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O God of
Wisdom
come!
Fill us
with your
ancient
Knowing
Bring us
to your
holy glow.

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~ Sister Carol L. Smith, CSJ
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*Wisdom builds her house, sets her table,
bids all welcome to her feast, and her feast is LIFE.*

~ Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ

In times that feel mired in polarization, consumerism and chaos, it is all too easy to believe that wisdom has abandoned us. Our holy season of Christmas is not exempt from this phenomenon, with our culture embracing well-intended but wanton too-muchness. Our souls know better. And because our souls know better, we know that wisdom has not abandoned us. Amid the bustle and noise, she has gone deep. She has been blanketed, not with snow, but with distraction and dismay. She is waiting for you to knock on her door as Elizabeth waited for Mary, ready to accompany her young kinswoman with comfort, acceptance and womanly wisdom.



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There are things that we know deep inside. Things taught by our lived experience. Things held steady by our faith. Things we know from loving children and from journeying our loved ones to the reward of the other side. Things we hear in birdsong, in wind through the forest, in the whisper of the receding wave. Things we know from our elders and from listening to our dreams. There are things we know, not with our brains, but with our souls in communion with wisdom.

Claim your wisdom! Claim wisdom! It is the sacred speaking to your soul or, as Elizabeth Johnson writes, "She is the embodiment of God in Human life." Learn to cultivate space for her when you least expect her and when you have the least amount of time for her. For this is when you need her most. Take a moment to reflect: What is the wisdom that you know deep inside? What circumstances leave you feeling the absence of wisdom? What is Wisdom saying to you right now?

Our prayer is that Wisdom will be your companion and friend, particularly as you enter the holy season of Christmas with intention, right-relationship and a sense of heavenly peace. "Thus at last you will find rest in her, and she will become your joy." ~ Sirach 6:28

~ Sisters Theresa, Suzanne, Sandra, Mary Ann and Angela



Mission Advancement

Advancing the Mission

OUR ANNUAL TRIP TO HAWAII

For the last twenty three years, we have been blessed to be among several organizations benefiting from the Hawaii Fundraising program by the William H. Hannon Foundation.

William Hannon was a Southern California entrepreneur who established his Foundation in 1983. The original Board of Directors consisted of family members. His niece Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, currently serves as the Foundation’s president.

While he provided many “straight-out” financial grants and gifts, he also believed in encouraging organizations to conduct fundraisers to generate money to support their projects.

Even though Mr. Hannon was a supporter of fundraising, he rallied against fundraisers that had large overhead and resulted in little net profit to the organization. He teamed up with his friend Ed Hogan, founder of Pleasant Hawaiian Holidays (now Pleasant Holidays), in launching the now famous “Hawaii Fundraising Trips”, whereby the Hannon Foundation donates unrestricted funds to organizations to enable them to obtain Hawaii trip packages at a significantly reduced cost if they so desire. Each Hawaii trip package provides a trip for two people, including round trip airfare, seven nights at the Royal Lahaina Resort on Ka’anapali Beach, Maui, and \$500 food and beverage credit at selected Royal Lahaina Resort Restaurants, luau and room service.

