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**Sisters of St. Joseph of
Carondelet
March 3rd, 2017**

Next issue March 10th

SAVE THE DATE



CLG Meeting with CSJs

Tomorrow, March 4th
1:30-2:30 p.m.
Carondelet Center

Call switchboard if coming to lunch



Lenten Penance Service

Tomorrow, March 4th
10:00 a.m. CC chapel
followed by refreshments
in the Dining Room

[Check Web Province Calendar](#)
**for these and other dates
and their flyers.**

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL
CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK:
SISTERS ON SKID ROW**

Sisters in Los Angeles area are invited to join together with other religious and young adults to deliver lunches and have conversations with the homeless on Saturday, March 18th, at 8:30 a.m. Meet at Covenant House (1325 N. Western Ave., 90027) to make lunches and carpool to Skid Row.

Questions and RSVP to Sister Kathleen Bryant, kbryt@aol.com or 310.838.0654. ❖

Reflections from CHS: Annual Women of Heart Retreat



CSJ Call to Action:

Many people today hunger for spirituality, a sense of belonging, and a commitment to justice. (p.8)
Carondelet High School (Concord, CA) held its Annual Mother-Daughter retreat last month offering a special time for mothers and daughters to explore, affirm and celebrate their unique bond in a renewing, relaxing and spiritually enriching atmosphere.

The retreat is open to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, alumnae and their daughters who are in high school, college or beyond. Here are some testimonials from some of the participants.

What inspired me most was:

"It was a gathering of women, older generations and younger generations...sharing their stories, very magical and feelings of blessing!"

"A special time to spend with my daughter where the focus is on our relationship both as family and spiritually."

"This retreat gave us the time to slow down and cherish this time together..."

"I learned more about my Mom's love for me—what a blessing. I got to know my Mom a lot more..." ❖

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Medaille House of Discernment



Practicing Mindfulness

Once a month, the Discernment House hosts a reflection day for those in the Medaille Community and for invited women seeking to know the “whats” of their lives. On Saturday, Feb. 11th, Sister Darlene Kawulok, CSJ presented on the topic of mindfulness and shared ways of being intentional and present to the moment. Part of the day included the use of mandalas. Those present were the seven members of Medaille Community and two more women. Here we are being present to what we’re doing.

Our next discernment event is to join with the Sisters at the celebration of their jubilees at Carondelet Center on March 25th. We’ll be involved in celebrating, ushering, serving, driving, singing and more. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Carol Brong, CSJ

Mission Madness for Peru

Our Mission Madness Days to raise funds for our Sisters in Peru will be held on Friday, April 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Carondelet Center and on Sunday, April 9th from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Sophia Community in Sherman Oaks. All are welcome. Wanted: gift cards and any new items that may be used for raffles. Contact Sister Eleanor Ortega, CSJ if you have anything to donate at 818.986.1684 or mail them to 4826 Tyrone Avenue, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 or email her at eleanorcsj@yahoo.com ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Eleanor Ortega, CSJ
Assistant Mission Coordinator

CA Governor Names St. Joseph’s Center CEO to Statewide Homeless Committee



This newly created committee consists of 15 members, including representatives from State agencies as well as gubernatorial and legislative appointees. Dr. Adams Kellum and her fellow committee members will assist and advise the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on the implementation of the *No Place Like Home Program*, review and make recommendations on the department’s guidelines, review HCD’s progress in distributing funds, and provide advice and guidance more broadly on statewide homelessness issues.

The *No Place Like Home Program* dedicates \$2 billion in bond proceeds to invest in the development of permanent supportive housing for persons who are in need of mental health services and are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness or who are at risk of chronic homelessness.

St. Joseph Center is a non-profit social service agency that helps more than 6,500 working poor and homeless persons annually, primarily on the Westside and in South Los Angeles. The Center focuses its work in the areas of Outreach & Engagement, Housing, Mental Health and Education & Vocational services. The Center was founded by two Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. ❖

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Calls to Action ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The extraordinary session of the Congregational Chapter will begin in St. Louis, on April 21st. What message do you want to send to our delegates? Send your message to Sister Annette Debs, CSJ adebs@csjla.org.

