

2019 Edition

# Serving the Dear Neighbor

NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH CENTER



3430 ROCKY RIVER DRIVE, CLEVELAND

## Sisters; River's Edge Move Into New Home!

After almost two years of planning, construction and much anticipation, our sisters moved into their new home on Rocky River Drive this past February!

The new Cleveland Center features 26 apartment-style units that will allow our sisters to age in place while also receiving needed assisted living services. The new apartments are more comfortable, with in-room bathrooms and kitchenettes, and the center features shorter hallways for easier accessibility for walkers and wheelchairs. There is also a beautiful new Chapel for daily worship.

“Thanks to an army of volunteers and a huge effort by a dedicated moving team of sisters, associates and staff, the move went off without a hitch,” said Mary Zavoda, Coordinator of Sisters and CSJ Associate. “The sisters are excited and adjusting to their new home, and are so grateful to all who came to help and visit.”

River's Edge, our spirituality and wellness center, has also moved into the new center and is continuing its mission to provide patrons opportunities for personal transformation.

“Since its beginning in 2005, River's Edge has offered a diversity of programming, retreats, workshops, wellness classes, speakers, concerts and more,” said Maureen Powers, Executive Director of River's Edge. “The new building allows us to the continue and expand upon this mission in an updated environment that will allow us to grow while maintaining the peaceful environment and hospitality that our clients have come to love.”

River's Edge also has a variety of state-of-the-art meeting rooms available to rent for those looking for a serene location to host their next event or meeting.

On October 15, 2018, our former motherhouse was dedicated Fitzmaurice Hall after Mother Therese Fitzmaurice whose courage, vision and faithful commitment to education led to its construction in 1905 and Saint Joseph Academy in 1929. It honors her and the legacy of all Sisters of St. Joseph who lived, ministered and prayed there for over 100 years. Fitzmaurice Hall will become part of the Saint Joseph Academy campus. ●

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# Welcome to the new St. Joseph Center!



^ From left, Sister Agnes Schrieber, Marion Hauck, Delphine Kennedy and Dorothy Turk behind the altar in the new chapel.



< Sister Kathleen Kilbane (left) and her sister Marge Barden who helped during the move.



< Saint Joseph keeps vigil next to the chapel.



> Receptionist and CSJ Associate Janice Kushner greets visitors in the new center lobby.



^ Human Resources Director Ruth Mercer (left) chats with Sister Judy Cauley in the new dining room.



< The new chapel can seat 75 and is used for daily worship.



^ Sister Mary Hough is all smiles.



## Serving the Dear Neighbor

# Furniture Donation Helps Those in Need

As we prepared to move into our new home, we found ourselves with a lot of furniture we no longer needed. So our moving committee got busy finding organizations who would make good use of it. The following five non-profit organizations were the recipients of furnishings that are now serving a variety of needs in the community:

- **Hope for Heroes**  
Furniture will be used to furnish apartments for homeless veterans who are working to start life anew.
- **Edna House**  
An addiction recovery center for women (housed in the old St. Colman Convent), Edna House received badly needed mattresses and box springs, as well as couches and chairs.
- **Cleveland Housing Network**  
Furniture was picked up by a family in need for their home.
- **Franciscan Village**  
Received tables needed for their community room.
- **El Centro**  
A long established advocacy center for the Hispanic-Latino community, El Centro caseworkers and other volunteers picked up furnishings for impoverished immigrant families.

We were deeply touched by the gift of time, energy and effort by all the volunteers who helped with this effort, and are grateful that these furnishings will serve serious needs within our community. ●



^ River's Edge staff and affiliates enjoy lunch in the new dining room. From left, Megan Gerome, Dana Kirchoff, Colleen Lasky, Catherine Mangan, and Maureen Powers.



< Coordinator of Sisters and CSJ Associate Mary Zavoda with Center Administrator Frank Taylor.



^ Sister Pat Finn in her new apartment.



< Certified Yoga Instructor and CSJ Associate Carol Williams (far right) leads a class in the new yoga room. Yoga is one of many wellness offerings of River's Edge.

# WELCOMING THE STRANGER

## On the Border

### Sisters and Associates serve the dear neighbor in El Paso

This past March and April, sisters, associates and other partners in mission headed south to serve at intake facilities on the U.S./Mexican border in El Paso, Texas. Their duties ranged from preparing, serving and cleaning up meals, setting up sleeping areas, organizing donated clothing and supplies, and other work that addresses essential needs of arriving refugees and asylum seekers.

One of those who went to serve is CSJ Associate and Cleveland native Jan Henderson, who served March 5-21 along with Sisters Margot Eder and Marcella Clancy. An associate is a non-vowed member of the congregation.

“Margot, Marcella, and I were assigned to work at the Pastoral Center of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso where we served between 90-140 families seeking asylum each day,” said Jan. “I was most humbled by the incredible number of local volunteers who donated clothing, prepared meals, and gave of their time and resources, without judgment, to assist their fellow human beings with great compassion and kindness.