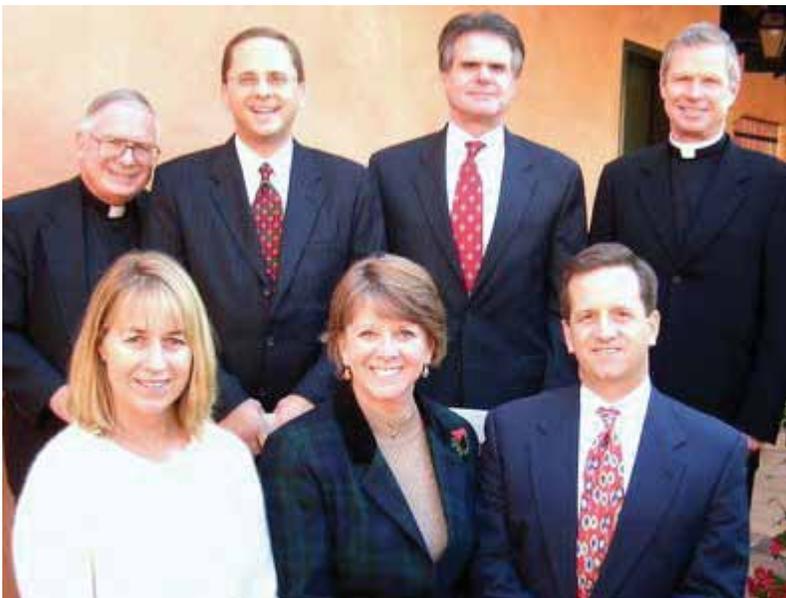


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Mission Statement

Since the William H. Hannon Foundation started the Hawaii Fundraising Trip Program in 1989, millions of dollars have been raised by schools and organizations throughout Southern California, including the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. This year, our Hawaii Calls Opportunity brought in \$ 63,000 which will help continue supporting our Sisters and our ministries. We are forever indebted to the Hannon Foundation and wish them the very best each day of 2017. ❖

~ Excerpted from the www.hannonfoundation.org



Front row Left to Right: Nancy B. Cunningham, Kathleen H. Aikenhead and James A. Hannon. Rear Left to Right: Monsignor Royale M. Vadakin, David A. Herbst, David W. Burcham and Robert B. Lawton, S.J.

The Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet hold as their mission to continue the mission of Jesus "that all may be one."

~ John 17:21

The members of the congregation minister in a way that:

- * Heals and reconciles
- * Serves all persons without distinction
- * Makes known through their lives the Gospel they proclaim
- * Enables others to assume a more active responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus
- * Recognizes and defends the human dignity of all persons
- * Promotes justice with a particular concern for the poor.

~ Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Constitution, #20

Charism

The Spirit and Charism of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet is unifying love. ❖



CSJ Associates

The Voice of Vocation

"CSJ Associates are men and women, married and single, primarily Catholic, who seek a deeper relationship with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet without becoming vowed members of the community. Associates share in the faith community, ministry, prayer and celebrations of the Sisters."

The book *Life Speak*, by Parker J. Palmer states: "Before you tell your life what truths and values you have decided to live up to, let your life tell you what truths you embody, what values you represent." Vocation does not come from willfulness; it comes from listening.

Our deepest calling is to grow into our own authentic selfhood and as we do, we find our path of genuine service in the world. Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need and the joy of knowing that we are here on earth to be the gifts that God created. We find communion with others and ways of serving the world's deepest needs.

The Associate way of life is part of a larger call from God. It is a call of the Holy Spirit to live our baptismal promises within our daily lives—with our families, in our friendships, in our work and in our civic communities. The Associate form of life is a relationship—a freely chosen commitment to be in communion with vowed members and other associates.

The CSJ Associate vocation is summarized in these words: Associates strive to live and minister in ways that:

- *Heal and reconcile
- *Serve all persons without distinction
- *Make known through their lives the Gospel they proclaim
- *Recognize and defend the human dignity of all persons
- *Promote justice with a particular concern for the poor
- *Share their gifts, talents and resources to promote the Gospel message of justice, peace, and love. ♦♦

~ Written by Dianne Nelson, Director of Associates



*Dianne Nelson,
Director of Associates*

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation

“Nug Ecneloiw”

No, you have not developed dyslexia. You are looking at gun violence spelled backward. We know that there is an epidemic and legislators are being lobbied to pass gun control laws. However, I would like to suggest another approach, one in which we all have power to make a difference. We are called to be people of wisdom. Our wisdom must be that of God’s wisdom not that of the world. Christ came to show us the way to peace. When we put on his wisdom we accept his call to become peace filled and peace makers.

Doctors are amazed and puzzled when a patient recovers from a devastating illness or injury that can only be attributed to prayer. We are dealing with the societal illness of gun violence. If together we pray and send positive energy we can heal the violence that creates death and injury. How can we use the power given us by our Creator?

Spend some time each day by sitting in a quiet and peaceful place. Let go of any anxiety or worry about unfinished business. Allow yourself to be filled with peace. Sit quietly breathing in peace and breathing out anything that disrupts or disturbs you. Don’t rush your prayer. When you have entered into that sacred space ask the Holy Spirit to surround one person who is angry or vengeful and has a gun with the intent to use it. You will not know who this person is but the Spirit knows. Let God’s love and peace flow through you to surround her or him with love and peace. We will never know the outcome or who may have been saved as a result of our prayer. As the song says, “Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.” ♦♦

~ Written by Diane Smith, Director of JPIC



Sister Diane Smith, CSJ Director of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

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Holy Family Community



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Ministry
In the
Golden
Years

l/r: David Chand, Mellie Taylor Diaz, (Navy Vet) Rita Sherrei and a VA staff member

Mellie Taylor Diaz considers herself a blessed woman. Despite having experienced one of the greatest losses in life—the death of Rudy, her 19-year-old son who died during the Vietnam War, this 92-year-old Navy vet from Santa Monica, CA is enjoying life to its fullest thanks to a strong relationship with God.

