

Serving the Dear Neighbor



NEWS FROM OUR MEDAILLE FOUNDING COMMUNITY WHICH INCLUDES BATON ROUGE & NEW ORLEANS, LA.; CROOKSTON & MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN.; CINCINNATI, OH.; AND SURROUNDING AREAS

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, Theresa Pitruzzello and Erin McDonald 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.

Jubilee 2018



Sister Jane Louise
Arbour, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Mary Patricia
Murphy, CSJ
(Sister Mary Matthew)

60 Years



Sister Judith Couturie, CSJ
(Sister Joseph Andre)

60 Years



Sister Anne Michelle
Ramagos, CSJ

60 Years



Sister Barbara Hughes, CSJ
(Sister Theresita)

60 Years



Sister Irene Regan, CSJ
(Sister Michael Therese)

60 Years



Sister Frances Landry, CSJ
(Sister Laura)

60 Years



Sister Rose Mary
Toenyan, CSJ
(Sister Barbara)

60 Years

Congratulations...

...to these and all 40 sisters who are celebrating Jubilees around the congregation this year!
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Gathering a new Religious Generation

From May 17-20, 2018, thirty-five of the newest Sisters of St. Joseph from the U.S., Canada and Mexico gathered at Notre Dame Retreat House in Lake Canandaigua, New York for “Tending the Flame,” a gathering of candidates, novices, and sisters who have taken first vows through those who are up to 10 years finally professed.

Generational gatherings such as Tending the Flame provide an opportunity for union among newer members. Within the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the umbrella organization to which most communities of Sisters of St. Joseph belong, this is particularly important since newer members often enter alone, or with one other person. Through generational gatherings, including a year-long Federation Novitiate for many, sisters share formative experiences that create bonds that often last a lifetime and are renewed each time the sisters come together.

Attending from the Congregation of St. Joseph were Sister Theresa Pitruzzello, CSJ, who lives and works in Baton Rouge, La.; Sister Paula Terese Pilon, CSJ, who lives and works in Cleveland, Oh.; Sister Erin McDonald, CSJ, who lives and works in Detroit, Mich.; Candidate Jennifer Berridge, who lives and works in Wheeling, W.Va.; and Candidate Sarah Simmons, who lives and works in Kalamazoo, Mich.

“Words can not express the vitality, gift, and passion that I and others experienced during the Tending the Flame gathering,” said Sister Theresa, who serves as Center Administrator at our center in Baton Rouge. “We may be from different congregations, cities or even countries, but we all belong to the Family of Joseph. We are all sisters.” ●

In Memoriam...



Sister Jeanne Maria Campeau, CSJ

Entered into eternal life
on May 14, 2018, after
68 years of religious life.



Sister Rose Marie Montpetit, CSJ

Entered into eternal life
on September 1, 2017, after
68 years of religious life.



Sister Camille Marie Simoneaux,
CSJ

Entered into eternal life
on August 30, 2017, after
71 years of religious life.

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

'Let God Set Free' Retreat

Provides Care for Those Who Care for Others

On June 8 & 9, 2018, our sisters and associates in the Twin Cities worked with Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and other local people, to host a retreat entitled "Let God Set Free," a much-needed respite for those who work with, nurture and advocate for victims of human trafficking. Eighteen women who work for either Breaking Free in St. Paul, Source in Minneapolis or Terebinth Refuge in St. Cloud gathered for the overnight retreat. Sister Sue Torgersen, CSJ, who serves on the planning committee, said, "The presence of God in the grace, healing and affirmation that the retreatants experienced was evident. The participants were deeply touched by all the cards and notes that they received from our sisters and associates, as well as from several local parishes and other groups." ●



Photo courtesy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet



Photo courtesy of The Clarion Herald

Artistic Reuse of St. Joseph Academy New Orleans

Our former St. Joseph Academy in New Orleans, which dates back to 1855, is now the Bell Artspace Campus. Artspace, a Minneapolis firm which renovates buildings to provide affordable housing for artists, has transformed the former school buildings into 79 affordable apartments. The Bell Artspace is now home to painters, dancers, musicians and Mardi Gras costume designers and carpenters. The chapel, which was built in 1887, will be used for exhibits and other gatherings. "For sisters who attended school at St. Joseph Academy or entered the novitiate there, visiting their beloved school and former convent has been a wonderful gift," said Sister Joan Laplace, CSJ, (at left). "It is immensely gratifying to see what seemed to be destined for the wrecking ball, transformed into housing that gives new life to the property and to the entire neighborhood." ●

Sisters in Minnesota Support Fundraiser For Life

For many years, our sisters in Minnesota have supported the Women's Life Care Center in Little Canada, Minn. The center supports pregnant women by providing free life coaching, parenting, prenatal and maternal wellness services. Their support honors the late Sister Jeanne Therese Condon, CSJ, who 38 years ago established a Life Care Center on the campus of the University of Minnesota, shortly after the 1973 Supreme Court Roe vs. Wade ruling. That Life Care Center was the model for nearly 30 more centers now operating in Minnesota and Wisconsin. At right are Sisters Anita Germain and Doreen Charest at the center's annual fundraiser last September. For more information visit www.womenslifecarecenter.org. ●



