

2018 Edition

Serving the Dear Neighbor

NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH CENTER



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Congregation looks forward with **New Leadership; New Vision**

In a spirit of great joy and anticipation, nearly 300 sisters, associates, staff, and other partners in mission of the Congregation of St. Joseph came together for our Chapter meeting April 2 - 7, 2018, in Chicago, with many more joining by live-streaming from our centers and homes.

Community members elected the congregation's new leadership team who will serve a five-year term beginning in August. The newly elected team is a group of multi-talented women who are deeply committed to furthering

the mission of unity in today's world. They are (below right, clockwise from top) Sisters Marie Hogan, Sallie Latkovich, Pat Warbritton, Jacqueline Goodin, and Kathy Brazda. Please join us in welcoming our new team and in gratitude for the amazing leadership of our current team. ●



Clockwise from top: Sisters Paula Terese Pilon, Maria Francisca Izawa, Erin McDonald, and Theresa Pitruzzello mug for a selfie, Chapter 2018 workbook, current leadership team members Sisters Rita Ann Teichman and Jeannie Masterson help open the proceedings, our newly elected leadership team, and members vote to affirm our new directional statement.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Anticipation and Excitement Grows as our New Motherhouse Takes Shape!

The sounds of hammers and heavy equipment is ever present on our property on Rocky River Drive, as construction of our new Motherhouse continues in full swing! The relatively mild winter and beautiful spring has allowed for great progress, with framing, exterior walls, and roofing already done. Windows were installed this past month, and electrical and plumbing are currently being installed. The project is still on schedule to be completed early next year, with an anticipated move-in date in early spring. An open house will be held, so stay tuned for details! ●

View of new Motherhouse from former Lobby



Artist's Rendering



View From Cemetery



New Chapel

River's Edge Retreats Provide Much Needed Respite for Cleveland's First Responders

By Sister Christine Schenk, CSJ
Excerpted from National Catholic Reporter

“Today we’re not going to sit around and cry or anything like that. If you want to cry feel free, that’s fine, but the goal today is to do some practice that is going to help you learn how to relax. And I think you’re really, really going to enjoy it. I guarantee you’ll be snoring at the end of the day.”

So spoke Cleveland police officer Chris Gibbons as he introduced “A Day of Mindful Living,” an innovative program for the Cleveland Division of Police, held at River’s Edge, a spirituality and wellness center and sponsored ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph.

The program, held on February 9, was the latest of six mindfulness training days designed to introduce law enforcement personnel to mindfulness practices such as yoga and meditation to manage stress and enhance their effectiveness on the street.

Such programs are increasingly popular with police departments around the country who have been

introducing mindfulness practices to help officers deal with the inevitable stress that goes with their jobs.

Gibbons, who comes from a long line of police officers, all of whom served in Cleveland neighborhoods plagued by violence, began searching for more effective ways to help his officers manage stress. He remembered retreats he had attended as a student at St. Ignatius High School.

“It was great experience. I loved it,” he said. “We were every bit the nitwits just like high school boys. And yet we all connected to the retreats. So, I thought, if young high school boys could connect with this, why couldn’t adult police officers?”

Since the first program last year, 53 officers and other command staff have attended the retreats, all of whom reported feeling less stressed at the end of the day, and nearly all said they planned to continue the sitting and resting meditative practices as well as yoga.

“We are very pleased to be able to provide this well-deserved day of rest and restoration for members of our police force,” said Maureen Powers, Executive Director of River’s Edge. “Providing transformative experiences like these is one of the cornerstones of our mission.” ●

To learn more about
**River’s Edge Spirituality
Center**, and see a complete
list of offerings, visit:
RiversEdgeCleveland.com



Yoga Practitioner Karen Mulcahy, Officer Chris Gibbons, Psychotherapist Chris Checkett and Yoga Practitioner Heidi Beke-Harrigan.



Members of the Cleveland Police Department and River's Edge practitioners at the February mindfulness retreat.