“I never thought that at this late point of my life, I was going to experience so much joy and connection to others,” she says. Mellie joined the Navy right after high school and was sent for four years to National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. She served as a nurse and saw the devastation of war in the bodies and spirits of her patients. After the Navy, she returned to California and worked as a receptionist at

St. John Vianney Church in Hacienda Heights, CA. "There, I worked side by side with several Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, including Sisters Joann Heinritz, CSJ Sandra Williams, CSJ Theresa Harpin, CSJ as well as Mary Ann Scanlon, CSJ and Lydia Sandoval, CSJ both now deceased."

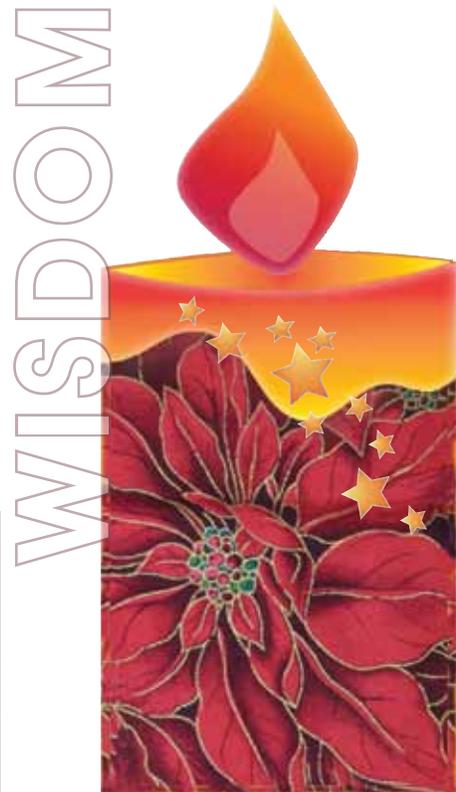
Seven years ago Mellie moved to the CalVets Home, a retirement place for veterans. For a while, she was the only woman there and she longed for companionship as well as opportunities to deepen her relationship with God. To her surprise, last year a group of retired Holy Family Community CSJs started to offer services such as pastoral visiting, friendly visiting, healing touch, music and memory as well as telephone reassurance thanks to a volunteer program by Vitas Hospice. "The Sisters organized the first Mass ever celebrated at CalVets. To the staff and residents, the Sisters brought beautiful rosaries that belonged to the Sisters who are deceased. I feel so blessed and inspired by these dedicated women who minister even in their golden age."

In addition to participating in the gatherings and special events organized by the Sisters, Mellie is now looking forward to her trip to Washington DC where, thanks to the Gary Sinise Foundation, she will visit the Veterans Memorial where her son's name is displayed. ♦♦

~ Written by Meyling Eliash-Daneshfar, Editor



*l/r: Sister Sharon Margaret Ninteman, CSJ
Community Life Coordinator with Mellie*



Sister Maggie McGraw, CSJ

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and Marianne Johnson, CSJ*

Names For God

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A few years ago, Carondelet Artists published a bilingual collection of reflections and inspirational pieces written by the Sisters and Associates regarding the many names of God. Here is one written by Sister Thomas Bernard MacConnell, CSJ.

Inner Peace

QUOTATION

Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

~ Phil 4:7

REFLECTION

*P*ace can mean many things: a cessation of conflict, a treaty; a sense of order "when all's right with the world;" a lack of those disturbances which can keep me agitated; the feeling of security, of being protected; the quiet after a storm. All of these can be peace-givers and greatly valued. They add to the quality of my life.

