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2020 Anti-Trafficking Prayer Vigil

by Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ

Betsy Goodwin, OSF, welcomed Zoom participants to the 2021 Annual Anti-Trafficking Prayer Vigil in commemoration of National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The event was coordinated by the Boston Area Catholic Sisters Anti-Trafficking Coalition, represented by Mary Jane Cavallo, SNDdeN, Betsy Goodwin, OSF, Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ, Margaret Meyer, MMM, and Mary Lou Simcoe, SUSC.

Sister Betsy stated, "For each of us, our lives and our world have experienced disruption after disruption during the past year. What has not been disrupted are the incidences of Human Trafficking-Modern Day Slavery. We gather once again to pray for an end to this evil, and the restoration of respect for the dignity of each person."

The Vigil consisted of: an opening prayer, a short video overviewing human trafficking, a reading, quiet reflection, and a litany for those affected by human trafficking along with this closing prayer.

God of hope and freedom, we thank you for another new beginning-2021. As we come together once again to mark National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, we gather with us all those children, women and men who suffer each day as victims of human trafficking. We recall that they too have dreams of hope and freedom. We believe that you are here with us. We ask that you hear our prayer and help us to find ways to support the dignity that you place in each person, and to work to eradicate this modern day slavery. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Brother. Amen.



PICTURED ABOVE: A small representation of those attending the Zoom vigil.



Then came an unexpected, heart-warming comment from Stacy, a survivor of human trafficking affirming the work of the coalition with a special thank you to the coalition for bringing people together in prayer, and for continuing to raise awareness about this modern-day slavery.

Stop Human Trafficking
January - Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- BOSTON CATHOLIC SISTERS ANTI-TRAFFICKING COALITION



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Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston Condemn the Violence at the Capitol

In our increasingly divided nation, we are saddened, but not surprised, by the predictable outcome of the events on January 6, 2021. We as members of the Federation affirm our Gospel Charism and commitment to be a unifying presence in the world through appreciation of diversity, transformation and healing.

This moment is a time for us to pause, reflect and grapple with the history and legacy that brought us to this historic moment of white domestic terrorists attempting to take over our legislative branch. As Christians, we cannot ignore the images of the cross and flags bearing Jesus' name that peppered yesterday's scene. We cannot ignore the juxtaposition of the law enforcement response to yesterday's violence at the Capitol versus the violence inflicted on Black Lives Matter protesters in June. We invite all people of good will to reflect on the next steps we must take to repair our democracy, eliminate white privilege and contribute to the work of building a more perfect union.

To read the full statement go to: <https://www.csjboston.org/news-events/read-about/>

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COVID-19 Vaccine Arrives at Bethany

by Jacquelyn McCarthy, CSJ

On January 11, 2021, the long-anticipated COVID-19 vaccine arrived at Bethany Health Care Center. Given the months of isolation due to the virus, receiving this vaccine is a crucial step in helping our staff continue to provide quality health care for residents, and enabling our residents to renew relationships with one another, with family and with friends. Through all this, in my opinion, the residents are the heroes; they never complain, in spite of the restrictions they have had to live with for so many months.



Pictured: Carol Collette, Admissions, and Jim Argir, General Manager.



Pictured: Walgreens Pharmacy Intern Elsa Gnann takes the temperature of Nurses Aide Unit Manager Helen Hafford, before she received the vaccine.



Pictured: Sister Theresa Pond, CSJ, a 93-year-old resident at the Bethany Healthcare Center in Framingham was the first resident to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

ARTIFACTS OF THE MONTH - *Pocket Watches*

by Katie McNally, CSJ Archivist

Pocket Watches

After months of anticipation and anxiousness, we have welcomed the year 2021 with open arms! Time continues to turn. A particularly eye-catching collection in the Archives is an assortment of pocket watches owned by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Featured are watches belonging to Mother Domatilla Buttimer, Superior from 1922-1934, and Mother Euphrasia Morgan, Superior from 1946-1958.



