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## Sisters of St. Joseph Celebrate Transition of Leadership: A Ministry of Collaboration

**BRIGHTON, MA:** On June 24, 2018, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston participated in the Transition of Leadership for their Congregation. Over 500 sisters, associates, colleagues, friends, and family members were present at the CSJ Center at Fontbonne Academy, Milton, Massachusetts, for the celebration. The sisters who have been elected by the Congregation to serve in the ministry of leadership for the next five years are: Lee Hogan, CSJ, Catherine Clifford, CSJ, Marian Batho, CSJ, Judith Costello, CSJ, Betsy Conway, CSJ, and Denise Kelly, CSJ.

Lee Hogan, CSJ, moves into her position as President of the Sisters of St. Joseph from her current position as Treasurer of the Congregation. Members of the Leadership Team completing their terms are: Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, Maureen Doherty, CSJ, Margaret L. Sullivan, CSJ, Roseann Amico, CSJ, Gail Donahue, CSJ, and Patricia E. McCarthy, CSJ.

During the past year, Sisters of St. Joseph, Associates, Agrégée Candidates, and partners in mission entered into a year of prayer, discernment, and contemplative conversation called “Chapter 2017-2018.” A chapter year, which takes place every five years, is a time when all members of the Congregation evaluate the past and envision the future. The theme of Chapter 2017-2018 was “Impelled by God’s Inclusive Love.” This theme helped set the direction for the Congregation to continue to strengthen mission, strengthen relationships for mission, strengthen the spiritual, and tell the story of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston.

In her reflections during the prayer service, Sister Lee Hogan spoke with conviction and enthusiasm saying, “The half century since Vatican II has presented many gifts and many challenges to apostolic religious life. Writers tell us that we are living in ‘middle space’ or ‘middle time’ between a past that is over and a future that is not yet. While none of us can see clearly the future of this life, we know and take it as our responsibility that we are shaping that future as we live our lives today. Yet we know that it is our God who beckons us to come into that future – a future full of hope, and challenge, and opportunity.

This ministry of leadership is one of collaboration. It is about working together to set our faces forward, to continue the journey, extending our charism to the wider world through prayer and ministry, and walking in the confidence that it is our God who calls us to that future.”

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston is a Congregation of vowed religious women of the Church, rooted in gospel values. They are committed to living as women of unity, reconciliation, and inclusive love of neighbor without distinction. Fidelity to this vision is at the heart of their mission.

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The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston is a religious community of vowed apostolic women with a contemplative stance toward life, whose mission is to realize the prayer of Christ that all may be one. Their special focus, their mission, is to work for unity and reconciliation where there is brokenness, to help people become whole and holy, individually and together. Since arriving in Boston in 1873, they have staffed more than 130 educational institutions, worked in more than 30 healthcare ministries and participated in more than 85 service ministries within the Archdiocese of Boston. You will meet Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston in schools, parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, retreat, and campus ministry centers, refugee services, literacy programs, shelters, food pantries, and more. In community and prayerful contemplation, they listen to the Spirit and move always toward profound love of God and love of neighbor without distinction.

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(Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston)

Members of the new leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston from left to right: Sisters Judith Costello, Betsy Conway, Marian Batho, Lee Hogan, Denise Kelly, and Cathy Clifford.