Jan, who also recently became part of a three-person Advisory Team for Associates in Cleveland (see story page 6), hopes to encourage others to become CSJ Associates. “It’s a wonderfully giving and inspiring group of sisters and associates whom I am proud to serve alongside,” she said. “I encourage anyone who is interested to join us.” ●

To learn more about associates, log on to [csjoseph.org](http://csjoseph.org)



*Sisters Margot Eder and Marcella Clancy with associate and Cleveland native Jan Henderson in El Paso, Texas.*



*Sister Erin McDonald in front of the wall during her second trip to the border in March.*



*Sisters Jackie Schmitz and Pat Bergen receive a welcomed hug from one of the refugee children during their service trip in April.*



*Sisters Rosemary Balog, Rita Ann Teichman and Pam Owens (a Cleveland native) help serve a meal during their service trip in April.*



*A little boy colors on the floor with other refugee children to help pass the time.*

# Jubilee 2019

Jubilee is the anniversary  
of a sister's entrance  
into religious life.

Celebrating from Cleveland  
are (clockwise from left):

Sisters Dorothy Turk (70th),  
Karen Kirby (50th),  
Carrie Vall (25th),  
Mary Ann Lavelle (75th),  
and Pat Finn (70th).



*Congratulations* to them and all 50 sisters who are celebrating Jubilee from around the congregation this year! To view sister biographies, visit us at [csjoseph.org](http://csjoseph.org), and click on "Connect With Us" then "Jubilarians." From there you can select the geographical area you wish to view.

## *In Memoriam...*



Sister Mary Jane Masterson, CSJ

Entered into eternal life  
on October 25, 2018, after  
71 years of religious life.



Sister Mary McNulty, CSJ

Entered into eternal life  
on August 6, 2018, after  
69 years of religious life.

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

# PRAYER, PRESENCE AND SERVICE

## New Associate Leadership

The Associate program in Cleveland has recently undergone a facelift. Precipitated by Sister Susan Imburgia's retirement after 10 years as director of the program, the new model of leadership includes three co-coordinators who will each work with a small group of associates to manage and develop the program. The three co-coordinators, who officially start in their new roles on July 1, are Associates Mel Kupchik, Nancy Dale and Jan Henderson. They are shown here alongside Sister Susan (far left), whom they recognized and thanked during a meeting in June. Associates are men and women who identify with the mission and values of the Congregation of St. Joseph, and who wish to live intentionally and deepen their spirituality alongside sisters and other associates. We thank Sister Susan for her years of leadership and hard work! To learn more about associates, visit [csjoseph.org](http://csjoseph.org).



## Front Steps Honors Congregation and Sister Loretta Schulte

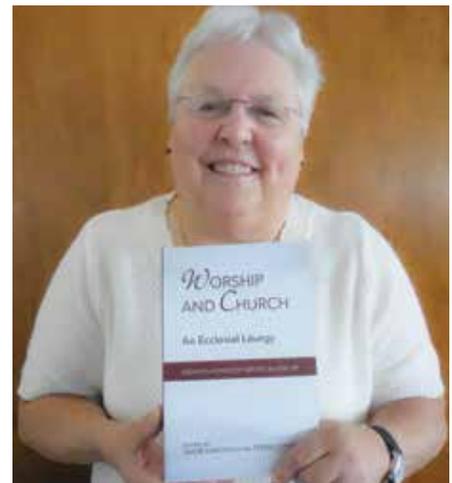
Front Steps (formerly Transitional Housing) recognized the Congregation of St. Joseph and Sister Loretta Schulte, who founded the ministry back in 1986, by announcing the naming of their new building as 'St. Joseph's Commons.' During a groundbreaking ceremony held on June 27, Sister Jacqueline Goodin, a member of our leadership team, read a statement from Sister Loretta which expressed gratitude for the recognition. "When we first conceived of Transitional Housing in the early 80s, it was because we saw the urgent and critical need for safe, decent and affordable housing for at-risk women," she said. "As Sisters of St. Joseph, we are impelled to serve those we call the *dear neighbor*. In my work with Transitional Housing, I found the women we served to be the dearest of neighbors." The project is estimated to be completed in the fall of 2020 and will be located on West 25th Street in Cleveland. "I am humbled to have been part of founding this ministry and am blessed to be able to bear witness to this next chapter in your evolution."