Waltham Watch Company

Many of these watches were crafted by the Waltham Watch Company, a world-renowned and Boston-based manufacturer founded in 1850. Waltham Watch became the “first company to mass produce a complete watch under one roof”¹, at a time when watch companies outsourced for individual parts. This efficient, in-house production led to an international lead in watch sales, helping the world to transition from **time-consciousness by sun** to **time-consciousness by clock**. Mass production techniques made the watches more affordable, and the company succeeded in supplying the high demand of Civil War soldiers. Even Abraham Lincoln was gifted one!²



The clamshell-style watch pictured here is the oldest in the collection. Based on its serial number, it is estimated to have been produced between 1894 and 1902.³ Engraved with the name Sr. M. Josephine, it likely belonged to Mary Sophia Keenan (1874-1958). The 21-year-old entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston in 1896, taking her final vows in 1898. It is possible, based on these dates, that the watch was gifted to her upon her entry into the convent. The convent's rigorous schedule of early rising, communal prayers and meals, Mass, and teaching heavily relied on time-keeping, making this watch the perfect gift for a young novice. At her death, Sr. Josephine was called a “community woman”⁴. How did the use of her time influence this reputation? Just like the Union soldiers on the battlefield or the nuns in the 19th-century convent, our time is also valuable. Like these still-functioning pocket watches, with a little bit of proper winding, we too can keep our wheels turning as we strive to become a community people in the new year of 2021.



Interior of Sister Josephine's watch.

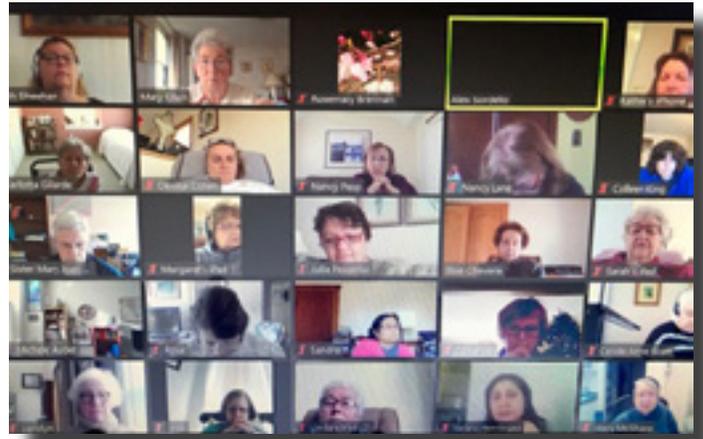
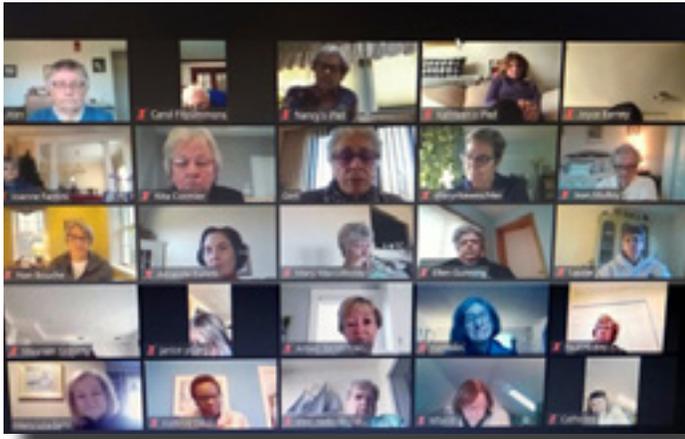
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3. “Waltham Serial Numbers.” National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. <https://nawccinfo.nawcc.org/>

4. Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston Motherhouse Annals. December 6, 1958. Boston CSJ Archives.

5. Waltham logo from Pocket Watch Database: <https://pocketwatchdatabase.com/guide/case-companies/american-waltham-watch-co-case>



PICTURED ABOVE: A partial representation of associates, agrégées, and sisters attending the Zoom gathering.

