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January 2024 | Celebrating God's endless, outpouring love

## Praying for Peace for the Dear Neighbor | Communications Office

On the evening of December 19th, sisters, associates, agrégées, partners in mission, and neighbors from the area gathered to pray for peace. This event was inspired by many ongoing issues... As the Israel/Palestinian conflict continues, as Russia presses onward to claim a country that so desperately wishes to maintain its independence, and as our neighbors in America deal with countless struggles, we seek hope and truth. We seek community. We seek a dialogue with God to make sense of the turmoil, the tragedy, and the suffering.



Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ, lighting a candle during the candlelighting prayers.

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## New Year... New Staff!

John Christoffersen, Ignation Volunteer | CASSERLY HOUSE

Lindsay Morrison joined Casserly House in October as the Program Administrator of ESOL and Family Engagement. From 2016 to 2018, she served in the Peace Corps in Comoros, East Africa. She achieved French proficiency from that experience as well as insight into why learners struggle, and the challenge of adjusting to a radically different culture.

Lindsay says she was particularly drawn to Casserly House because of its unique location within a neighborhood. "I love that it feels like another home, like another place for connection and support," Lindsay says.

John Christoffersen, who interviewed Lindsay, joined Casserly House as an Ignatian Volunteer in September 2023. [Read more about John.](#) [Read more about Lindsay.](#)



Lindsay with two children at the trick-or-treating event in Roslindale.

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## Engaging Mission Moments

### Mission Moment 1:

#### Encouraging Teens, Spreading Joy

Love, support, and encouragement were in abundance at Brighton High School once again at their 'Encourage a Teen at the Holidays 2023' event on December 1st! Over 40 bags were lovingly and generously created by the Sisters of St. Joseph and collected at the Women's Table. This teen gift drive, born 6 years ago by the staff at BHS, helps struggling teens - who are often overlooked during the holidays. Our bags, along with donations from BHS faculty and the Allston-Brighton Community brightened the holidays for many grateful hearts.

### Mission Moment 2:

#### Bags of Love: Bags of Christmas

December 13th proved to be a day of good cheer and hope as sisters loaded Christmas gift after Christmas gift into the truck of a volunteer's car. This holiday season, RIA (Ready, Inspire Act), an organization that provides services to human trafficking victims and survivors, reached out to Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ and Bags of Love with a mission: providing holiday cheer in the form of Christmas gifts for a group of

human trafficking survivors. Sister Marilyn happily said yes, anticipating that they would need to assemble six or seven gift bags. However, there was a greater need, and those seven bags evolved into serving over twenty mothers and forty children. [Read the full article here!](#)

Gifts for Brighton High students! Left to right: Annie Mazzola, Director of The Women's Table, & Sara Bouvier, Admin. from Brighton High



Bags of Christmas! Left to right: Mary Ann Crowley, CSJ, Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ, and a volunteer from RIA



## Dates to Remember

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### Human Trafficking Vigil

When: Sunday, Jan. 21, 1:00-2:30pm

Location: The Motherhouse

[Click here for more!](#)

### Taizé Prayer

When: Thursday, Jan. 18, 7:00pm

Location: Motherhouse Chapel, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA

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### Living the Dream Dinner

When: April 23, 2024

Location: The Seaport Hotel

[Stay tuned for more details!](#)

## In Memoriam

Sister Katherine Green, CSJ  
(Sister Clare Thomas)

September 29, 1941- December 31, 2023

In the 65th year of her Religious Life  
Entered: September 8, 1959

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## Artifact of the Month | Katie McNally, Former CSJ Archivist

Often, knowledge of the past helps us look forward with sharper vision. Fr. Marius Nepper, SJ – one of our most influential historians – guided our exploration of the CSJ charism in the decades following the Second Vatican Council. As the church moves into 2024, we turn to our neighbors, as well as our predecessors, to help build a future in which the CSJ charism can fully blossom forth.



Julie Harkins, CSJ, a sister who served on the Research Team sent to France...

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