



**Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet**  
**May 26th, 2017**

**Next issue June 2**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

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**Medaille House of Discernment**

Discover who God wants you to be and what God is inviting you to do by participating in our days of discernment and prayer at Medaille House

**2017**

July 22, August 19, September 23,  
October 14, November 18,  
December 16

**2018**

January 20, February 10,  
March 24, (Feast of St. Joseph)  
April 21, May 19, June 16

For more information or to register, please contact Sister Darlene Kawulok, CSJ [dkawulok@csjla.org](mailto:dkawulok@csjla.org) 310.569.2253

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**50th Anniversary of Faith Formation Congress in Fresno, CA**

On Saturday, October 14, 2017 people in all areas of ministry are invited to attend this event for formation and community building.

Encuentro gathering on Sunday, October 15, 2017 will include delegates from our parishes who gather for sessions focusing on the future of ministry, especially within the Hispanic community.

For more information or to register, please visit <https://dioceseoffresno.org/congress>

## CSJs Help Fundraise

**FOR HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN LIVING AT ALEXANDRIA HOUSE**



*L/R: Sister Judy Vaughan, CSJ, Georgette Breland (Gigi)*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

*Our Community awarded a grant from the "Dear Neighbor Fund" to help support homeless individuals. This fund offers grants to Sisters, Associates and Partners in Mission to help alleviate suffering and meet NEW unmet needs, with a preferential option for the poor.*

**O**n a cool March morning, a large group of people gathered at Mount St. Mary's Doheny Campus (Los Angeles, CA) for the *In Her Shoes 5K Walkathon* to help support homeless women and children. There was music, refreshments and raffle prizes, but the spirit of the walkers was what really filled the event. Gigi Breland first heard of Alexandria House at a time when her life was spiraling. Not long after that, she became a resident and a fundraiser. "Since 2009, I have been involved in helping to feed/clothe the homeless people. I noticed that Sister Judy Vaughan, CSJ Executive Director, would feed the entire neighborhood if they showed up!"

Being involved with Alexandria House has impacted Gigi's life in ways she never imagined. "My reason for wanting to fundraise is because I have been in the office when they have received countless calls from women who are out on the streets, scared with their children needing a safe place to stay." Gigi set a goal to raise \$2,500 but ended up raising \$3,100 after receiving a grant from the "Dear Neighbor Fund" as well as other donations after the walk-a-thon. In total, the event raised more than \$9,000. Gigi's long term goal is to live independently and to hopefully become employed by Alexandria House's development department. ❖



*Click logo and visit their website.*

# 2017 Spring Faire Follow Up

We continue to receive expressions of gratitude following the Spring Faire. People appreciate the quality and works of our crafters and artists. At this time we are delighted to announce that the Spring Faire 2017 brought in over \$4,000 for the Mission and Ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Thank you, crafters and artists, for sharing your creativity. ❖

## Medaille House NEWS



L/R: Nelly Millogo (Medaille Community), Victoria Awiten (SJW) and Sarah Hargis (SJW)



L/R: Sister Kathy Stein, CSJ, Chrystalle Navarro, Sally Koch, Candidate

Medaille Community House of Discernment welcomed about sixty family, friends and CSJ community members to our open house on April 29th. We have a beautiful home where we can support each other in the discernment of the "whats" of our lives. We wanted to share this with as many people as we could. Thank you all for coming. Also, thank you all for "gifting" St. Joseph Center and Alexandria House with needed diapers for clients and residents. We were happy you could help us take care of the needs of the *Dear Neighbor*.

On May 1st, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Medaille Community House of Discernment hosted a dinner for the women of the St. Joseph Worker Community. There were fifteen of us around various tables in our home. Good food, laughter, story telling and just getting to know each other was the focus of the evening. Thank you SJWs for your service to the *Dear Neighbor* and for joining us for the evening.