The first Associate gathering of 2021 delivered a message of hope and inspiration as we move forward into this new year. Fifty-three associates, sisters, agrégées and friends participated on the Zoom call creating an exciting energy within the first few minutes just by seeing and greeting each other!

... a New Year!

Group sharing confirmed that a number of participants found the pandemic and quarantining caused them to slow down and reevaluate what is really important. They found light and comfort during all their nature walks, watching spring turn into winter,

... a New Beginning.

One of the videos we shared, *A Message of Hope*, reflected on the changes of 2020 and reminded us "While our darkest moments test our strength and push our boundaries, even transform our reality, they can also be the bridge that leads us exactly where we need to be."

In reflecting on our gathering, participants shared their gratitude and appreciation:



"The theme and the content were seamless. They evoked good sharing and community was experienced."

Carol Fitzsimmons, CSJ

... Renewed Hope

"This presentation brought hope and light in the midst of these stressful days."

Kathie Shute, CSJA



"The readings, music, videos and discussions gave me hope and inspiration as we move forward in this new year."

Kathy Teahan, CSJA

... A Message from Our CSJ New Mexico Associates by Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ

On Tuesday evening, January 12, 2021, CSJ Associates from New Mexico gathered to share some conversation and to pray together. It was a wonderful moment to acknowledge the past year as a time of increased prayer and reflection, a time to take care of body, mind and heart of ourselves and our many dear neighbors and family members. Associates expressed that life is a journey and we move forward, not knowing to what God is calling us or what the future will bring, but knowing that God will be with us. Faith, family, friends and prayer will provide our direction.



PICTURED ABOVE: Some New Mexico associates and sisters attending the zoom gathering.

Sisters of St. Joseph
Virtual Gala

Virtual
**Living
the
Dream**
2021

“in such a time as this”

Thursday, March 25, 2021
Special virtual Meet & Greet at 6:30 p.m.
Event 7:00 p.m.

Honoring
Hon. Regina Quinlan Doherty and Mary Ann Jordan

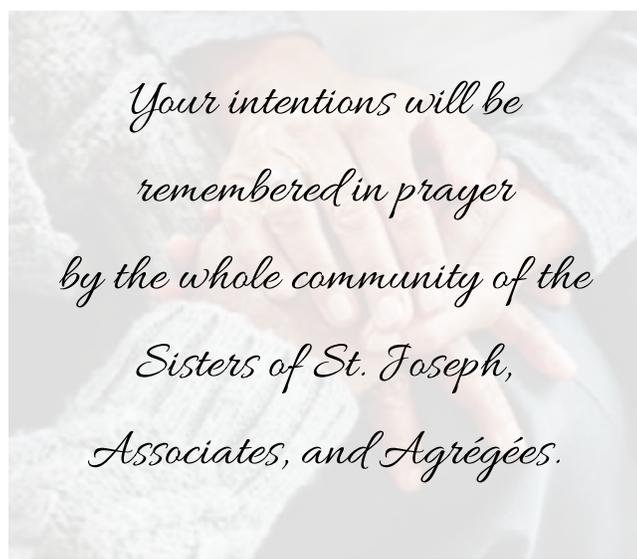
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and their ministries*



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Pray with Us



Your petition of need or expression of gratitude will be included in our daily prayer. Visit our website to submit a prayer request here:
www.csjboston.org/pray-with-us/prayer-requests/

IN MEMORIAM

Sister Kathleen Maguire, CSJ

(Sister John Patrice)

Date of Birth: March 17, 1939

Date of Death: January 19, 2021

In the 65th year of her Religious Life.

Entered: September 8, 1956

Sister Rita McCormack, CSJ

(Sister Mary Kieran)

Date of Birth: August 1, 1924

Date of Death: January 24, 2021

In the 75th year of her Religious Life.

Entered: September 8, 1946