

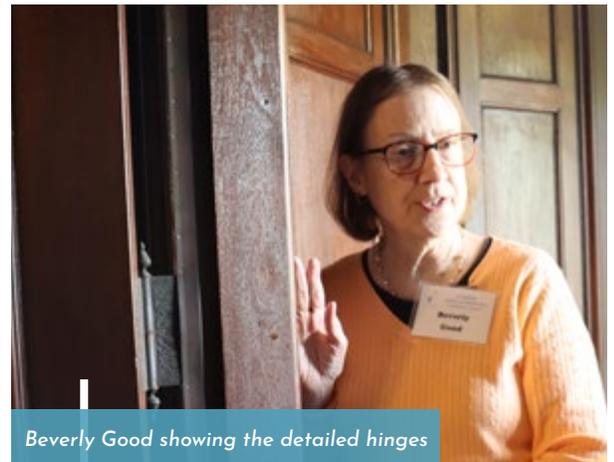
Our House Will Be a House of Prayer for All People

Celebrating a Renewed Beginning for SJSJM

Beverly Good, *Saint Joseph Spiritual Ministries*



Joanne Fantini, CSJ Agrégée, with sisters, associates, and agrégées at the open house



Beverly Good showing the detailed hinges

St. Joseph Spiritual Ministries, a Congregation Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, recently invited the CSJ Community and their larger circle of friends to two Open House events at the Spirituality Center, 71 Walnut Park in Newton, MA. On two Saturday afternoons (April 30 and May 7), Joanne Fantini, CSJ Agrégée, Director of SJSJM, Beverly Good, Administrative Assistant, and members of the SJSJM Advisory Board welcomed visitors, offered tours, and enjoyed hearing about guests' hopes, desires and dreams.

Sisters who had lived in the house in the past, or visited there, noted

some changes. Memories of what it was like "back in the day" were exchanged. Friends and neighbors who visited were impressed with the quality of the workmanship of the house. As one board member noted, pointing out the scroll-work that adorns the hinges of the main door, "It's like a microcosm of the whole house—functional, but beautifully appointed!"

Guests envisioned participating in a spiritual program in the peaceful space.

Joan Duffy, CSJ, Rosemary Mulvihill, CSJ, and Joanne Fantini, CSJ Agrégée, prepared a prayer service

to dedicate the house to its new purpose. Carol Fitzsimmons, CSJ, blessed the stately main doors, and all who have passed through and would pass through them, with holy water, giving a historical perspective. Catherine Clifford, CSJ, noted that the Congregation has a long and rich commitment to the ministry of spirituality. She then prayed a Dedication Prayer for the Chapel which included the following aspiration:

"May these walls breathe with the hope, faith and love of the ages... May they be like arms that reach outward to embrace our community and our beautiful and broken world."



Associates receiving symbolic shells



Kathie Teahan sharing her reflection

Joy Springs Forth

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!”

Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA, Director of *The Women’s Table*

May 1st, 2022: the feast of St. Joseph the Worker and the annual re-commitment of the Associates in Boston. 2022 marks the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Associate relationship with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. Associates in Boston and New Mexico joined in-person and through live-streaming to renew their commitment in faith and hope.

“Love in action” and “shared relationships” embody the loving

history of this journey. Kathy Teahan, CSJA, spoke eloquently of thresholds we cross in our daily lives. Through these years and through history, she noted, “we partner with Jesus, with sisters of Le Puy, France, with Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, with friends and family, and with other associates to seek deeper meaning through connection and our shared faith journey.”

We strive to be a loving presence in today’s world, sharing our gifts that differ, in natural and unique

ways. Following communion, each associate received a gift from the sea, a “moon shell” with a maxim from Jean Pierre Médaille, SJ, lovingly created by Michèle Audet, CSJA. Words from the final blessing linger

...“We thank you, God, for the gift of partnership in the mission of Jesus, strengthening us to live and work so that all people may be united with God and with one another.”

Visit the “Read About” section at www.csjboston.org to read Kathie Teahan’s reflection.



Between Rosemary Scapicchio’s insights on her work in Sean Ellis’s case, Noel Dixon’s touching speech on his time at Cathedral High School, and Regina Quinlan Doherty’s insightful remarks, 2022’s Living the Dream Dinner was a night to be remembered.



Earth Day 2022: Giving Thanks

Betty Cawley, *Justice Promoter*



Earth Day 2022 was integrated into our Congregation Gathering on April 22. The opening and closing prayers, including a YouTube of John Rutter's *Look At The World* and a song composed by Florence Kahler, CSJ, combined praise and thanks for the gifts of creation with sorrow and regret for the harming of our precious Earth. The day ended with the procession to bless various gardens on the Motherhouse property.



Sisters, Associates, and Agrégées gathering to celebrate Earth Day



Anti-Trafficking

Spreading the Word

Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ

On May 4, 2022 Betsy Goodwin, OSF,* and Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ, members of the Anti-human Trafficking Coalition of Women Religious, joined the Saugus Catholic Collaborative Social Justice Committee/Ministry Meeting at Blessed Sacrament Church for a presentation on Human Trafficking. The event was held to raise awareness of what human trafficking is, the extent to which this evil exists within society, and the realization that together we can do something to help eradicate this modern-day slavery.

The adults present who are part of the Saugus Collaborative are

dedicated, eager to be informed, and willing to contribute to putting an end to human trafficking. The evening consisted of input, conversation, reflection on a relevant video, questions and prayer. The participants were encouraged to be informed consumers, advocate for justice for victims, inform public officials about the importance of the issue, and pray for an end to human trafficking.

The "Bags of Love" project touched the hearts of the people present because it responds to the needs of the women transitioning from being victims to survivors in a way that reverences the dignity of human life. Although the project focuses on

women and girls, it was recognized that there are many young men being trafficked.

We have a long way to go, however, consciences are being awakened, awareness is being raised, and more people recognize that a victim of human trafficking could be their neighbor.



*a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Dates to Remember



A Place at the Table: Come to the Circle

Wednesday, May 18, 7PM-9PM

A virtual event to benefit The Women's Table. See [link](#) for more info. [Click here to register.](#)



Fiat: What do Sisters Do?

Wednesday, May 25, 7PM

Join us in a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life. If you are interested in participating, contact S. Marian Batho, CSJ, at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617.746.2025 for more info and link to the meeting.



Federation Event: Radically Transforming Community

July 8-10, 2022

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch, with opportunities to participate virtually. Visit the [USCSSJ Federation website](#) for more.



Saint Joseph Spiritual Ministries Retreats

Summer 2022

There will be six Summer Retreats held at Glastonbury Abbey during June, July and August. Learn more about the retreats and sign up [here](#).



Traditional Lace Making Lessons

Summer 2022

Experienced lace makers and those new to the art are welcome. There are only two openings for beginners with a waiting list if necessary. To register, call 781-227-4730 or email spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org.

In Memoriam

Sister Mary Teresa Norton
(Sister Vida)

Mary Terese Norton, CSJ, in her 72nd year as a beloved member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston, died Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Reflections can be viewed at [csjboston.org > news-events > in-memoriam](http://csjboston.org/news-events/in-memoriam)

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