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**Sisters of St. Joseph of
Carondelet
September 15, 2017**

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SAVE THE DATE



You Are Invited

**St. Joseph Worker
Commissioning Ceremony**
Today
4:00 p.m. CC Chapel



**CSJ Ministry Support
Fund Grant**

Applications Due
Today

For more information, please
contact kstein@csjla.org



**Hawaii Calls Opportunity
Drawing**



October 20th

[Watch this video](#)



Annual Angel Boutique
November 11th and 12th
Carondelet Center Classrooms



Los Angeles and Hawaii Amalgamation

Joyful noises filled the room with exuberance and happy hearts! We remembered our past, present and the future to come with much gratitude and enthusiasm in becoming one with the Sisters of Los Angeles and Japan. Under a rain-fresh blue sky nestled in a lush valley of flora and fauna, we celebrated our ritual of amalgamation facilitated by our resourceful Father Cerniglia, S.M. with participants from the Congregational Leadership Team (CLT), Los Angeles and Hawaii, Ohana and CSJs.

Following a welcoming by Sister Brenda Lau, CSJ morning prayer included an *Oli* chanted by Ohana Posie Fujimoto; everyone blessed the Lord singing *Ten Thousand Reasons* danced by Sister Mary Schneider, CSJ with woven ribbons of amalgamation. All sang our especially composed Joseph song, *Iokepa*, by the esteemed E. Aluli.

Our ritual continued with delightful *Talk Story* time using a Timeline of Change, divided into three periods ranging from 1938 into our hopes for the future. After *Talk Story* time, our CLT liaisons, Sisters Danielle Bonetti and Miriam Ukeritis, CSJs and LA Leadership, Sister Theresa Kvale, CSJ left us with these cherished reflections: Keep building the mosaic of Carondelet. The process of amalgamation actually began prior to the unanimous vote of December 7, 2014, so to live well we must change often, and all we have been and are becoming is toward something new.

As we closed the day with a reflective slide show of gratefulness and a series of blessings and acknowledgements, there was a profound spirit of aloha and unity highlighted by the tying of the woven ribbons into a circle of friendship to be completed at the October Assembly.

Everyone enjoyed a festive Tree Top Restaurant luncheon knowing that our Founders would certainly have sanctioned this day of new beginning for Mission. Dearest Sisters of the LA Province and Japan, we, your Sisters in Hawaii, express our heartfelt *MAHALO NUI LOA!* ❖

~ Submitted BY Sister Claudia Wong, CSJ



Boutique News

Silent Auction items needed for Boutique:

Last year the silent auction item baskets were very popular. Let this serve as an invitation to clusters, book clubs, Associate groups, local communities and individuals to prepare one basket for the silent auction. Suggest: a theme e.g. Chocolate, coffee, wine, books, movie night etc. Please bring completed baskets to Juana by November 1st. If you don't have a basket or wrapping material leave the completed items boxed or bagged and a list of contents and approximate value with a Juana.

Thank you in advance for considering this invitation.

Jelly Jars

Jars are available for any volunteers making jellies for the Annual Angel Boutique. Please contact meyling@csjla.org for more information. ❖



Season of Creation Wilderness Sunday September 17th

The wilderness—unknown, undeveloped, chaotic, threatening, often wondrous and disappearing..... Over the last two centuries, humanity has been on a campaign to dig up, dismantle, develop and pave over most of the earth, so that, on one level, the wilderness seems to be receding. There are ever fewer places on Earth untouched by humans.

Yet, as humans exert more and more “dominion” over more of the earth, we become ever more estranged from it. The habits that define our lives are detached from the habitat that supports us, and so the world seems less habitable.

While we often associate wilderness with particular topographies—desert, mountain, outback, even forest or jungle—at a foundational level wilderness designates that which is not home. It is what we call, realms that are unfamiliar, inhospitable or threatening to us.

