

**Sisters of St. Joseph of  
Carondelet  
January 12, 2018**

**Next issue January 19th**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Day of Prayer, Reflection  
and Sharing**

Jan. 20, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Medaille Community House of  
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## Alexandria House Receives A Million Dollar Gift



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randen Albert, a former NFL player, was moved to donate over a million dollars to Alexandria House, (Los Angeles, CA) after watching a segment on television.

"I believe that my blessed mother inspired me to respond in a significant way to the needs of the women and children living in such horrible conditions. I didn't want the focus to be on me but on God who provides guidance on how we need to provide for others. However, I am grateful for the opportunity to use my platform and ability to inform and motivate others in doing what they can to make a difference", said Albert.

For over 21 years, Alexandria House has been a place of hope and hospitality. Homelessness and poverty are growing at an alarming rate and more and more people are looking for shelter, resources and a safe and healing place for themselves and their children. Alexandria House is committed to not only continuing but also expanding the services and programs that are so needed during these challenging times.

"We are extremely grateful to our faithful and compassionate supporters who have stood with us over the years and extend a warm welcome and thank you to our new donors as we work together on behalf of those that are homeless in our city," said Sister Judy Vaughan, CSJ Founding Director. ❖

~ Written by Meyling Eliash-Daneshfar, Director of Communications  
and Development



# From Health and Wellness

Los Angeles Sisters Aging Well (LASAW) will once again sponsor a conference for Sisters of the twelve participating religious communities. Click on the link to view the details of this gathering, Finding Joy in the Reality of Aging:

## How Can I Opt for Quality of Life at Any Age?

This adventure is scheduled for 3/3/18 at Doheny from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and sign up before all the seats are taken. ❖ [Link for RSVP](#)

~ Submitted by Health and Wellness Resource Office

## Ministering Together

We are happy to report that eight organizations received grants from our *Dear Neighbor Grant Fund* which come, in part, from our annual Hawaii Calls drawing and our Annual Angel Boutique. The funding was allocated as follows:

- \$2,500 Escuela de Lenguaje Raiguen (Chile) for the purchase of computers
- \$ 1,200 San Fernando Rescue Mission (Northridge, CA) for homeless individuals and families
- \$2,000 St. Elizabeth's Center (Tucson, AZ) for the Food Pantry program
- \$1,275 Catholic Chaplain's Office (Lynwood, CA) for worship aids
- \$2,500 UCARE (Los Angeles, CA) for the education and legal services for unaccompanied minors from Central America
- \$1,500 Circle the City (Phoenix, AZ) for affordable housing program in Maricopa County
- \$1,000 Catholic Charities (San Bernardino, CA) for counseling office improvements
- \$2,000 Healing Well (San Francisco, CA) for daily healing and wellness program

In the next months, we will publish articles featuring stories regarding how these grants have impacted the dear neighbor. If you wish to support these and other wonderful individuals and organizations helping people in need please visit <http://csjla.org/support-us/> ❖

~ Submitted by Meyling Eliash-Daneshfar,  
Director of Comm. and Development

### SAVE THE DATE



### Jubilee Liturgy

March 24

2:00 p.m.

Carondelet Center



### Assembly 2018

July 27 -29, 2018

Friday through Sunday

### Province Jubilee Celebration Feast of St. Joseph Honoring Year 2018 Jubilarians

#### Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to help with our shuttle service please contact person responsible below for time and place.

#### Saturday, March 24

Shuttle Drivers

#### Contact:

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For  
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# Remembering

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

- 1/2 Kay Sullivan, sister of Sister Joan Henehan, CSJ
- 1/10 Frank Gillet, brother of Sister Anna Marie Gillet, CSJ

## **A Personal Note from Sister Carol Brong, CSJ**

I am honored to accept the position of co-novice director and rely on God's grace and Sister Jeanne Marie's experience and wisdom to accompany women on their journey in the CSJ novitiate. For now, I plan to continue my work in the Property Management Office with Ramon at Carondelet Center. I will also continue to take reservations for our vacation houses. ❖

# Remembering

## **Our dear Associates who died in 2017**

As we enter this New Year filled with hope for what lies ahead, take a moment to look back to remember five Associates who are no longer with us.

\* Anna Furrow of the Arizona group left us on March 3, 2017. Anna made her Associate Commitment in 1998.

\* Jennie Saavedra of the Camarillo group left us on May 18, 2017. Jennie made her Associate Commitment in 2009.

\* Jean Petlin of the West Hills group left us on October 1, 2017. Jean made her Associate Commitment in 2001.

\* Pat Coffman of the Winnetka group left us on November 18, 2017.

\* Gloria Larson of the Kennewick-Pasco group left us on November 23, 2017.

These beautiful women lived the charism of Unifying love while working as nurses, teachers, ministry heads, mothers, grandmothers and dear friends. Our lives are better because we knew them. They are in our prayers and hearts. ❖

*~ Submitted by Denise Ginty, Director of Associates*

# The Novitiate is Here

"Something New" is getting old hat, but something new is happening. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, the Congregation of the great love of God, is opening a Congregational Novitiate, a novitiate house for the whole congregation.

For some time and in a few ways the Congregation has been moving to uniting various offices. In March 2018, the Congregation will unite in a single novitiate, with the Congregational Novitiate opening with co-directors, Sister Jeanne Marie Gocha from the Albany province and Sister Carol Brong from the L.A. province. Sisters Jeanne Marie and Carol will move into Caritas (our house in Porter Ranch) in February and begin to set up and continue their planning. With God's grace, Chizuru Yamada, a candidate from Japan and will begin her novitiate in late March, and two other candidates- Tracy Watson (Albany) and Sally Koch (L.A.) will join in summer 2018.

The two-year Congregational Novitiate Program will include the 10 month, canonical year Federation Novitiate (Rochester, New York) and a non-canonical year where it is hoped that the novices can experience the ministries and cultures of the other provinces. Both years include preparation for first vows. ❖

*~ Submitted by Sister Carol Brong, CSJ*