Morning of Reflection

Brings Sisters and Associates Together in Baton Rouge

In March, sixty sisters and associates in Baton Rouge gathered together for a morning of reflection entitled, “Hearts United, Serving the Dear Neighbor.” Guest speaker Rob Tasman, Executive Director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, led with what he called a “Tale of Two Cities,” referring to the neighborhoods of North and South Baton Rouge. The presentation was followed by a period of small group sharing, questions and comments, then a Mass celebrated by Fr. Paul Yi. “The morning of reflection with Rob Tasman confirmed for me what I have long felt and believed: that thoughts and prayers must lead to action and advocacy,” said Associate Sandy Brown. “Jesus did not tell us to give the hungry thoughts and prayers. He told us to feed the hungry. This day of reflection fed my soul and I’m so appreciative to belong to this CSJ community.” ●



Butter ‘Em Up and Sock It To ‘Em

Last December, associates connected to our center in Baton Rouge along with some of the sisters who live there, joined together to collect peanut butter and socks, which were then delivered to those in need in the area by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This year, we are again participating in this drive and are hoping to make it our largest delivery yet! We ask that the socks and jars of peanut butter be dropped off **December 10-18, 2018**, during the hours of 8:30 am - 3:00 p.m., to our center at 3134 Hundred Oaks Blvd. in Baton Rouge. We thank everyone who participated last year and we hope you, and others, will give this year! For more information, email Kristy Roubique at kristy@lacni.com. ●

Sister Caroline Benken

Retires After Years of Service in Cincinnati

On June 24, 2018, our sisters in Cincinnati gathered to say goodbye and bless Sister Caroline Benken, CSJ, who after many years of service to the community is retiring and moving to live with our sisters in Wheeling, W.Va. Sister Caroline began her career as a teacher and principal serving in area elementary schools. She later served as a pastoral associate at St. Xavier Church in downtown Cincinnati for 18 years, and was a member of the first Sisters’ Advisory Council for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. She has stayed active in several peace and justice initiatives, and next year will celebrate her 70th Jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph. Please join us in wishing Sister Caroline well in her new home, and in gratitude for her many contributions to the Cincinnati community. ●



Celebrating 150 years



An unidentified sister with a second grade class in 1934 at St. Joseph's Academy, which was founded by our sisters in 1868.

This year, our sisters in Baton Rouge are celebrating 150 years of presence in and service to the community. A special Mass will take place on October 21, 2018, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please join us in recognizing their many contributions from the past and today...



Sister Mary Rose Amorello serves hot dogs at the St. Joseph's Academy concession stand in 1940.



Sister "waitresses" serve in the dining room in 1960.



Sisters with the Joseph and Jesus statue as it is placed at the newly constructed center at Hundred Oaks in Baton Rouge in 2009.



Sisters in Baton Rouge visit the St. Joseph's Academy library in 2013.



Far left, Sister Ily Fernandez, CSJ, and students participate in our annual "Hearts United" service day. Here personal items were gathered and delivered to those in need.

Left, Students from St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge celebrate graduation. Our sisters still teach in and sit on the board.

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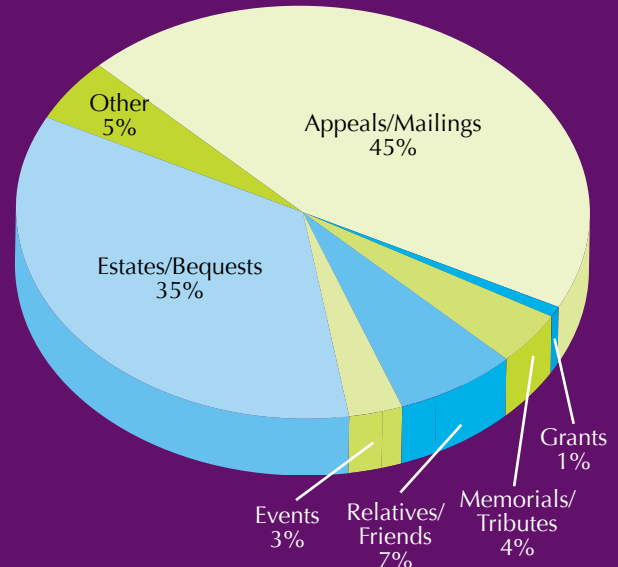
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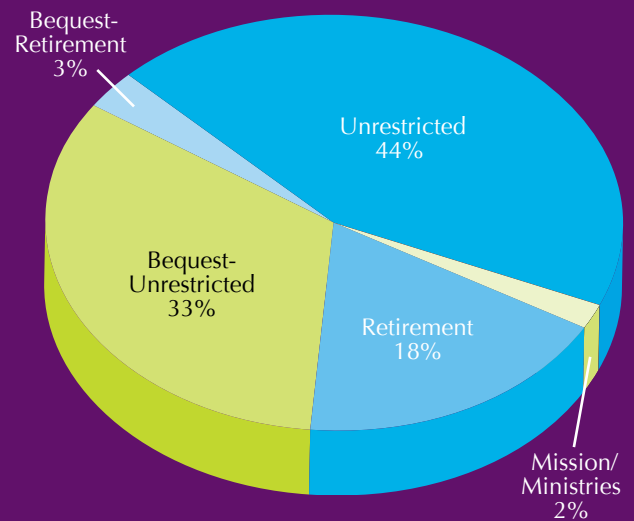
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Spotlight Photo



Sisters from the South on their way to our Chapter meeting in Chicago (see front cover). From left to right are Sisters Adelaide Williamson, Lucy Silvio, Mary Ann Hebert, Geraldine Riendeau, and Anne Meridier.

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