

# Remembering



Jan Lauterjung, CSJA

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I first met Jan in the late '80's when she joined our group of CSJ Associates in the South Bay area. It was evident that she was a woman of deep faith, always open to learn more and grow in the ways that God called her. At the same time, she was practical, down-to-earth, fun to be with and well informed about what was going on in the world—politics, religion, and the neighborhood, a big part of which was her parish church.

As I grew to know Jan, I experienced her as a woman who was willing to assume leadership, build relationships, and give generous service to persons in need. One of the places in which Jan found her niche was the Bread and Roses Café for the homeless, a program of St. Joseph Center in Venice. As a regular Thursday volunteer, Jan teamed with four other women to help Sr. Rose Cecilia Harrington serve

a hot meal to the homeless at three different seatings—about 120 people on any given day. Often, her friends or other CSJ Associates, would come with her to be part of the volunteer group.

Jan made this ministry a priority for over ten years.

Jan served on our CSJ Associates Board for many years and as Group Leader in the South Bay until her physical disabilities began to curtail her initiatives. More recently, when we were able to gather, it would usually be at Jan's Place. We always left with a sense of being enriched by sharing our CSJ traditions and presence in today's world and knowing that we supported one another's faith journey.

Jan was a CSJ Associate who lived the commitment she pronounced in 1992. She continually strived

to grow in love of God and of the dear neighbor and to do so with gentleness, peace and joy. (She is smiling from above at that last tag-on.) Yet, as much as I cherished Jan as a CSJ Associate, she was to me even more—a dear friend who shared many happy moments and times of sadness too. During these last years, Jan has been in our prayers consistently. I was very conscious of the detachment required of her to leave her beloved apartment so close to the parish church and all the spiritual resources and encouraging companions she found there. She did it with grace and in the spirit of self-sacrifice in which she lived her life.

Jan is with her family, many friends, and her beloved CSJ community. She is at rest from the great efforts she made in her pain and relinquishment to continue to be a life force for her family and friends who provided strength for her journey, and for the social justice issues to which she was consistently dedicated. Today we have the privilege to pray to Jan to be an intercessor for us in our needs for healing and peace. May Jan be at rest in the embrace of the God whom she loves.

~ Written by Sister Eileen Mitchell, CSJ