

2018 Edition

Serving the Dear Neighbor

NEWS FROM THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH



3700 EAST LINCOLN STREET,
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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, 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.

Sisters Move Into **New Home**



With tears of joy and warm words of welcome, nearly 40 of our sisters in Wichita entered their new home for the first time on March 29, 2018, after nearly two years of construction. Sisters and staff gathered in the new entrance way, and the first sisters got to cut the ceremonial ribbon. The construction was part of a larger Congregational plan we call Neighboring aNew, which includes building right-sized, environmentally and user friendly housing for our sisters, where they can age in place and receive the care they need. The sisters are currently busy getting settled in their new apartments, like Sister Judith Ann Shimek at left, and are enjoying their new surroundings. Please join us in wishing our sisters well in their new homes! ●

Congregation Announces Plan For **Former Motherhouse**

Our former Motherhouse, known as Mount St. Mary Convent on East Lincoln Street, is a landmark and an icon in the Hilltop neighborhood, and is also very dear to us. As part of our efforts to collaborate with others to use our properties to continue serving the *dear neighbor*, Catholic Charities of Wichita had been occupying the building for the past two years.

We are now happy to announce that Saint Francis Community Services will lease the 68,000 square-foot building to accommodate an array of early childhood development, independent living, health care, and life skills programs for children in foster care, their families, and newly resettled refugees. The building and operations will be known as Saint Francis at The Mount, and will include community partnerships with Head Start and Child Start, among others.

Our sisters, many of whom are retired teachers, administrators and nurses, will be active volunteers and mentors in Saint Francis' programs, especially those involving infants and children. Additionally, youth in independent living at The Mount may have the opportunity for employment with the congregation.

"We are both humbled and blessed to have this opportunity at The Mount to help further meet



the needs of vulnerable children and families in Wichita," said The Very Reverend Robert N. Smith, Dean and CEO of Saint Francis Community Services. "Through service to others, the spiritual missions of Saint Francis and the Sisters of St. Joseph are intertwined. Both organizations are advocates for systemic change and tangible measures that improve lives and strengthen family bonds. To enhance the welfare of children and families, there could not be a more perfect union."

Sister Marguerite O'Brien, CSJ, from the Congregation's Leadership Team, agrees. "We are excited about welcoming Saint Francis Community Services and those that they serve to our campus," she said. "As two organizations committed to serving vulnerable populations and the emerging needs of our world, we see this as a wonderful time of possibilities." ●

PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL



Congregation Participates in **United Nations Commission**

The Congregation of St. Joseph was once again well represented at the United Nations 62nd Commission on the Status of Women. This year's meeting focused on the status of rural women, especially with the goal of gender equality and reducing violence against women. Attending this year were, from left to right, Sisters Mary Ellen Loch and Rose Ann Hefner, and Associate Judith Wilkinson. Sister Mary Ellen sees the congregations' attendance at the Women's Conference as essential to our justice work in other areas. "The violence and suppression of women all over the world, the discrimination that many face and the lack of respect for women and their gifts effects many of the issues we are working so hard to eradicate," she said. "Human trafficking, poverty, domestic violence, and many others are all issues that disproportionately affect women around the globe." ●

Congregation Continues Commitment to **Anti-Racism Initiatives and Diversity Training**

As a follow-up to the Anti-Racism workshop held in Wichita recently, this group of employees, associates and sisters met on March 1 to continue the conversation and share thoughts from the book, *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallace. ●



Sisters Wear **Orange** for **Gun Violence Awareness**

On June 1, sisters and staff in Wichita wore orange for National Gun Violence Awareness Day to show support of the effort to stop gun violence wherever it exists. Sisters also attended events that day held by the League of Women Voters and Students Against Gun Violence. Visit wearorange.org to learn more about why we wear orange and what you can do to help. ●

Sisters Volunteer to Help **Register Voters**

On April 20, sisters in Wichita were trained by the League of Women Voters to register people to vote. They then worked alongside others at the Hilltop Community Center and registered dozens of new voters who are now able to exercise this fundamental civic right. Pictured from left to right are: Sisters Lois O'Malley and Mary Ellen Loch; Carole Neal, Voter Service Chair of the League of Women Voters; and Sister Dorothy LeBlanc. ●



Jubilee 2018



Sister Jane Louise
Arbour, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Hostia Horike, CSJ

60 Years



Sister Agnes Joseph
Wachter, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Mary Ellen
Loch, CSJ

60 Years



Sister Joan Marie
Burger, CSJ

60 Years



Sister Joseph Marie
Loh, CSJ

60 Years



Sister Mary Alice
Girrens, CSJ

60 Years



Sister Ann Meyer, CSJ
(Sister Rose Herman)

60 Years

Congratulations...

to these and all 40 sisters who are celebrating Jubilees around the congregation this year!

