

Serving the Dear Neighbor



NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH CENTER 3430 ROCKY RIVER DRIVE, CLEVELAND

We are happy to share with you exciting news about our property on Rocky River Drive, our sisters and neighbor and sponsored ministry, Saint Joseph Academy. Plans are underway to build a new motherhouse for our sisters, and a new home for River's Edge, our spirituality center. We are also excited to announce a partnership between the Sisters of St. Joseph and Saint Joseph Academy that will enable the Academy to renovate our existing motherhouse for an adaptive re-use for its students, faculty, and staff, after our sisters move into their new home.

For almost 120 years, our sisters and the Academy have anchored the West Park neighborhood. We are proud to have been among the first settlers of this area. Our roots here are deep and healthy. With the building of a new motherhouse, we renew and enhance our commitment to the community. We are very excited for our sisters in Cleveland to live in a building that will support their needs and offer area residents and others a place for reflection and growth at River's Edge. Our beautiful new building will be constructed on the northwest portion of the property, is scheduled to be completed in 2019, and will be a lovely addition to our campus.

Since its founding in 1890, and the current building's opening in 1928, Saint Joseph Academy has truly been an extension of the sisters. This latest chapter honors the values that the sisters maintain to this day.

"Partnering with the Academy to adapt the existing motherhouse for their use will enable students to learn and thrive in a building that holds so much of our history," said Sister Nancy Conway, CSJ, a member of the Congregation Leadership Team. "We support Saint Joseph Academy's efforts and look forward to this next step on our journey, with the hopes that all of us will continue to carry forward the values of the Gospel and our mission of unifying love."

We ask for your prayers and support as we embark on this bold and courageous new chapter for our sisters and the Academy. ●

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Thank you!



Back View



Front View

Love of Neighbor Brings Many Together for Day of Service



Hundreds of sisters, associates, friends and supporters of the Congregation of St. Joseph gathered on April 29th in churches, ministries, and other organizations (some founded by our sisters) across the city of Cleveland, as well as in locations across the United States, for our second annual service day. Here are just a few photos of faces and places where we served. A HUGE **THANK YOU** to all who joined us in service to the *dear neighbor!* ●



Helping to prepare the noon meal at St. Augustine Hunger Center.



Cleaning at Malachi House.



Cleaning, sorting and organizing baby clothes and supplies at Providence House



Tidying up United Church of Christ.



Food packing, organizing, and cleaning at St. Aloysius and Agatha.

Retreats Provide Much Needed Respite for Those Who Take Care of Others



Caring for Cleveland's first responders

On Friday, March 10, twelve police officers from the City of Cleveland came to River's Edge for a retreat entitled, "A Day of Mindful Living." The day was led by Chris Checkett, mindfulness facilitator for River's Edge, along with two other River's Edge affiliates, Karen Mulcahy with Yoga Warriors and Heidi Beke-Harrigan with Yoga Nidra.

Police Officers face a number of physical and emotional stressors in their job. Some of the officers who attended were involved in a case of a 14-year-old girl who was murdered, while others knew an officer who was killed recently by a reckless driver. The special day included time for quiet, conversation and sharing, yoga and meditation. The Officers were also taught the principles of mindfulness, which is about being in the moment and becoming aware of one's thoughts and feelings. The practice of mindfulness can help reduce on-the-job stress as well as improve one's ability to relax when off the job. If an officer is able to reduce their stress, they will be better able to help protect their communities and themselves. One officer mentioned, "It's so nice to know that people care about us." ●

A day of love for those who care for survivors of human trafficking

On April 1 & 2, the Congregation hosted a retreat for advocates who provide services to those who have survived the nightmare of human trafficking. The retreat, entitled "You Deserve Something Lovely," was offered at no cost and invited participants to lay down their burdens for a day of rest, renewal, and self-care. Ten men and women, each who works on a daily basis with survivors, attended from as far away as St. Louis and were treated to yoga, chair massage, and learning sessions on topics such as "The Psychology of Self Care." They also enjoyed a wonderful dinner in the company of sisters, associates and friends of the Congregation, and received a goody bag with items intended for relaxation and self-care. Plans are underway to repeat this retreat at several of our other centers including Nazareth in Kalamazoo, Mich., and La Grange Park, Ill. What a wonderful way to nurture those who nurture others! ●



Some of the retreat organizers and volunteers. From left to right, CSJ Associate Barbara Starre, Sister Judy Cauley, Associate and Saint Joseph Academy theology teacher Cathy Knittel, and SJA student, Grace Davis.

