

# e-designs

**Sisters of St. Joseph of  
Carondelet  
January 6, 2017**

**Next issue January 6th**

**SAVE THE DATE**



## **Celebration of Appreciation**

for Dianne Nelson, CJSA  
January 8, 2017



## **LA Freedom Walk**

January 14, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
see calendar for more information

[Check Web calendar](#)  
**for these and other dates  
and their flyers**

## **Jubilee Invitations Have Arrived**

Any Jubilarian who will be at CC attending Dianne Nelson's Celebration of Appreciation on Sunday, Jan. 8th may pick up their invitations. Your help will save our postage costs.

Please e-mail me at [clsmith@csjla.org](mailto:clsmith@csjla.org) and I will have them ready for your pick up. ❖

~ Sister Carol L Smith, CSJ



## Epiphany

### Be Ready for the Surprise of Illumination

**E**piphanY is all about surprises—so be ready! In Matthew's gospel three strangers arrived in Jerusalem following a star to a place that they did not know, searching for a child who was a newborn. They did not even know his name. The ruler of that country did not know anything about him but the possibility of a newborn king disturbed him. Mary and Joseph were not expecting three strangers from the far East to be their guests with camels and gifts...it must have been so overwhelming!

The gifts brought by these three travelers were very illuminating: gold, which was out of reach for a poor carpenter and his wife; frankincense meant for the use of priests in the temple; and the most surprising gift—myrrh for anointing the dying. Today, we are challenged to be ready for all the surprises in life. Let them become your teachers and celebrate God's surprising gifts. ❖

~ Written by Sister Carol L Smith, CSJ



Every morning,  
before all else, ask God  
for gentleness of spirit.

~ St. Francis de Sales

# Remembering



For Sister Kathleen Corbett, CSJ  
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## **Please remember our Sisters who have recently died:**

Mary Gregory Porterie, CSJ  
12/31

Serena Baba, CSJ 1/1



## Calls to Action **ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**

**“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”**

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

As we approach the Provincial Chapter, the feelings of both excitement and anxiety battle within us. Our future lies within OUR ability to read the signs of the times. The recent Presidential election shakes our confidence in that fundamental ability as the improbable becomes the reality. When both pundits and polls prove unreliable, we must consider what becoming ONE truly means. Will we be guided by statistics, or will we be guided by the Spirit?

There is a story from Jesus' life about him falling asleep in the midst of the storm. Sailors in a storm are sometimes forced to cut the anchor in order to survive. To cut away our anchors and to move forward into the storm of real-time learning is not easy. We are afraid. Sister Toni Nash's explanation of how natural systems work is extremely important. Re-read this wisdom before showing up at Chapter. ❖

*~ Written by Sister Annette Debs, CSJ*

# NEWS

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

❖ Read Justice Materials from the Sisters of St Joseph of Orange

## Around CC Our New IT Guy



Please welcome Steven Ebelhar our new Information Services HelpDesk/Assistant. Steve hails from La Cañada, and has previously worked for Nasa/JPL on various projects. He even participated in the Mars Curiosity Landing. He is currently attending school at CSULA, where he will obtain a degree in Mathematics for Quantum Development. He enjoys the outdoors and has a German Shepherd named Tank. ❖

## CSJ Wins First Place in Door Decorating Contest



Sister Anne Lorraine Mahlmeister, CSJ decorated her door at St. Paul's Senior Living in San Diego as part of their Annual Door Decorating Contest. She covered a simple cardboard box with Christmas paper and placed some figurines to honor the birth of Jesus Christ. She won first place, which consisted in a lot of chocolate! Congratulations to Sister Anne Lorraine. ❖

## Conference on Aging

L.A. Sisters Aging Well is a group of religious communities who are sharing resources to address common needs. They are sponsoring the following conference for Sisters who want to be actively involved in their aging process. Workshops will include the intention to make positive life affirming changes, creating new neural pathways through repetition of behaviors, and guidance, among others.

- Conference:** The Spirituality of Conscious Aging  
**Date:** Saturday, March 4, 2017  
**Place:** Donohue Center – MSMU Doheny Campus  
**Time:** Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Speaker:** Sister Deborah Lorentz, SSS  
**Cost:** \$5.00  
**Contact:** Sisters Maureen Petrone, CSJ or Kathleen Ann DuRoss, CSJ  
\$5.00 to reserve your place. Bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.  
Reservations are limited and need to be made by January 15th. There are only 8 spaces reserved for our Community. After the 15th, spaces will be open to others. ❖

### Volunteers Needed for Jubilee 2017

If you would like to volunteer please contact the designated chairperson directly. Please remember that we will need you to be there the entire time of service:

#### Saturday Reception set up and serving-

Mary Lou Vanderlip, CSJA  
Reception chairperson  
[mlvanderlip@yahoo.com](mailto:mlvanderlip@yahoo.com)  
818.314.0005

#### Saturday Shuttle Drivers

Sister Mina Gaskell, CSJ  
Shuttle chairperson  
[mgaskell@csjla.org](mailto:mgaskell@csjla.org)  
510.307.5446

#### Friday Happy Hour set up and serving-

Peggy Belcher-Dixon, CSJA  
[p.beldixon@ca.rr.com](mailto:p.beldixon@ca.rr.com)  
323.758.9122

Thank you,  
Jubilee Committee

For  
Sisters & Associates

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