There is, also, another peace, an inner peace of which Jesus spoke, a “place,” a center within me where He and the Father will come, not just for a visit, but to take up Their abode, to build a house. This dwelling of inner peace, built and given to me by God, becomes a place where I am able:

* to know a stillness that is present to me in the depth of my being even as I deal with the sometimes hectic responsibilities of daily life, just as the ocean, angry and stormy on its surface, is still and calm at its deepest point;

* to experience support and encouragement as I open myself to “put on the mind of Christ” and then to bring that mind into the joys and challenges, the interactions and decisions that make up my day, aware that God always walks with me;

* to identify the other “little gods” that I might worship whose devious siren calls can distract me from my true path to happiness and holiness;

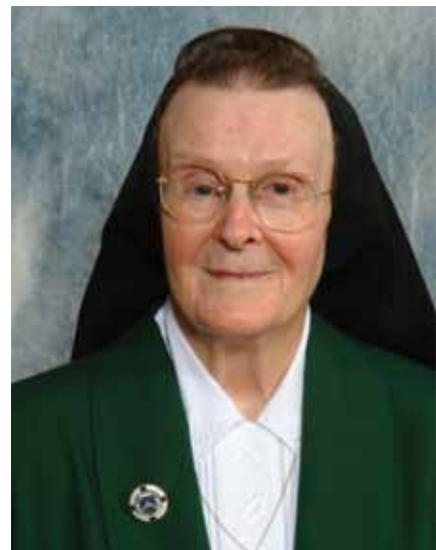
* to find a profound sense of harmony with all of creation—the stars, the earth, the winds and seas, the plants and animals, my human brothers and sisters—listening for the “music of the spheres,” hearing beyond what is heard, seeing beyond what is seen;

* to believe God’s word, really, when I hear “Do not be afraid,” “Fear not,” “I will never forsake you,” “Do not let your hearts be troubled,” “My peace I give to you.”

BLESSING

May God support us all the day long, ‘til the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy, may [God] give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the end. ~ Cardinal Newman ❖

~ Written by Sister Thomas Bernard MacConnell, CSJ



Sister Thomas Bernard MacConnell, CSJ



A Year of Memories...



"Circle the City" In Arizona is a program founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet which helps the homeless receive medical attention after surgery



(SJW) St. Joseph Workers for 2016-2017



St. Joseph Center in Venice, CA trains men and women for jobs in the food service industry



Sisters of St Joseph and Friends at Religious Education Conference



SJW workers bring peace to the border of Mexico and the U.S.

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Thank you!



A veteran converses with Sister Constance Fitzgerald, CSJ during one of Holy Family Community's frequent gatherings



l/r: Sister Judy Molosky, CSJ, Maria Ruvalcaba, Sister Deanine Medina, CSJ, and skipping to far right Gladis Romero with Monica Rosales join Anti Human Trafficking march for awareness



Presentation Center in Los Angeles where some of our Sisters volunteer



gress in Anaheim



Sisters and Ohana release of doves in Hawaii.



Familia de San Jose Associate, Margarita Tobar, visits a group of incarcerated men in Talca, (Chile)

Winter



Sister Patricia Rose Shanahan, CSJ

Since 1650, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet have been teaching and sharing experiences with “the dear neighbor”. Many Sisters have and some continue to teach in elementary, middle and high schools as well as in universities. While approaches to education have changed in the last decades, we are sure you will enjoy a chuckle or two in reading passages in this old Teacher’s Manual sent to us by our archivist, Sister Patricia Rose Shanahan, CSJ.

Health of Students

Take every precaution to guard against the exposure of the health of pupils. Always permit children who are cold, or whose clothing is damp to occupy the warmest places in the room. Never expose children by having them stand in the cold halls, or out of doors in bad weather. See that they are properly clad and “bundled up” before starting for home.

Ventilation

Give great attention to ventilation. The training, in sitting, standing and walking, and in the use of the organs of respiration and utterance are among the first things to be attended to in the physical exercises.

General Deportment

Tolerate as little noise in the school as possible. There is no necessity for pupils dropping books on the floor, making unnecessary noise with seats, slamming doors or walking heavily. An earnest and orderly teacher will find means to obviate all this.

A Teacher's Influence Over Pupils

As pupils study their teacher about as much as they do their books and often copy her exact words and manner she cannot be too guarded and careful in everything she says and does.

Neatness

Train the pupils habits of neatness and economy. Do not

permit them to waste paper by using several pages of the tablet or composition book when one page will suffice. Make your room a model of neatness by not permitting a particle of paper to remain on the floor. See that the pupils' desks are kept in order and free from everything not used in school work. In this respect let the teacher's desk serve as a model.

Teaching Hours

Teachers should not try to secure order by a succession of heavy raps on the desk or ringing a bell violently. One slight tap with the pencil or a single note of the bell should always be sufficient in a well-ordered school. Govern by quiet signals as much as possible.