Sisters, Associates and Students Take Part In Anti-Gun Violence Rallies; Walk-Out

Almost immediately after the horrific school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida last February, young people across the country made national news as they found their voices and stood up to say, 'enough!' Our sisters and associates, who pray and act for peace as part of living our mission of unity and commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, stood with Saint Joseph Academy students as they took part in the March 14 student-led national school walk-out, and the March 24 rally in downtown Cleveland.

March For Our Lives rally on Public Square on March 24, 2018.



Sister Christine Schenk takes part in the rally along with Saint Joseph Academy students.



From left to right, Jean Alvarez along with Sisters Pat Kozak, Felicia Petruziello, Judith Minear, Nancy Conway, Jeanne Cmolik, and Jacqueline Goodin.



Student-led walk-out at Saint Joseph Academy, March 14, 2018.

Students stood in silence for 17 minutes in freezing temperatures while the names and ages of each of the 17 victims of the Parkland, Florida school shooting were read aloud. Sisters, associates and friends of the Congregation joined them in prayer.

The orange sign in the middle carries the mantra of Sister Juanita Shealey, who often repeats this encouragement to students and young people.

Photo by Saint Joseph Academy

Jubilee

2018



Standing from left to right are Sisters Hope Greener and Loretta Schulte, who are both celebrating their 70th Jubilees, and seated is Sister Helen Ann Brown, who is celebrating her 60th Jubilee. Jubilee is the anniversary of a sisters' entrance into religious life.

Congratulations

to them and all 40 sisters who are celebrating Jubilees around the Congregation this year!

To view full biographies, visit us at www.csjoseph.org, and click on "Connect With Us" then "Jubilarians."

In Memoriam...



Sister Joan Lang, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on May 30, 2018, after 71 years of religious life.

Sister Theresa Sullivan, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on February 12, 2018, after 69 years of religious life.



Sister Catherine Pinkerton, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on December 28, 2017, after 78 years of religious life.

Sister Betty McCafferty, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on December 24, 2017, after 67 years of religious life.



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

PRAYER, PRESENCE AND SERVICE



Antiracism Workshop Held

Almost 50 sisters, associates, staff, and friends participated in “Understanding and Analyzing System Racism,” a workshop held May 9-11 at St. Joseph Center. The workshop was facilitated by Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training, an organization whose mission is to dismantle systemic racism within institutions and build anti-racist multicultural diversity through training. Participants explored the historical development of institutional racism in the U.S., analyzed how it operates and shapes individual identity and work, learned how to create a shared language for talking about it effectively within their organization, and examined ways to equip their institution with a framework for moving toward anti-racist transformation.



Above, from left to right are Sister Juanita Shealey, Associate and staff member Mary Zavoda (seated), and Sisters Jacqueline Goodin and Rita Shinerl.

At left, Crossroads workshop Facilitation Team Kara Bender and Rev. Dr. B. Jo Ann Mundy.

Saint Joseph Academy Spring Luncheon

Sisters and associates gathered for this photo at the annual Saint Joseph Academy Spring Scholarship Luncheon, which took place on May 8, 2018.

From left are Sister Phyllis DiFuccia (Vice President of Mission at SJA), Sister Hope Greener, Associate Mary Zavoda (Director of Community Life and Services), Sister Pat Kozak (SJA Board Member), Associate Mary Ann Fischer, Sisters Joyce Joecken, Rita Petruziello, and Antoinette Campanella, Associate Gina Sullivan (Director of Communications), Sisters Madeline Lammermeier, Corita Ambro, and Pat Finn (former SJA Principal), Associate Pat Milenius (Director of Mission Advancement), and Sister Karen Lyons.



Sisters and Associates Volunteer For Homeless Stand Down

Over 100 personal care kits containing basic hygiene essentials were assembled at St. Joseph Center this past January to donate to Homeless Stand Down, an event led by HandsOn of Northeast Ohio that is geared toward providing those who are homeless or are facing homelessness with much needed assistance.

From left to right are Sisters Rita Mackert, Dorothy Turk, Kathleen Kilbane, Judy Cole (seated), June Hansen, Hope Greener, Associate Nancy Dale, and Sisters Marilyn Nickol and Joan Lang.

