martina Marie Kelly, CSJ, after the liturgy. Also pictured during our St. Joseph Day celebration: Sisters Laura Turbini, Rita McCarthy, Jo Perico, Barbara Scanlon, Joanne Solari, and Franny Wool. More pictures of this celebration will soon be available on our website at www.csjboston.org.

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATE LEADERSHIP [NEAL]

Conversational Leadership for & with Associates & Sisters



On March 14, 2015, Judy Swett, CSJA and Kathy Tighe, CSJA led a presentation at the Mercy Community Center for the annual NEAL gathering. NEAL is a New England Regional group of associates from various congregations. Associates and sisters who participated were invited to join with associates and sisters in a conversation about evolving associate movements. During their presentation Judy and Kathy spoke of the fact that fundamental to being an associate is the option to belong to a particular religious institute.

The choice flows from our baptismal call and from our heart's desire to live a Gospel life. While it includes knowing and praying with sisters and associates, it goes beyond this to the call to serve this mission within your congregation's charism. In short, it is a call to be taken seriously.

As part of the presentation, Rosemary Wrinn, CSJ/Chambery-West Hartford, shared her story of midwifing the associate movement in the 80s. "I have been with associates for a long time," she said and continued, "I do see a lot of change but I find four stable things: the call of the Holy Spirit, relationships, challenges, and, the courage to step out ahead.

During the day, three questions were posed: What would it take to encourage further leadership in your particular situation? What seed might we plant today that would make the difference to the future associate movement? What conversation, if begun today, could ripple out to help for the future of the associate movement? The group agreed that next year's gathering would continue this conversation and consider what the future holds. ✍



PICTURED ABOVE: Opening prayer during NEAL gathering. Also present from Boston: Eva Amott, CSJA, Michele Audet, CSJA, Carlotta Gilarde, CSJ, and Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ;

Kathy Tighe, CSJA, and Judy Swett, CSJA during the circle conversation.

A Luncheon to Honor Rev. Karen Fritz

The Women's Table hosted a community luncheon in honor of Rev. Karen Fritz on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. Karen is pastor at the Brighton-Allston Congregational Church in Brighton Center. Her home was destroyed by fire in mid-February. The luncheon was a natural way for leaders in the Allston-Brighton neighborhood to acknowledge her loss, as well as to show community support in light of this tragedy.

Mary Rita's opening comments acknowledged Karen's heart and active love poured out for the Brighton and Allston communities. "We know of Karen's heart, and have experienced her generosity in so many ways in our community." She said, "May you move forward, Karen, with courage and the reassurance that your heart is in the right place, and this community loves and supports you!" ✍



PICTURED AT LEFT: Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA, Rev. Karen Fritz, and Helen Thomas Colbert, CSJ; Karen [seated near center] during Mary Rita's opening remarks.



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



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

SISTER HELEN BROWNE, CSJ
Sister Olga, CSJ

Date of Birth: December 4, 1922
Date of Death: March 15, 2015
In the 73rd year of her Religious Life.

SISTER ELEANOR K. SHEA, CSJ
Sister Agnes Helena, CSJ
Date of Birth: October 31, 1924
Date of Death: March 16, 2015
In the 67th year of her Religious Life.

MEMBERSHIP: 310

Dates to Remember

APRIL 3, GOOD FRIDAY, BRIGHTON-ALLSTON INTERFAITH PROCESSION OF THE CROSS WITH THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST.

NOTE: APPROXIMATELY 2:00-2:15PM—AT MOTHERHOUSE

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

APRIL 11, SAT., 4:00PM — SUNDAY VIGIL LITURGY— Fontbonne Convent

APRIL 19, SUN., 9:30AM. — SUNDAY LITURGY— Fontbonne Convent

APRIL 26, SUN., 9:30AM. — SUNDAY LITURGY— Fontbonne Convent