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November 2023 | Celebrating God's endless, outpouring love

It Took a Village | Ann Kaufmann, CSJ ASSOCIATES

The combined efforts of Boston Sisters, Associates, and Agrégées gifted twelve Associates from New Mexico with experiencing the Boston Community from September 27 to October 4. For years, the Northeast to Southwest bonds have strengthened through exchange visits, Zoom prayer, and more. With the offer of the Neighbor to Neighbor grant, all who chose to travel could do so.



During lunch at St. Joseph Hall, Della Rodriguez, CSJ, explained techniques she used in creating the glass etchings for NM Associates. Charlene Chavez, CSJA, shares, 'My piece is even more precious because I've met you, Sister!'

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Participants gather around to celebrate another successful open house.

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Opening Our Home to You The Spirituality Center Open House

Alice Poltorick, SJSJSM Advisory Board Member

On a lovely October afternoon (the 14th), friends, gathered at the Spirituality Center for an open house celebration. Staff and members of the SJSJSM Advisory Board welcomed guests and showcased the many beautiful spaces available for prayer and meetings at The Spirituality Center.

"... Participants at the Heart of Creation"

Kathie Shute, CSJA

On Saturday, September 30, associates, sisters and agrégées gathered at the Motherhouse to offer a very special welcome to Annie Kaufmann, CSJ, and 12 associates who traveled from New Mexico to join in our celebration of 150 years of CSJ presence here in Boston. This joy-filled day contained moments of quiet prayer, shared stories, and deepening bonds of friendship and community...



NM Associates Jo Burns, Doris Houlihan and Yvette Griego add their squares to our Associate quilt.

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Engaging Mission Moments

Mission Moment 1:

Baking Cookies With Sisters

On October 27, Boston College students met with sisters to bake cookies to raise funds for their mission trip to El Salvador. Stories were shared, connections were made, and dough turned into sweet treats in the oven. It's these small moments which form enduring memories that work to pass on the CSJ spirit.

Mission Moment 2:

State House Visit: Calling for Funding for Shelters

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, Sisters of St. Joseph joined others at a rally in front of the State House to ask the Legislature to pass the supplemental budget and keep the doors to Emergency Assistance (EA) shelters open! These resources are needed now. Those present made it clear that our value is to be a welcoming presence. Shelter is a basic human right. This is something we have done for 40 years in Massachusetts. We gathered to ask those at the State House to respect the dignity and human rights of all.

Mission Moment 3:

Fontbonne, the Early College of Boston: Celebrating our Shared Past

Sisters gathered at Fontbonne on November 3rd to celebrate their work in creating both a school and a culture that shapes young women into citizens who give back to their community and truly "love the dear neighbor without distinction." [Click here to read the words of Maura Spignesi, Fontbonne's Head of School.](#)



Ella, BC College Student with Joan Duffy, CSJ



Peggy Comfrey, CSJ, at the Housing Protest at the Statehouse



Dates to Remember

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Fiat Meeting

When: Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 7 pm, via Zoom

[Click here for more!](#)

Sisters of St. Joseph Honored for 150 Years of Service to the Archdiocese of Boston.

When: Sunday, Nov. 26th, 10:00am

Location: Divine Mercy Parish 386 Hancock St., Quincy

[Click here for more!](#)

SJSM Presents...

An Afternoon of Prayer

When: Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Motherhouse Chapel, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton or via Zoom. [Click here for more!](#)

Prayer for Peace

When: Tuesday, Dec. 19, 5:00pm

Location: Motherhouse Chapel, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA [Click here for more!](#)

In Memoriam

Mary J. Kelley, CSJA

December 19, 1934 - October 24, 2023

Sister Margaret (Peggy) Nichols, CSJ
(Sister Jean Matthew)

February 11, 1938 - November 9, 2023

In the 65th year of her Religious Life

Entered: September 8, 1959



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Fun Fall Festival

CASSERLY HOUSE | Mary Beth O'Sullivan, Ignatian Volunteer

The invitation was extended for fun, food, and fall festivities at Casserly House and 13 neighborhood children responded, four of them new to Casserly House! Pizza was eagerly consumed before the children ventured to Roslindale Village Main Streets' organized trick-or-treating...

As holidays approach, our immigrant neighbors appreciate gift cards for their families, often used throughout the year too. If interested in this or other gift-giving ideas, please contact Donna at Casserly House (617-469-6457, connect@casserlyhouse.org).

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