

# Serving the Dear Neighbor



NEWS FROM MEDAILLE: BATON ROUGE, NEW ORLEANS, CROOKSTON, MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL & CINCINNATI

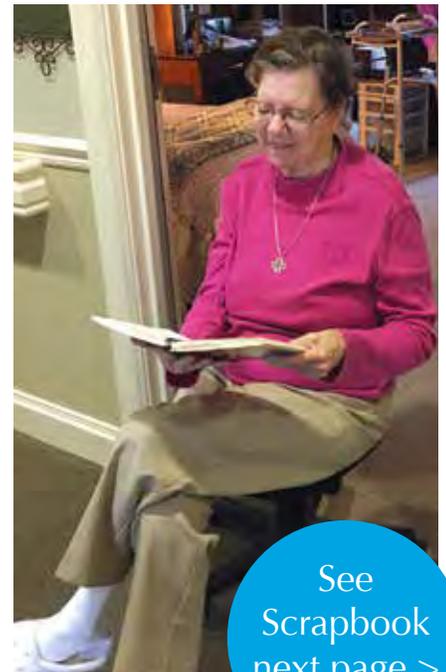


^ Sister Judi Keehnen in Cincinnati has been busy making hundreds of colorful masks, which she donates to employees and other residents of Mount Notre Dame Health Center where she lives.

## Together in Spirit

Greetings! During these past few challenging months, many of you have emailed, called or written in to ask, "How are the sisters doing?" Thank you for your care and concern! Our sisters who live in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Crookston and Minneapolis-St. Paul, as well as all around our congregation, are sheltering in place, practicing social distancing, and finding creative ways to stay active and help their communities. This includes praying for all our friends, neighbors and supporters – like **YOU!**

Here are just a few examples of what our sisters, associates and staff have been up to these past few months!



^ Over the past several months, our sisters who live at our Hundred Oaks center in Baton Rouge have found a way to pray together while also social distancing. They gather nightly in the doorways of their rooms for Evening Liturgy of the Hours. Sister Joan Hartlaub (left) reads from "Daily Prayer, Daily Bread" over the phone intercom system in her room. Sister Joan is no stranger to this medium. She ministered for many years reading to the blind and sight impaired over the radio while living in Cincinnati. Sisters Adele Lambert (center) and Frances Landry (right) listen and pray along.

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# Scrapbook

Quarantine 2020



*Sister Kathleen Babin enjoys a crawfish boil at our center in Baton Rouge.*

*Friends of our sisters in Baton Rouge, Chris Virgets and her daughter Alex Casper stopped by Hundred Oaks and brought Alex's two children for a "visit through the glass" with Sister Evelyn Mee.*



*Sisters in Baton Rouge enjoyed a treat of snowballs from local company, Kona Ice.*



*Sister Juli Caron  
speaks to 5th graders  
at St. Joseph's School  
in Moorhead,  
Minnesota, about  
what it's like  
to be a nun!*



*Sister Dianne Fanguy  
readies a pinata for a  
Cinco de Mayo celebration  
at our Hundred Oaks center  
in Baton Rouge.*



*Sister Adelaide Williamson  
in Baton Rouge is all smiles  
while listening to an outdoor  
concert to celebrate the Feast of  
St. Joseph the Worker Day.*



# Jubilee 2020

The following sisters from the founding community of Medaille are celebrating Jubilee this year. Jubilee is the anniversary of a sister's entrance into religious life. Congratulations to all our sisters who are celebrating Jubilee from around the congregation this year!



Sister Kathleen Babin, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Mary Regis)*

75 Years



Sister Joan Hartlaub, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Mary Marcella)*

70 Years



Sister Dorothy LeBlanc, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Mary Andrew)*

75 Years



Sister Esther Hulin, CSJ

70 Years



Sister Anna Schellhaas, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Joseph Claire)*

75 Years



Sister Shirley Tousignant, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Elizabeth Marie)*

70 Years



Sister Elaine Dufresne, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Mary Edward)*

70 Years



Sister Anne Bergin, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Rose Mary)*

60 Years



Sister Dianne Fanguy, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Mary Kostka)*

60 Years



Sister Juli Margaret Caron, CSJ

25 Years



Sister Anne Meridier, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Mary of Lourdes)*

60 Years



Sister Julie Kraemer, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Julie Marie)*

25 Years



Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Louis Augustine)*

60 Years

To view sister biographies, visit us at [CSJoseph.org](http://CSJoseph.org) and click on "Connect With Us"

## *In Memoriam...*



Sister Mary John Hotard, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on March 30, 2020, after celebrating 75 years of religious life.



