

**Sisters of St. Joseph of  
Carondelet  
February 9, 2018**

**Next issue February 16th**

## SAVE THE DATE



### **A Day of Reflection**

February 10th  
Medaille Community House of  
Discernment  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



### **FEET IN THE STREET Addressing Homelessness**

CSJ Social Justice Series  
Presenters:  
Sisters Margaret O'Rourke, CSJ  
Joanna Bramble, CSJ  
February 20th  
Chalon Campus

RSVP:

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### **Penance Reconciliation Service**

**March 3rd**  
10:00 a.m.  
Carondelet Center  
followed by social and  
refreshments

## Ash Wednesday

**FEBRUARY 14TH**



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ext Wednesday, February 14th is the first day of Lent and St. Valentine's day. There may be a metaphor here for us to explore.

In the book of the Prophet Joel, we hear, "Even now, says the Lord return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God." What does this turning back to God look like? In the Gospel we receive a pretty comprehensive view of what it looks like from Jesus. "Go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret." This is where I must go and weep for my own failures to love, wrap myself in the arms of God for the forgiveness I crave, connect more deeply to the voice of the God of all who is forever trying to connect with me through the noise of the world where I live.

On Ash Wednesday Ronald Rohlheiser, OMI tells us to sit in the ashes, become Cinderella or Cinderella, allow ourselves to be smudged in the ashes, feel this tactile, primitive marking of our faces with the sign of the cross of our failure, the pain of the world, the suffering of many— then open the door, go out and be self-forgetful. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Carol L Smith, CSJ

## A Love Connection on the Steps of a Church: A St. Valentine's story



Former St. Emydius Elementary School (San Francisco, CA) student, Sandra Gulli, met her late husband, Rocco, in 1962 on the steps of Saints Peter and Paul Church after Sunday Mass. As he sat in her parents' living room that same day, Sandra knew Rocco "was the one". They were married for 54 years and have two children, Francesca and Christopher. "He loved Italy and his family whom he spoiled every day of their lives." The Gullis are committed supporters of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. "I have great memories of my St. Emydius school days. The Sisters paid attention to their students and impressed me when they told my parents that my brother, Julian, was gifted and needed to skip 8th grade and go onto high school. He became a great lawyer!" St. Emydius was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1939. The Sisters taught there until 1977. ❖

~ Submitted by the Gulli family



## Congratulations, Chizuru

With much joy, we share with you the good news that at Canonical Chapter held on January 23, 2018, candidate Chizuru Yamada was accepted by the Provincial Council to enter the Novitiate. She will begin her first year as a novice in March at the Congregational Novitiate (Caritas House) in Porter Ranch.

Let us thank God for Chizuru and the gift she is to us, to the Church and to the *dear neighbor*. Let us hold her in prayer as she continues on her journey toward vowed membership in the Congregation. May God who has begun this good work in her bring it to completion. ❖

~ Submitted by the Province Leadership Team



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

#### Volunteers Needed

We will celebrate the Carondelet Center Jubilarians on Saturday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m. If you are available to serve dinner we would be most grateful. Please be available by 4:15 p.m. for last minute tasks.

If you would like to help please contact Holy Family at [sharon@csjla.org](mailto:sharon@csjla.org) by March 12th



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## CSJs Lend Dynamic Duo's Hands



*l/r: Sister Colleen Harris, CSJ with volunteer and Sister Kathleen Harris, CSJ, center with volunteer*

Last July, twin Sisters Colleen and Kathleen Harris, CSJs arrived in Tucson, AZ to assist the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in the closing of their monastery. They have known and loved the Benedictine Sisters over the past 67 years, since the Sisters Kathleen and Colleen were eleven years old. The Benedictine Sisters moved into the monastery, designed by Tucson architect Roy Place, in 1940. Over the years, 172 OSB Sisters lived at the monastery sustaining their ministry by making and selling altar breads, soaps and lotions, and vestments. The last 16 Sisters have been gradually moving to their Clyde, Missouri Motherhouse.

The Harris Sisters organized three major sales of vintage furniture, religious and secular art pieces, and coordinated many volunteers who did moving, setting up for the sales, handling a farewell reception for 300 guests, etc.

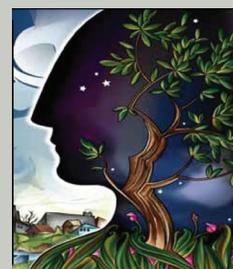
As a way of saying 'Good-bye' to the diocese of Tucson and the many friends, benefactors, chaplains and volunteers, the Benedictine Sisters held a farewell Mass of thanksgiving and reception on January 19th. "It was quite a journey and the twins, in ministering to us the *dear neighbor*, have made us recipients of your Congregation's great kindness," wrote Sister Joan Ridley, OSB, superior of the monastery. ❖

*~ Submitted by Meyling Eliash-Daneshfar*

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### **Weekend Retreat Mary and Joseph Retreat Center**

Soulful Living  
with Carol Quinlivan, CSJ

Friday, April 20th 7:00 p.m.  
through  
Sunday, April 22nd 1:30 p.m.

**More information and RSVP  
on MembersOnly under  
For Sisters and Associates**

# Remembering

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

1/? Delores Flynn, CSJA

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

● 1/31 Pat Robinson, brother of Marge Uhling, CSJA

● 2/2 Marian Esser, sister of Ann Dickson, CSJA

● 2/4 Judy Cullio, sister of Sister Rosita Aranita's sister in law Arlene Aranita

## For

## Sisters & Associates

### **Click on button above for:**

❖ Flyer and RSVP for Weekend Retreat with Sister Carol Quinlivan, CSJ

❖ Correction for Sister Milda Avila, CSJ Address

# Much Change for Peru

Yes, your help is needed for our missions! Your generous support for our Sisters in Peru will help them as well as the people to whom they minister. Our Sisters know the face of Jesus in the people that they serve in a loving compassionate way in the schools, parishes, prisons and other social outreach sites. How can you help? Each time you come to Carondelet Center, put your change or bucks into the large water bottle in Sister Sharon Margaret office or mail it to Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Mission Office, 4826 Tyrone Avenue, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423.

Yes, much change can happen in Peru with your change! ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Eleanor Ortega, CSJ

# Bay Area Neighborhood January 27th.



*l/r: Sisters Katie O'Shea, Joy Giovanoni, Dorothy Stack, Noreen O'Connor, CSJs, Sister Mary Ann Casanova, RSJ and Sister Patrice Coolick, CSJ (SL)*

Sisters and Associates generously brought food staples for the women and children living in the Star of the Sea convent (San Francisco, CA) along with warm socks and toiletries for those without shelter. Sister Patrice Coolick, CSJ (SL) shared information regarding health resources and the Animation Committee, Sister Barbara Flannery, CSJ about PLSC, and Sister Sara Michael King, CSJ talked about the Dear Neighbor Fund Committee. The group finished its time together with a delicious lunch and animated conversation. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Loraine Polacci, CSJ