Whether geological, climatic or spiritual, the wilderness is where God can be found most powerfully, as both judge and redeemer. It is where the reconciliation of earth and heaven begins. ❖

~ Excerpted from www.workingpreacher.org

Celebrating Our Nonagenarians

Thirty-two of our 40 Sisters who are in their 90s, attended a wonderful celebration organized by Sisters Regina McLaughlan and Kathleen Martin, CSJs who drew inspiration from a similar gathering previously held for our octogenarian Sisters. Sister Maureen Brown, CSJ led the prayer about the women in the scripture who witnessed God’s mercy and love. Ray Mattes, IHM offered a presentation entitled “*Holding Things Lightly in Times of Transition*” followed by Sister Nancy Svetleic, CL who spoke on “*Finding Joy and Making Meaning at 90 and Beyond.*”

After a delicious lunch, Sisters Maureen Doherty and Antoinette Czuleger, CSJs delighted everyone with a skit about the “olden days.” Then A good time was held by all. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Kathleen Martin, CSJ

CELEBRATING OUR
NONAGENARIANS



SEPTEMBER 2017

Click the above image to see a slide show of the Celebration of our Nonagenarians.

Helping Traumatized Children to Re Imagine God

As the new chaplain at a youth and children's home for severely traumatized children in Pasadena (CA), Rev. Robin Rhodes helps children to re imagine God in as many positive ways as possible. To accomplish this, Reverend Rhodes utilizes bibles, copies of *Jesus Calling*, as well as cards created from Sister Therese Denham, CSJ.

Following a request from Rev. Rhodes, Sister Therese sent copies of *Names for God* by Carondelet Artists, mandalas and cards. "Last night, I came home to a box filled with cards and books that are so wonderful!" wrote Rev Rhodes. "It is a gift of riches: the riches of the gift of faith illustrated through the expression of an artist and poet, and the reflections of many beautiful people of faith. I thank you for a gift that has encouraged me in the dark hour of returning home from mission filled with children so hungry for God."

Sister Therese also connected Rev. Rhodes with Sister Joan Mitchell (St. Paul Province) who works for a production company that develops materials specifically for teens. ❖

[Click here to learn more about Hillside Homes](#)



CSJ Institute: Updates on the Oral History Project

Thanks to all the Sisters who have generously participated in the oral history interviews! We have recorded 28 CSJs and created nearly a dozen short films.

● To see the current videos, visit: www.msmu.edu/csjinstitute and click the purple button "CSJ Oral History Project."

● You can also view them via YouTube at www.youtube.com/msmcla and click on "playlists."

● Topics include Spirituality, Charism and Sisters in Science

● Please consider participating in the interviews as these stories have incredible impact on our students, faculty and staff at the Mount, as well as our partners in ministry across the province. To sign up for an interview this fall, contact Shannon at 213.477.2712 or sgreen@msmu.edu

We are also in need of photographs, especially those that show you in ministry, community life, liturgy and prayer. These can be pre- or post-Vatican II. And you can share your photos with the project even if you do not want to be interviewed! ❖

~ Submitted by Shannon Green, Director of MSMU CSJ Institute

FOR Sisters and Associates

[2017-18 Directory](#) updates and edits are ready for review in the Members Only section. The deadline to submit changes is **SEPTEMBER 27th AT NOON**. Please contact Sister Carol L. Smith at 310.889.2125 or clsmith@csjla.org ❖

Remembering

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

9/13 Sister Jane Edward
Schilling, CSJ (SL)

NEWS

**Find the following by clicking
on the NEWS button above.**

❖ Part Time Religious Education Coordinator Position Opening at St. Cyril of Jerusalem School (Encino, CA)

❖ Read the latest Noticiero from our Sisters in Peru (under Publications)

❖ Read the latest issue of the newsletter by Giving Voice, a peer-led organization for younger women religious

❖ Read the article by Sister Joan Sauro, CSJ entitled "*Beauty will break your heart*," on the Global Sisters Report