Sister Julie Sheatzley, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Maris Stella)*

Entered into eternal life on January 17, 2020, after celebrating 60 years of religious life.



Sister Jeannie Masterson, CSJ  
*(formerly Sister Kathleen)*

Entered into eternal life on November 16, 2019, after celebrating 58 years of religious life.

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

## Serving the Dear Neighbor

### Sister Clariet Perreault Puts Her Talent to Work For Others



Sister Clariet Perreault in Crookston, Minn., has been very busy the past few months! An accomplished seamstress, Sister decided to put her talents to work to help her community during the COVID pandemic.

She began by sewing teddy bears from scrap material she had to donate. “I started making bears in February and have since made more than 50,” she said. “I give them to the fire department so that kids have something to hang on to when they need a hug most.”

Sister Clariet lives at Villa St. Vincent/The SUMMIT in Crookston. They asked her to make fabric face masks for staff and residents, so she found a pattern on the internet, got to work, and has since made dozens of colorful masks.

Sister Clariet learned to sew at an early age. “When I was about 3 years old, I sewed four buttons on my great-grandpa’s shirt, while standing on his lap with him in it!” she said chuckling. “How’s that for trust?”

Sister expressed her gratitude for her many blessings. “I am thankful for so many things,” she said, “but most especially my dear friends and cozy home here at The SUMMIT.” We are sure they are grateful for YOU, Sister Clariet! •

### New Orleans Associates Provide Connection During Pandemic

Recently, a group of associates in New Orleans who call themselves the Crescent City Lakeshore Associates (CCLA), wanted to help their community and especially older adults deal with the loneliness and physical isolation brought on by social distancing. Many of these associates regularly visit People Program, which is a member of the congregation’s Mission Network that offers lifelong learning opportunities to senior citizens. Recognizing that fellow students were staying home and

that several lived alone, the associates agreed to start phoning to check in on them and to let them know they were thinking of them. In two months, the Crescent City Lakeshore Associates made over 750 contacts, the majority by phone and some by email. The outreach was a success, with many associates becoming lasting friends with those they contacted and continue to be in touch with. What a beautiful example of love and service to the *dear neighbor*! •



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< From left to right, members of the Crescent City Lakeshore Associates, Maureen Walsh, Merle T. Harris, Claire Wilson, Cily Winkeler, Gail Brahney, Kimbra Metaxas, Carolyn Johnson, Suzanne Price, Sister Janine Beniger and Kim Hypolite.

Many centuries ago, our sisters took a leap of faith to work in their city to serve the needs of their neighbors. With your help we continue in this spirit today, loving and serving the needs of the *dear neighbor* in many cities and areas of the world.

Sometimes love calls each of us to trust and respond to those around us without knowing exactly how it will work out. This is especially true now, in these days of pandemic and the challenges that go along with it, and in the continuing crises of humanity and climate that exist.

Our sisters and associates are taking risks and giving voice to systemic injustice, leading with compassion and networking with others to bring about life-giving change in our communities and world. Together, with you, we stand with all who

are oppressed and marginalized, and encourage each other to act with great kindness and love. We do this with faith in God and trust in the goodwill of friends like you.

Your donations and prayer-filled support help us bring help and hope to each and every one of our *dear neighbors* who seek our compassion, our love and our service.

We extend our love and gratitude to you and wish you good health and hearts filled with hope. •

*Legacy of Caring*

## Ways You Can Help

- Use the enclosed envelope or make a gift online at [CSJoseph.org/make-a-gift](https://CSJoseph.org/make-a-gift)
  - Make monthly gifts and become a member of our Circle of Friends
  - Make a legacy gift through your will or estate and join our Heritage Society

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## Vocations Update

We are pleased to announce that novices Jennifer Berridge and Sarah Simmons will both profess first vows with the Congregation of St. Joseph this summer. Jennifer, who is from Cleveland, will profess in July at our center in Wheeling, W.Va. Sarah, who is from Kalamazoo, MI, will profess in August at our center in La Grange Park, Ill. Jennifer was mentored by Sister Christine Riley and Sarah by Sister Marie Benzing. Both completed their year-long novitiate last May.

Please keep Jennifer and Sarah in your prayers as they move forward on their journey to becoming Sisters of St. Joseph! •

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< Jennifer Berridge



Sarah Simmons >



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What will you do  
with your one *wild* &  
*precious* life?  
- Mary Oliver



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