Legacy of the Lacemakers

The legacy of caring and mission of the Congregation of St. Joseph was begun by our first six Sisters in LePuy, France, more than 360 years ago, and continues today because of the support provided by you - our faithful donors and friends.

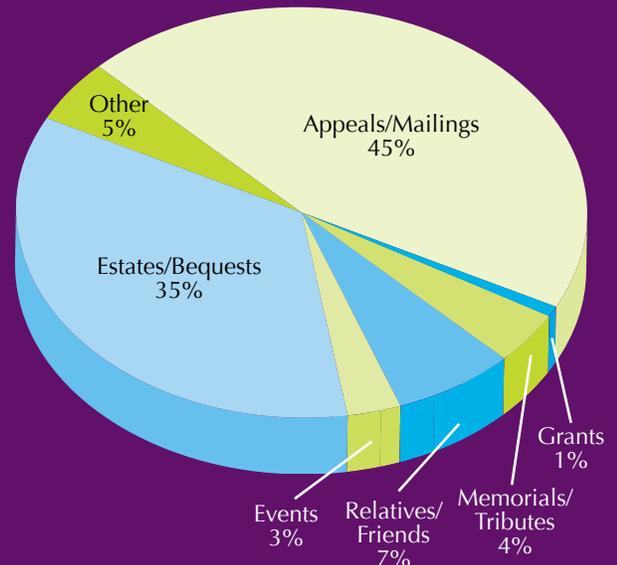
There are many ways you can help ensure that our mission, ministries, and outreach continues now and into the future, including through your prayers, direct annual gifts, membership in our Circle of Friends monthly sustaining donor circle and through your will and estate plans as part of our Heritage Society.

Planned gifts are easy to set up and can be mutually beneficial to both you and the sisters. Your gift to us through your estate, will, life insurance policy or a charitable gift annuity automatically enrolls you as a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Heritage Society. Leaving a legacy gift to the sisters will enable you to support the sisters in their mission for generations to come and to assist the retired and infirm sisters as they live out their lives in prayerful simplicity.

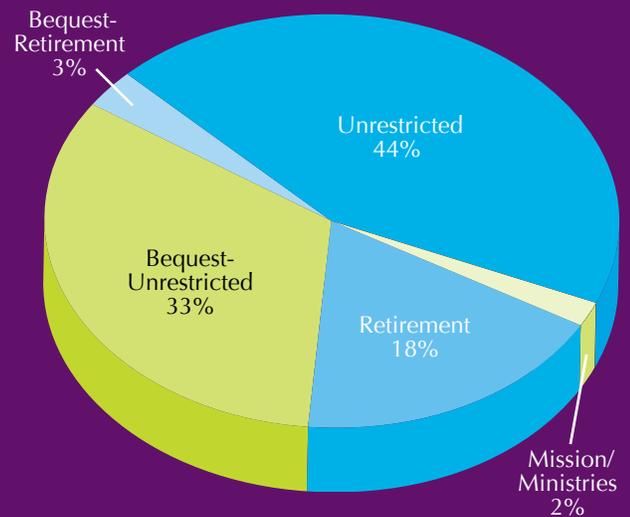
Please consider remembering the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph when making your estate plans. Please feel free to call or email us. We would be happy to assist you with any questions or information you might need.

Annual Giving Report

Revenue Sources



Donor Designated Uses



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Spotlight Photo



Sister Madeline Lammermeier, CSJ, catching up with her former first-grade student, Maxine Kensick Weir, at the Saint Joseph Academy Spring Luncheon on May 8.

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Upcoming Events

at St. Joseph Center...

Witness for Peace

Third Tuesday of every month. 4-5:00 p.m., 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 2018 dates are July 14, August 11, September 8, and November 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Call **216.252.0440** for more information.

New Motherhouse Grand Opening

Stay tuned for the date of the grand opening of our new Motherhouse and River's Edge to take place sometime next Spring, 2019. We want to celebrate with you and the community by hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. All will be welcome so look for details early next year!