For the next six weeks, we will publish messages of 100 words or less. If receiving more than six, we will publish based on order received and those less repetitive of earlier publications.

For more information about the Recommendations with Rationale, Feedback, Guiding Assumptions [click here](#) ❖

~ Submitted by Calls to Action Engagement Process Committee (CAEP)

Architects of Change - OLP

Presented by Cyndi Peterson, MD
March 15 at 11:20 a.m.

You're invited to join us for our next *Architects of Change* at Our Lady of Peace Academy in San Diego, CA featuring Dr. Cyndi Peterson on March 15th at 11:20 a.m. in the Holy Family Event Center.

Hear the inspiring story and faith journey of U.S. Navy flight surgeon, dermatologist, speaker, author and mother of five (one of whom is a student at Saints), Cyndi Peterson, MD.

An Architect of Change is "someone who challenges what is, imagines what can be, and moves humanity forward." The premise in the Live series is to bring together a conversation in an intimate setting because when people come together to listen and share, "minds open, hearts move and change happens." [CLICK here](#) to learn more about the Architects of Change movement. [Click here to RSVP](#)

Remembering

Please remember our Sisters who have recently died:

Mary Frances Rebel, CSJ 2/27

Please remember our friends and relatives who have recently died:

- Rosemarie C. Wong, cousin of Sister Brenda Lau, CSJ 2/24
- Ann Kelly, sister of Sister Mary Beatrice Kelly, CSJ 2/24
- Thaddeus Small, brother of Warren Small, CSJA, 2/25
- Donny Atay, husband of Fely Atay, CSJA 2/25
- Tim Brady, cousin of Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ 2/26
- Hill Williams, brother of Sister Mary Williams, CSJ 3/2

For Sisters & Associates

Click on button above for:

- ❖ Video Congregational Dialog Opportunity
- ❖ Updated List of 2017 Jubilarians Andi and Pat Stafford, CSJAs added.
- ❖ Thank You Notes
- ❖ Extraordinary Chapter Recommendations

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Vocation Fair

On Monday, Feb. 13th, Sister Carol Brong, CSJ attended the vocation fair at Sacred Heart High School in Glendale. Joining her in the morning hours were Sally Koch, CSJ candidate, and 5 students from St. Joseph High School who shared their knowledge of the CSJ charism. ❖

Log Cabin Chronicles

Part Five now available

The fifth session of the Log Cabin Chronicles is now available for viewing on YouTube!

Part Five follows our Sisters to Wisconsin, Idaho and Hawaii. You won't believe the crazy story of Sister Aurelia Bracken! Because of the abundance of our wonderful history, Sister Mary McGlone, CSJ (SL) (has added an additional session that will focus on Vatican II and our international vice-provinces, which will be available in early April. You can find all of the five completed sessions here. ❖

Religious Ed Congress 2017



More than 50,000 people attended the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, CA last weekend. Many of them visited our booth, which was located next to the Mount St. Mary's University booth. Many of our partners in mission were there as well, including *Get on The Bus* and Sisters who serve in San Bernardino, CA and elsewhere. Our booth was staffed by several CSJs, Associates and St. Joseph Worker program volunteers lead by Sister Judy Molosky, CSJ ❖

The First Sunday of Lent



On Ash Wednesday we were smudged with the dust of ashes. On Sunday we will be reminded in Genesis that we are clay. Then the psalmist begs God for a clean heart. In the gospel Jesus goes out into the desert, a dry dusty place of little moisture or relief for forty days. Among all the dust, ash and soil I wonder if I am to take the broom and dustpan to my life! The first answer may be yes, but the gospel challenges us all to go deeper.

As we reflect on this Sunday's gospel, we see Jesus going deep. He lets go of much by his sojourn into the desert. He eats less, walks more, is attentive to the silence, tangles with his demons, listens to the Father who reminds him that he is the beloved son, and allows the loving Father's message to win out.

The second answer—let us go deep—reminds us of God's call to return, repent and believe that we are also beloved daughters, beloved sons. As we tangle with our demons during the season of Lent let us fully allow God to call us THE BELOVED. ❖

~ A lenten pilgrim, Carol L. Smith, CSJ