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with  
*Gratitude*

## All the Good You Have Done Will Live on in Our Hearts

Based on welcome by  
Mary L. Murphy, CSJ

Sunday, May 20,  
2018, was a day to  
gather and give thanks,  
to show our appreciation,  
and to celebrate the  
women who have led  
our Congregation during  
the past six years.

Gratitude abounds for  
Rosemary, Maureen,  
Peggy, Gail, Pat, and Roseann. We are grateful for their gift of service, we celebrate their leadership, and we believe the Spirit will grace them now and into the future.

It is fitting that this celebration took place on the Feast of Pentecost, the feast that celebrated the gifts of the Spirit, the gift each of these women have been, and will continue to be as we move into the future choosing life.

Included in the celebration were a PowerPoint presentation which afforded us the wonderful opportunity to take a brief trip down memory lane, presentation of gifts to each Leadership Team member, and a blessing of the team by all who gathered. This was followed by an elegant brunch and time to socialize. A slide presentation of this event will soon be available. ☺



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Our 2012-2108 Leadership Team: Sisters Rosemary Brenna, Maureen Doherty, Peggy Sullivan, Gail Donahue, Pat McCarthy, and Roseann Amico; **QUOTE BELOW:** Opening verse of Gratitude Blessing.

*May you experience  
each day as a sacred gift  
woven with dreams,  
possibilities and promises.*

## Ely Castro Rosales, Speaks at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse on Honduran Crisis

Ely Castro Rosales, commentator on human rights with an independent Honduran radio station, spoke at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse on Saturday, May 12, 2018. His topic was the ongoing human rights crisis, lawlessness, corruption and violence that continue to roil the region and drive thousands to flee for asylum in Mexico and the U.S. Castro is part of a delegation who fanned out across the United States visiting more than ten cities and calling for an end to U.S. military support for their government. They hope to raise U.S. awareness of the growing repression, violence, and human rights crisis in the country, exacerbated by the affirmation given by the U.S. government to the November re-election of President Juan Orlando Hernández, despite widespread allegations of fraud. On Monday, May 14, sisters and associates joined with others to visit Senator Markey's office where representatives of Senator Markey and Senator Warren participated in a discussion of the crisis in Honduras. ☺

**PICTURED AT RIGHT:** Ely Castro Rosales speaks about Honduras in Motherhouse Chapel; Associates Kathy Tighe and Judy Swett along with Sisters Carlotta Gilarde, Pat Andrews, and Joanne Gallagher and other members of the group during their visit to Senator Markey's office.



## CASSERLY HOUSE'S COMPUTER ROOM RECEIVES AN "UPGRADE"

### Technology: A Tool of Empowerment by Jen Reis

One of the most used spaces inside Casserly House is our computer room. Our adult learners, children, and neighbors use this room to learn English, search for job opportunities, study for citizenship tests, research school projects, and so much more. That makes it important to try and find ways to keep our technology as up-to-date as we can. As providence would have it, this winter we received anonymous grants that allowed us to dream about upgrading our computer room and creating a multi-use space!

As anyone who has come and spent time at Casserly House knows, we use every inch of space we can! This means that the computer room often functions as a classroom as well. In designing this new computer room, we wanted to make technology portable and the furniture flexible so we could set the room up differently depending upon whatever need arose. We have replaced our desktop computers with touch-screen laptops and computer desks that fold down and stack, affording us the ability to rearrange the room when needed.

When asked what she thought about the new computer room, our adult learner, Djenabou, said, "It is very good. It is important to know the technology we need to know to get jobs. I am from a country that did not allow women to learn, even about computers. So I am thankful. Thank you." As Djenabou mentioned, the upgrade in technology is another tool of empowerment to assist our "dear neighbors" in achieving their own life goals. Casserly House would like to say a special thank you to Anna Edge, CSJ, who assisted us with installing our new computers. Lastly, a special thank you to the Charles River Church of Roslindale, who donated paint, supplies, and their time to repaint our computer room! ☺



**PICTURED ABOVE:** A view of the newly upgraded computer center at Casserly House. Stella enjoys learning on Rosetta Stone and using the touch screen. Hadessah and Aaliyah work on school projects on the new computers!

## Dates to Remember

**MAY 30, WED., 5:00-7:30PM — A PLACE AT THE WOMEN'S TABLE**

— Come and celebrate 10 years!

**JUNE 2, SAT., — CONGREGATION PICNIC—** Details to follow

**JUNE 2, SAT., 4:00PM — VIGIL LITURGY FOR SUNDAY —** Fontbonne Convent

**JUNE 1-3 — ASSOCIATE RETREAT —** Nahant

**JUNE 3, SUN., — THE LITERACY CONNECTION CELEBRATION—** Details to follow

**JUNE 5, TUES., 6:30-8:30PM — EVENING OF PRAYER: LIVING PASCHAL MYSTERY —**

presenter Mary Ann McLaughlin

—register at [spiritual.ministries@CSJBoston.org](mailto:spiritual.ministries@CSJBoston.org) or 781-227-4730

**JUNE 7, THURS., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY —** Motherhouse

**JUNE 10, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY —** Fontbonne Convent

**JUNE 10, SUN., 10:00AM— DONOR APPRECIATION LITURGY AND BRUNCH**

— details to follow

**JUNE 13, WED., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY —** Motherhouse

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

**JUNE 17, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY —** Fontbonne Convent

**JUNE 23, SAT., 4:00PM — VIGIL LITURGY FOR SUNDAY —** Fontbonne Convent

**JUNE 24, SUN., 2:00PM— TRANSFER OF LEADERSHIP PRAYER SERVICE AND RITUAL**

— CSJ Center at Fontbonne Academy

**JUNE 26, TUES., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY —** Motherhouse

**JULY 1, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY —** Fontbonne Convent

*Long deeply for God.  
Be constant, wisely eager  
to receive God's love.*

*Maxims in Haiku #42, Frances Agnes Blake, CSJ  
Based on Maxims of the Little Institute*

**SISTER HERBERTA SMITH, CSJ**

Date of Birth: July 13, 1917

Date of Death: May 19, 2018

In the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of her Religious Life.

**Membership: 248**

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