*We were blessed to have Father Lou Papes, a longtime friend of the sisters and the entire Congregation of St. Joseph community, celebrate the first Mass in our new Chapel on February 10, 2019. Thank you, Fr. Lou, for your continued love, friendship and service!*



*Sister Joyce Joecken helped out at the Senior Brunch and Honors Convocation at Saint Joseph Academy on May 24. Held annually, the convocation recognizes outstanding achievements of students, faculty and staff. One of the students recognized was sophomore Alma Rodriguez, seen here with Sister Joyce.*



*Sister Sallie Latkovich, a member of our Congregational Leadership Team, recently published, "Worship and Church: An Ecclesial Liturgy," a collection of essays in honor of her friend and colleague, Father Jerry Austin, OP. It is available from Paulist Press and for pre-order at Amazon.com.*

# Legacy of Caring

The legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph that began with six women in LePuy, France more than 360 years ago continues today because of support from donors and friends like you. Your faithful prayers and generous financial gifts help ensure that our legacy of caring continues to touch the lives of countless individuals and families each year.

We are grateful for our annual donors, Circle of Friends members, and our Heritage Society members who have remembered the Sisters and the Congregation of St. Joseph in your will and estate plans. Our mission and vision are enriched through your commitment.

## You Can Help

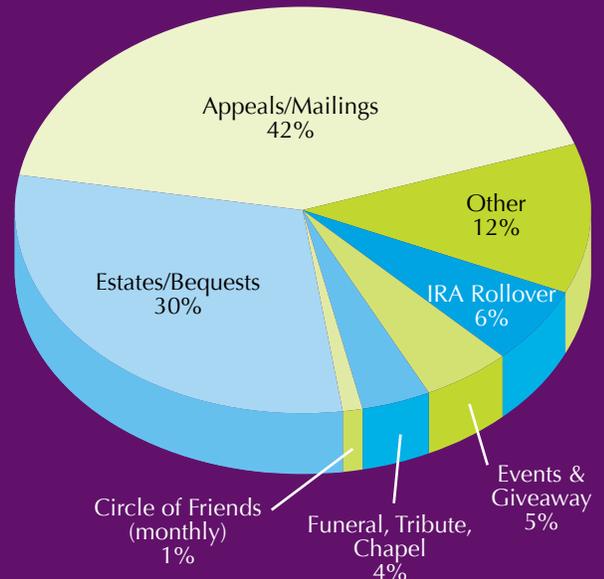
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## For more information:

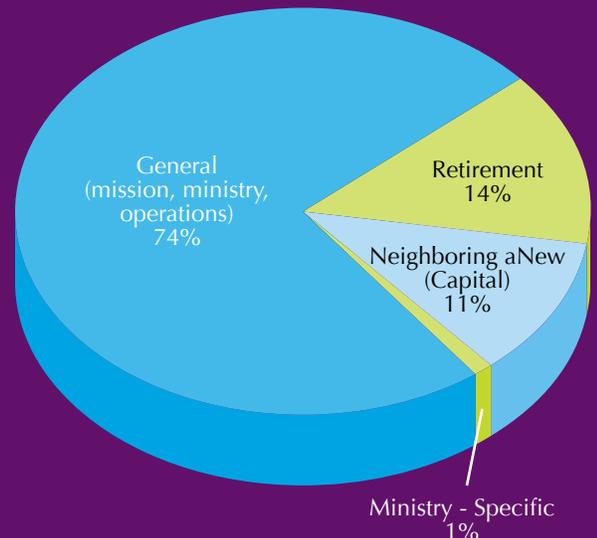
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## Annual Giving Report

### Revenue Sources



### Donor Designated Uses



\*This reporting documents the sources and designated uses of charitable donations received by the Congregation of St. Joseph in the 2018 fiscal year. This includes gifts received that are designated to our sponsored ministries. 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 are used.



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## Spotlight Photo



*Shortly after moving into our new home, sisters, associates, staff and other guests were treated to a special performance of the LePuy Chorale, a young adult choir from LePuy, France. It was the first concert enjoyed in our new center, and extra meaningful as LePuy is the birthplace of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Chorale also performed at Saint Joseph Academy while in Cleveland.*

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## Upcoming Events

### From the Photographer's Secret Notebook

September 14, 2019. 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. River's Edge. Fee: \$65  
Presented by John Holliger

Join priest, professional photographer and spiritual guide John Holliger as he shares ways to improve your technique and life lessons he has discovered through the practice of photography. Whether an amateur or professional, this workshop will include going out into nature to photograph and experience it.

### Black Lives Matter: A Love Story

October 12, 2019. 9 - 11:30 am. River's Edge. Fee: \$40  
Presented by Vincent Lloyd

Join author, speaker and professor Vincent Lloyd as he explores the movement towards racial justice grounded in the same love that is central to the Christ story. Envision what racial justice really looks like and reflect on how struggle and worship can be one in the same.

For more information or to register for these and many other programs, classes and workshops at River's Edge, go to [riversedgecleveland.org](http://riversedgecleveland.org)

## Join Us For Service Day!

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, October 12, 2019**, when we will once again host our annual day of service. Details on service locations, times and how to sign up will be shared on [csjoseph.org](http://csjoseph.org) once finalized (end of summer), so check back and join us as we give back to our community!