



# A Need Met, a Blessing Received

## Luncheon Celebrates Years of Service

Helen Power, CSJ

Some of you may remember a time when, due to religious custom, sisters did not drive at all. This meant a call to an ever-faithful dad, sister, or parishioner who may have given up time on their one day off to aid our getting around. They considered it a privilege.

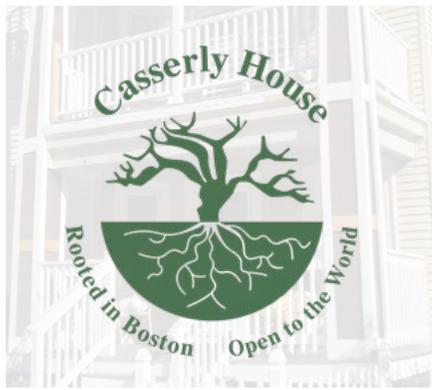
Like many factors in life, things come full circle, and once again due to health issues, eyesight, safety, etc., sisters accept a time in their life's journey when they can no longer drive. It's hard to let go.

This presented a need to help sisters get to appointments, etc. To meet this need, the CSJ Transportation Program was initiated. Facilitated by the Coordinator, Jean Mulloy, CSJ, sisters and associates generously volunteer to give their time to drive a sister wherever she needs or

wants to go. It may be to a doctor, visits with a family member, to a favorite hairdresser, or to browse the local CVS.

On June 2nd, we gathered for our annual drivers' luncheon to celebrate old and new relationships, share experiences, get helpful hints, and speak of the many blessings of this program.

My experience as a driver has filled me with many blessings. It is more than just driving to a place. I hold the belief that I am companioning someone when she may feel very vulnerable and may have received uncomfortable news. I am frequently touched by their courage with limitations. I want them to know I am your sister and will be with you for however long you need on this trip. It is a privilege to do so.



Youth at Arboretum during April School Vacation week field trip



Adult learners at strategic visioning focus group

# Rooted in Boston, Open to the World!

Casserly House Looks to the Future

Donna Stiglmeier, *Director of Casserly House*

This winter, Casserly House, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, engaged in strategic visioning to meet the emerging needs of the neighborhood. To begin the process, we took an appreciative look back at the evolving history. Recently, I had a pleasant conversation with Ann Marie Grady, CSJ, to discuss her creation of the Casserly House logo and motto.

She explained that the design began with a basic circle suggesting the world. Within the circle, the roots of a tree are drawn. These are larger than the branches, reflecting the deeply-rooted presence of Sisters of Saint Joseph in Boston as related to the global reach of the sisters who originated in France.

The logo and motto are fitting for the beginning of Casserly House and its future growth. The roots are intermingled with other tree roots. Together with the soil, they are bigger than the single tree above ground representing Casserly House's collaboration with others. The circle expands to include individuals and deepens relationships with families who may not have previously crossed our doorstep. Those deep roots demonstrate the ability to sustain the mission of Casserly House, a place of welcome and connection for immigrants, while advocating for the Roslindale neighborhood with others. Casserly House is truly "rooted in Boston and open to the world!"

**There's more!** [Click here to read the full article.](#)



## Bob Belléy: The End of an Era

Debbie Stande, *Controller (Finance) for Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston*

As winter and spring transition to summer, our Director of Administration and Finance, Bob Belléy, is transitioning into retirement. Bob has been a major part of the Congregation and the Sponsored Ministries for the past 30 years. He is always ready to educate presidents, counselors, board members, committee members, heads of school, and directors on the finances of the Congregation and the ministries, though somewhat reluctantly. Bob has done this with the charm and wit that only Bob can muster. I think I can speak for the Congregation, the Sisters, the Sponsored Ministries, and the many other people Bob has touched in his many years of service, "Thank you and happy retirement."

# Together, Partners in Mission

## Donor Appreciation Day

Carol Mack, Director of Mission Advancement

Sunday, June 12th, was a perfect June day. The weather reflected the warmth and fellowship of Donor Appreciation Day. Sisters honored and thanked our generous donors with a special liturgy celebrated by Rev. Paul Kilroy, which was followed by a delicious brunch. The theme, "Together, Partners in Mission" expressed the vital partnership between our donors and our sisters that sustains our mission of unifying love.



Sister Lee with sisters in the chapel at Fontbonne



Donor Appreciation Day: Peter Ghiloni, Elaine Ghiloni, and Paul Connolly



Donor Appreciation Day: Frank Gersony (cross-bearer) and Fr. Paul Kilroy

## Fontbonne Convent, Milton

### 1955-2022

*"To everything there is a season,  
and a time for every purpose under heaven."*

Kathie Shute, CSJA

On behalf of the Fontbonne Convent Community

As these enduring words from Ecclesiastes remind us, this has been our season – our time to commemorate the legacy of Fontbonne Convent!

On Sunday, May 15, sisters at Fontbonne welcomed all to an afternoon of prayer and celebration, honoring the rich history of CSJ presence in Milton. As Dorothea Masuret, CSJ, shared in her reflection *If the Walls Could Talk*, "... your conversations with each other this afternoon ... will fill in more of this blessed history. You know the people, the joys, the sorrows – all that has made Fontbonne Convent a unique place in your CSJ journey."

Yes, it was our moment to reminisce and share stories, to hold cherished memories, and to gather sparks of

laughter. It was our time to recall so many blessings, and savor moments of joy. It was an occasion, too, to remember the sorrows, and to share grace-filled comfort in quiet reflection.

We gathered in tribute to all who, through the years, have woven the richly-crafted tapestry that is Fontbonne Convent. It was our time to offer gratitude to Sisters of the Fontbonne Community for their gift of ministry, their presence, and their charism of inclusive love!

**There's more! [Click here to enjoy a video celebrating the history of Fontbonne Convent.](#)**

Our gratitude to Katie McNally and Gariné "Ga" Minassian for creating this presentation.

# Dates to Remember



## Federation Event: Radically Transforming Community

July 8-10, 2022

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch, with opportunities to participate virtually. This in-person gathering in St. Louis is an opportunity not only to talk about community but to experience it as well. Hear inspiring keynote speakers and panelists. Engage in meaningful conversation. Deepen relationships and build new ones. Encounter community advocates working to transform the carceral system and end cash bail, continuing the charism's commitment to care for prisoners and uplift human dignity.

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](mailto:spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org).

*Be as God wants you  
in nature, grace and glory.  
This, your one desire*

— from Maxims in Haiku

## Sister Patricia Ellen Corkery, CSJ

(Sister Leo Clement)

Date of Birth: March 13, 1935

Date of Death: June 3, 2022

In the 69th year of her Religious Life.

Entered: September 8, 1953

## Sister Mary Claire O'Connor, CSJ

(Sister Cornelia)

Date of Birth: January 3, 1925

Date of Death: June 10, 2022

In the 78th year of her Religious Life.

Entered: September 8, 1944

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