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**Sisters of St. Joseph of
Carondelet
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Assembly Dates

October 21 - 22, 2017
Carondelet Center



Hawaii Calls Opportunity Drawing



October 20th

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Annual Angel Boutique

November 11th and 12th
Carondelet Center Classrooms



CSJ Secures Funding for Unique Teaching Farm in Oahu, HI



was invited in 2015 to grant write and participate on the Advisory Board for a unique teaching farm in Makaha, the last and poorest community on the Waianae Coast on leeward Oahu, HI. The farm has developed over 38 years of responding to various community needs. Its core programs are supported by contributing partners such as the Hawaii State Department of Education, the University of Hawaii, Kamehameha Schools and collaborative farms such as the Ka'ala taro (kalo) farm and the organic farm of Kahumana in neighboring communities on the coast. All of the programs are based on Hawaiian cultural values as 40-60% of the students of the coast are Native Hawaiian or of Polynesian mixes.

The core programs of Hoa Aina O Makaha are permeated with its mission "Creating peaceful communities in harmony with nature, through the eyes, hands, and hearts of the children." Over 500 K-6 students from the adjacent Makaha Elementary School attend weekly hands on classes on the farm. The visiting schools program called Ke Ala (the path) hosts almost 3,000 students from Oahu and international schools. The Malama (Caring) Makaha Container Gardening Program teaches families on the coast how to plant vegetables, herbs and fruits in containers to supplement their nutrition at home. The volunteer program called Malama Hoa Aina O Makaha gives people in the community the opportunity to work on the farm and share its produce. Its guest program hosts local and international visitors and engages them in tours and hands on experiences. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Rosita Aranita, CSJ

CSJA Picnic in Pasco, WA



CSJ Associates in Pasco had their annual picnic by the river in air-conditioned comfort this year. On Sunday, September 10th, the heat wave was continuing and the air was heavy with smoke from the Northwest fires. So, nineteen Associates, CSJs and friends relocated to a conference room in Lourdes Medical Center and enjoyed their potluck in comfort. A highlight of the afternoon was a big birthday cake for "Nanay", Associate Onie Mision's mother visiting from the Philippines. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Mary Williams, CSJ and Marge Uhling, CSJA co-chairs of the Northwest CSJ Associate Group

Candidate Chizuru Yamada Is on the Move

Holy Family residents and friends gathered last Friday to celebrate Candidate Chizuru Yamada for her ministry during this past year. She is leaving Carondelet Center to experience a new community and ministry as part of her formation program. Chizuru has enjoyed her time here and says "I will be back when I can." She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best with her future endeavors. ❖

[Watch this slideshow](#)



Season of Creation River Sunday

The river of God is full of water'. ~ Psalm 65:9

Life revolves around rivers; civilizations came to birth alongside rivers; humanity chose to settle by rivers that nourished and sustained them. But rivers are also watery graves and are ferocious in their ability to destroy and take life, through overflowing and through their drying up and thereby snuffing out life.

The observation of River Sunday in the Season of Creation gives us the opportunity to develop an organic sensibility to rivers -- to acknowledge death dealing and celebrate the life-giving, generative and healing properties of rivers. In the Genesis texts (*Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17*), humanity, by virtue of its sin, is destroyed by water flooding the earth. Noah offers a sacrifice, and God is pleased by the aroma and makes a promise never to destroy the earth or its inhabitants. The rainbow becomes a sign of this covenant, a sign made from the residue of the flood (formed by the geometry of raindrops,) and the sun, another source of life, and light that offers hope. The rainbow needs the sun to exhibit its colors. The sun joins the rain to form the multicolored rainbow. The same rainbow brings excitement, joy and beauty, freshness, creativity and hope of new life, life made possible by the generative power of God. ❖

~ Excerpted from <https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=3342>



Assembly News



This year's Assembly will be held on October 20-21 for which more than 210 Sisters will gather in the Chapel at Carondelet Center. The theme is Imagine Anew! Relationships for Mission. Much of the agenda will be based on a contemplative conversation model. Sister Chris Partisano, CSJ from Albany will be the facilitator for the gathering. (*photo above*) She will help the group reflect on the question: "How do we live the mission of Jesus in light of today's reality in our world?" We hope the days will be enriching for all those in attendance. Check the members only website using username and passwords for the final list of those registered. ❖

[List of Attendees](#)

Directory Proof Is Online

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 ❖

Animation Committee

Members of the Congregational Animation Committee met in Albany, NY this week. ❖



(Front row, l. to r.) Sisters Judy Molosky and Rose Casaleno; (back row, l. to r.) Sisters Angela Faustina, Patrice Coolick, Peg Murphy (translator), Ruth Matos, Barbara Dreher, Meg Gillespie, Ann Redmond, Chris Partisano (facilitator) and Diane Zigo

CLG -Congregational Leadership Group

The Congregational Leadership Group (CLT) met from September 14-18 at St. Joseph's Provincial House, Latham, NY. Members include the following:



(Bottom row, l. to r. loosely) Sisters Danielle Bonetti, Sandra Williams, Mary Dacey, Suzanne Jabro, Suzanne Herder, Marilyn Lott; (row 2, l. to r.) Sisters Gloria Zapata, Mary Ann Martin; (row 3, l. to r.) Sisters Katie Eiffe, Angela Faustina, Theresa Kvale, Zaida Perez, Mary Margaret Lazio; (row 4, l. to r.) Sisters Rita Schmitz, Cathy Steffens, Eileen McCann, Maureen Freeman; (row 5, l. to r.) Sisters Jeanne Marie Gocha, Mary McKay, Linda Straub, Susan Hames, Sean Peters; (top row, l. to r.) Sisters Barbara Siderewicz, Miriam Ukeritis, Barbara Dreher, Mary Ann Leininger, Susan Hames, Teresa Avalos, Mary Anne Heenan (in back of Sean Peters). Missing are Sisters Martiza Jarro and Kate Arseneau.

Remembering

Please remember our Sisters and Associates who have recently died:

9/21 Sister Ann Marguerite Souza, CSJ

Please remember our friends and relatives who have recently died:

- 9/22 Sue Tolley, sister of Sister Estelle Marie Kroger, CSJ
- 9/22 Naomi Collins, friend of Sister Carol Quinlivan, CSJ

For Sisters & Associates

Click on button above for:

❖ Thank you notes from Sisters Mary Braun, CSJ, Rosita Aranita, CSJ and Juanita Kundgren sister of Sister Marceline Felipe, CSJ

Video Booth

The video booth will be open two days before Assembly. If you have not recorded your video or you wish to add other experiences for posterity, please make an appointment with Cameron@csjla.org or 310.889.2127. ❖

Welcoming 5 St. Joseph Workers in Year 5



The yearly Commissioning Ceremony for our new St. Joseph Workers took place at Carondelet Center chapel on September 15th. A highlight was the signing of their Community Covenant, written on their opening retreat at Lake Gregory. They shared both individual and communal commitments to deepen their spiritual lives this year. What an inspiration! Let us continue to pray for Anh, Angelica, Jessica, Michaela and Molly during their year of personal and societal transformation. ❖



Angel Boutique



Greeters and customer service volunteers are needed for our annual boutique. Please contact Sister JoanMarie Hagen, CSJ at jhagen@csjla.org. Anyone interested in helping bagging goods, please contact Sister Carol Brong, CSJ at 310-889-2145. We are also seeking people to bake cookies, bread, cakes and any other delicious goods. ❖

PRAYERS PLEASE



When Your Friends Need Prayer, The Sisters of St. Joseph created the website- prayersplease.com Anybody may request prayers anonymously and free of charge. ❖