Dear Neighbor Ministries Hosts Spelling Bee Fundraiser



Sister Irene Regan, CSJ
(Sister Michael Therese)

60 Years



Sister Genevieve
Nakamuta, CSJ

40 Years



Sister Susanne
Daniels, CSJ

15 Years



Sister Maria Francisca
Izawa Hiroko, CSJ

15 Years

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The room at Newman University was buzzing on Thursday, June 21, 2018, as seven teams competed to be the top Bumblebee at the ICT Bee – Adult Spelling Bee to benefit Dear Neighbor Ministries, a sponsored ministry of the congregation.



Sister Joan Burger (left) put together a spelling team – the Zoo Bees – which Sister Lois O'Malley (top left) competed with. Sisters Karen Salsbery and Susanne Daniels were also in attendance along with over 100 guests.

There was much laughter in the air as each team took their turn on stage to spell their given word. "This event went beyond my expectations," said Brenda Wasinger, Director of Development for Sisters of St. Joseph Dear Neighbor Ministries. "I would like to thank all the teams that participated, everyone who attended, and the volunteers who played a major role in making the evening so entertaining. Proceeds from this event will support our neighbors in Hilltop, to encourage them to take advantage of the available resources to help them get back on their feet." ●

To learn more about Sisters of St. Joseph
Dear Neighbor Ministries, visit us online at
www.dearneighbor.org.

In Memoriam...



Sister Charlene Huffington, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on May 6, 2018, after 73 years of religious life.



Sister Antoinette Yelek, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on July 16, 2017, after 68 years of religious life.



Sister Prudentia Nelson, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on April 5, 2018, after 69 years of religious life.



Sister Marie Veronica Janousek, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on July 11, 2017, after 60 years of religious life.



Sister Josephine O'Gorman, CSJ
(Sister Ann Joseph)

Entered into eternal life on September 21, 2017, after 69 years of religious life.

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

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.

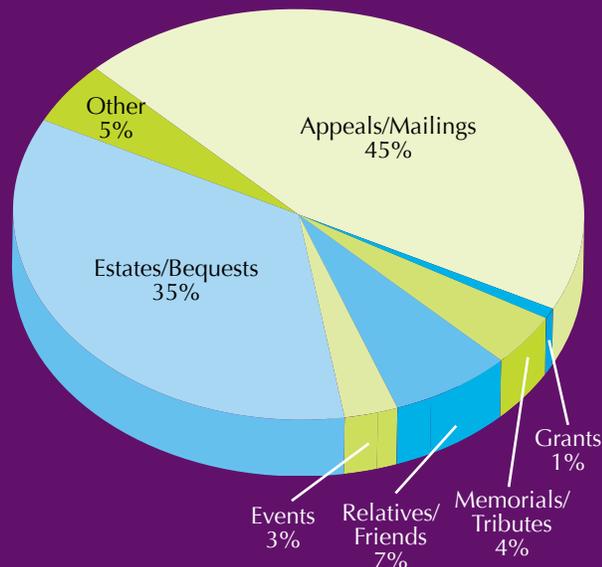
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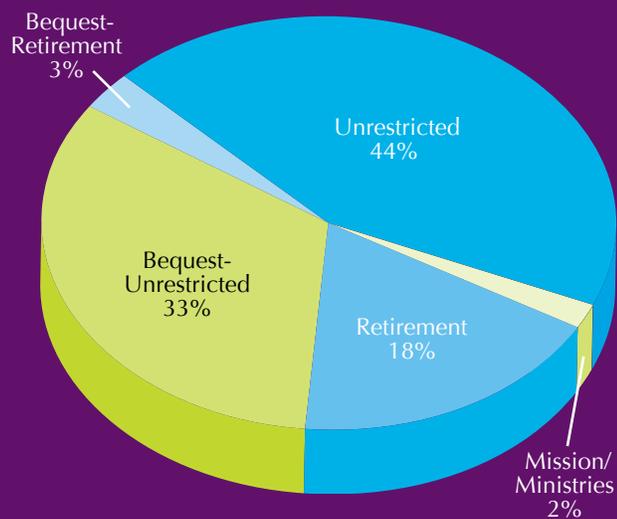
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Spotlight Photo



Last fall, Sisters Ann Letourneau, Chris March, Christine Parks and Jeannie Masterson (seated, left to right) traveled to Azaka, Japan, and met with the Board of Nansei Senior Care Ministry. We are grateful for the compassionate care they provide for all their residents, including our sisters.

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