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Jubilee

2017

Sister Felicia
Petruziello, CSJ
(*Sr. Consuela*)
60 Years

Sister Marion
Hauck, CSJ
(*Sr. Raymond Marie*)
60 Years

Sister Catherine
Lee, CSJ
(*Sr. Ellen Marie*)
60 Years

Sister Jane
Ockuly, CSJ
(*Sr. Mary Thaddeus*)
60 Years



Sister Marie
Gillich, CSJ
(*Sr. Mary Mel*)
60 Years

Sister Patricia
McHale, CSJ
(*Sr. Mary Josepha*)
60 Years

Sister Cecilia
Nagel, CSJ
70 Years

Sister Mary Jane
Masterson, CSJ
(*Sr. Judith*)
70 Years



Sister Jane Ann
Comerford, CSJ
70 Years



Sister Judith
McGuire, CSJ
(*Sr. M. Colombiere*)
60 Years

Congratulations to all 41 sisters celebrating Jubilees around the congregation this year! To view full biographies, visit us online at www.csjoseph.org, and click on "Connect With Us."



Students from five high schools enjoyed meeting and getting to know our sisters during a welcome cook-out for the CSSJ Student Leadership Conference which was hosted by Saint Joseph Academy in June. Clockwise from top, students say hello to Sisters Joyce Joecken, Audrey Koch, and Pat Finn.

Sisters help welcome students to Leadership Conference

Saint Joseph Academy was proud to host the 3rd CSSJ Student Leadership Conference June 9-11, 2017, for student leaders from our sponsored sister schools Saint Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge, La. and Nazareth Academy in La Grange Park, Ill. Joining this year were students from St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City and Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Philadelphia.

As in past years, the students enjoyed seeing old friends and interacting with our sisters. Between the cookout on Friday evening and the dinner in the St. Joseph Center dining room on Saturday, the students met many sisters and commented on the joy each sister exuded. President of the Congregational Leadership Team, Sister Nancy Conway, CSJ, stopped by to welcome everyone on Friday evening. On the last evening, the students reflected on their time together and how they were going to carry what they learned back to their home schools. Their commitment to spreading unity, caring for earth, and being of service was energizing and hopeful.

When students were naming their highlights of the conference, spending time with the sisters was at the top of many lists. ●

In Memoriam...

Sister Mary Gallagher, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on February 23, 2017, after 72 years of religious life.



Sister Kathleen Carey, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on December 21, 2016, after 70 years of religious life.



Sister Genevieve O'Malley CSJ

Entered into eternal life on August 18, 2016, after 66 years of religious life.



Sister Elizabeth (Betty) Herris, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on June 11, 2016, after 71 years of religious life.



We Celebrate the lives of all our sisters who passed away this year.

SISTERS IN THE COMMUNITY



Sister Sallie Latkovich at the May graduation ceremony of Catholic Theological Union where she was recently named Director of the Master of Arts in Biblical Ministry. Here, she reads a citation she composed to accompany the honorary doctorate given to Sister Simone Campbell, SSJ, the Executive Director of NETWORK, the Catholic Social Justice Lobby.



Sister Carrie Vall attended Earth Fest as part of Earth Day Festivities. Above, she poses with Wally Water who teaches attendees about water issues and conservation. Care of Earth is one of the Congregation's most sacred commitments.



Sisters Liz Lavelle (left) and Marilyn Nickol (right), members of the Congregation's Peace and Justice Team, recently attended a presentation by several Saint Joseph Academy students intended to raise awareness of the refugee experience. With the sisters are Esther Ngemba and Alyssa Durma. Esther was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and lived in a refugee camp in Uganda. Alyssa is Muslim-American.



Sisters Madeline Lammermeier (middle left) and Mary Ann Lavelle (middle right) pose with Saint Joseph Academy student Anna Zavoda and her prom date, St. Edward High School graduate Andrew Vargo. Anna is the daughter of Congregation of St. Joseph employee Mary Zavoda, who is also an Associate.



Sister Jeanne Cmolik, whose homily, "Following Jesus the Prophet," which was offered at the Palm Sunday liturgy at St. Joseph Center, was published on Good Friday by the National Catholic Reporter.



Sister Rita Mackert was honored as "Teacher of the Year" by the Knights of Columbus of Strongsville. In the future, this honor will be presented as the "Rita Mackert Teacher of the Year Award." Sister Rita taught at Saints Joseph and John school in Strongsville for 42 years before retiring in 2012.

Message from Leadership

Dear friends,

As part of our Congregation of St. Joseph family you are an integral part of our efforts to bring the message of God's love to the world in ways that inspire action on behalf of others. Since August 2007, when seven founding communities of St. Joseph came together to be one as the Congregation of St. Joseph, we have experienced the abundance of God's great love through our relationships with each of you.