Medaille Community celebrated with Alejandra Angel on the completion of her MA in Pastoral Theology from Loyola Marymount University. Ale has been a member of Medaille Community for a little over two years. During that time she has deepened her understanding of ministry to youth and young adults. She also has grown in her love of the *Dear Neighbor* through the CSJ charism. Ale will begin her teaching career this coming fall at St. Mary's Academy, a new chapter for Ale and also for the Congregation as the CSJ charism continues through a new generation of partners in ministry. We wish Alejandra well. *All of which woman is capable.* ❖

For  
Sisters & Associates

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# NEWS

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- ❖ LCWR Newsletter
- ❖ A man is found innocent after 19 years



## Sisters Kathy and Sharon Looking for Help for Circle the City



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[Circle the City Executive Challenge](#)

It only takes a few minutes to make a HUGE difference!  
Click the button below.

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Circle the City is a dynamic nonprofit community health organization dedicated to providing high quality, holistic healthcare to men, women and children experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County. Our homeless specialty continuum of care is one-of-a-kind in the state of Arizona, and one of few similar models in the United States.

*Serving the dear neighbor without distinction. ❖*

## Celebrating

Compliments of Sister Madeline Marie Nakatsu, CSJ, Sister Barbara Mary Sanborn, CSJ enjoyed a special 89th birthday celebration at Duke's restaurant in Malibu. She celebrated with Sisters Celia Du Rea, Francis Xavier Shimotsuma, Regina Clare Salazar, Sharon Margaret Ninteman and Candidate Chizuru Yamada. ❖



*L/R: Chizuru Yamada, Candidate celebrates with Sister Barbara Mary Sanborn, CSJ*

It is your time to lead.  
The path forward  
is hidden in fog.

It is your time to lead.  
To do so you must  
learn to be led and  
to listen deeply.

~ Sister Pat Farrell, OSF



## Calls to Action ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Some of us attended the Death Penalty Awards event which was an experience of "unity in diversity", "oneness", "being one in mind and heart", or however you wish to name it. The program included a group of homeless veterans who had formed a choral group; testimonies from eight persons who had been incarcerated (some for over twenty years) for crimes they did not commit; lawyers (many from the Loyola Law School project) who work tirelessly for justice for the innocent; Muslims, Quakers, Jews, Christians of various denominations; Sister Helen Prejean; volunteers who worked for Proposition 62 and many others. We were also treated to Joan Baez's inspirational songs and to Senator Bernie Sanders' wit, wisdom and his invitation to continue "the struggle of the people to create a government which represents all of us and not just the one percent - a government based on the principles of economic, social, racial and environmental justice." It was an evening of CSJ charism Live. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Margaret O'Rourke, CSJ

## Remembering

**Please remember our  
Sisters and Associates who  
have recently died:**

Nancy Munro, CSJ, 5/17  
Jenny Saavedra, CSJA, 5/18

**Please remember our  
friends and relatives who  
have recently died:**

● 5/12 Margaret Murphy,  
former member, Sister  
Michael Therese Murphy

## Congregational News

### **Donation Made to CRS Syrian Refugee Relief Work**

At the December 2016 special CLG meeting, the Congregational Leadership Group approved a "*Congregation Response Plan to the Syrian Refugee Crises*," designed by the congregational JPIC ministry and built around public advocacy, education and partnering with other local and national agencies. During Lent, our Congregation was approached by Catholic Relief Services requesting support of CRS's emergency relief work for the 1.25 million Syrians forced to flee their homes in Syria and live in camps and settlements in other Middle Eastern countries. Since this need was a perfect fit for the Congregational Response Plan, province leadership teams quickly responded to this request for help. Together, we were able to send an Easter donation of \$18,500.

[Read more about this donation.](#)

### **Chapter Livestream Recordings Now Available Online**

Recordings of the livestream of the Extraordinary Congregational Chapter are now available on the congregational YouTube channel. ❖ [Watch them here](#)