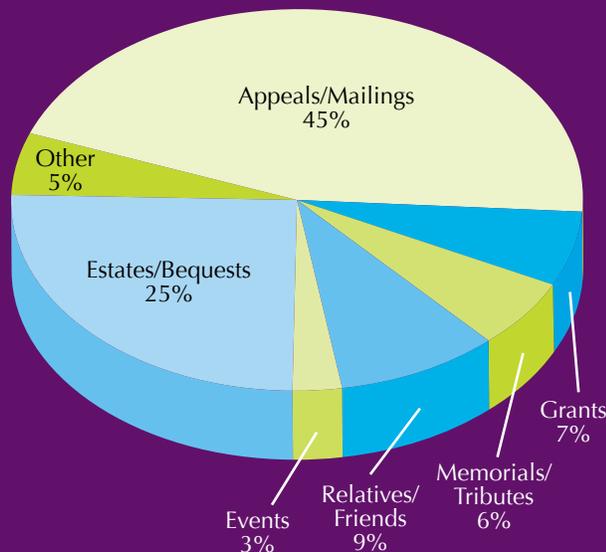
As we celebrate our 10th year, we celebrate the generosity by which you and others in our communities across the country have embraced us and have continued to support our mission, our ministries, our lives and needs. Your support has enabled us to take risks to broaden our lives, to expand our ministries, and to live our promises in an active and inclusive way. This includes our commitment to care for our sisters and at the same time to more fully respond to the emerging needs of our neighbors and our world. New initiatives, ministries, and partnerships, new uses for some of our buildings and land along with new ways and places for our sisters to live in community in some of our locations are all a part of our efforts today. They reflect our vibrancy and compassion and our commitment to stay attentive to the needs of a world in desperate need of our care.

Thank you for helping bring God's message of unifying love to our communities. With your support and prayers we are moving forward filled with gratitude and hope!

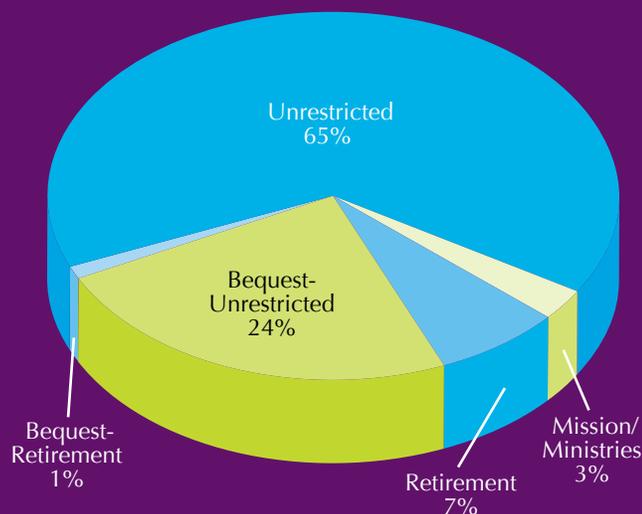
With profound gratitude,
The Congregation of St. Joseph Leadership Team

Annual Giving Report

Revenue Sources



Donor Designated Uses



*This reporting documents the sources and designated uses of the charitable donations received by the Congregation in 2016. This includes the gifts received by the Congregation that are designated to some of our sponsored ministries while gifts sent directly to our ministries are not included here. We rely on the generous support of our benefactors and openly share how gifts received on behalf of the Sisters of St. Joseph are used.

The legacy of caring and mission of our congregation begun by our first six Sisters in LePuy, France more than 360 years ago continues today because of the support provided by donors and friends. There are many ways you can help including through your prayers, direct annual gifts, membership in our Circle of Friends monthly sustaining donor circle, and through your will and estate plans.

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Spotlight Photo



Sister Juanita Shealey, CSJ, spoke with students from Saint Joseph Academy, along with their teacher, Ms. Suzanne Smiley-Rozic (back, right), during Black History Month in February.

Stay Connected...

There are many ways to stay connected to the sisters, associates, and ministries of the Congregation of St. Joseph:



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Upcoming Events

at St. Joseph Center...

Witness for Peace

Third Tuesday of every month. 4-5:00 pm, front lawn.
Bring your own peace signs or we can provide you one.

Friends and Family Masses

All are welcome to celebrate liturgy with us in our Worship Space. Remaining 2017 dates are July 8, August 12, and September 9, at 7:00 pm. Call **216.252.0440** for more information.

Circle the City With Love

The movement continues! Come witness for peace with us on Sunday, July 16 from 2-4:00 pm. Join us at St. Joseph Center, or start your own group. Visit www.circlecitywithlove.com for more information and to register.