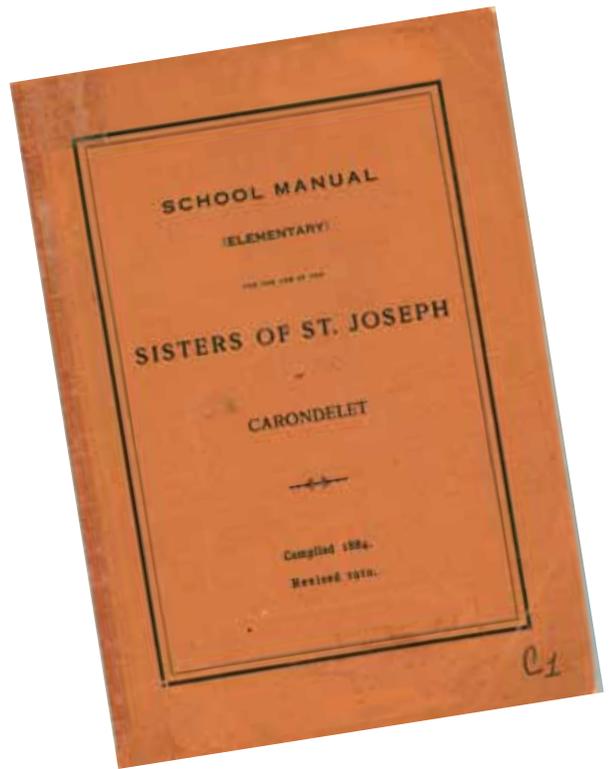
The teacher should give good example in regard to punctuality and should be as prompt in dismissing as in opening her school. She should give her undivided attention to school duties. Never sew, knit, work on school records, read books or write letters during school sessions.

Examinations

Let every question be clear and concise. Avoid all questions that merely test verbal memory or savor of affectation. Do not trust to the inspiration of the moment for questions. Prepare them carefully in advance. ➡➡

~ Submitted by Sister Patricia Rose Shanahan, CSJ

Director of Archives



St. Joseph's Academy, Prescott 1902 -1903



Sister Florence Kane, CSJ

Advent

Journey into Wisdom

Blessed are you
In whom
The light lives,
Your heart
A chapel,
Where in the deepest night.
Can be seen
The fire
That shines forth in you.
In love that illumines
every broken thing.

~ Jan Richardson..
Circle of Grace

The Gospel proclamation for the beginning of Advent proclaims, STAY AWAKE! To be awake is to be conscious, alert, aware and attentive, familiar phrases for Sisters of St. Joseph and those who share the charism. It means our eyes are open and our spirits are alert.

“God so loved the world...that He gave us his only son.” ~John 3:16 The Christmas Story is full of moments where the Divine and human meet: Mary and the Angel, Joseph fast asleep, shepherds in fields, Kings on a journey, each of them alert, aware and attentive, even when asleep. Each found their way through forces of darkness and their own frailty. They witness for eternity Wisdom born of openness to the unknown, to Sacred Mystery.

For the early Christians the central figure of wisdom was in Hebrew–Hokmah, in Greek–Sophia. She was presented as feminine, a sister, a mother, a prophet, a teacher, a friend. She was the personification of the mystery of God. Whoever found Hokmah, found life. The early Christians so identified Jesus with Wisdom, that He becomes seen as Wisdom Incarnate. St. Paul identifies Jesus as the Wisdom of God.

Forces of light and darkness surround us in our present age. Becoming aware of these forces is an essential part of living with meaning, purpose, intention and Wisdom. Like the characters of the Christmas Story and the early Christian community, we are seekers of Sacred Mystery. We find our way by reflecting on our experiences, seeking understanding, and embracing mystery. In the process we can come to know our world and ourselves as hopelessly flawed, yet loved unconditionally. The possibility opens that love is born in us; we are God’s beloved daughters and sons.

Alertness, awareness and attentiveness are essential to finding Wisdom. Wisdom seeks, finds, nourishes, reveals and makes us friends of God. It is not our egos that recognize the presence of God in our world. It is our essence. ♦♦

~ Written by Sister Pat Nelson, CSJ



Sister Pat Nelson, CSJ

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Medaille House of Discernment Community

The Medaille Community was established in January 2014 at the corner house on the Villa Property. Sister Darlene Kawulok's vision was a response to the 2013 Calls to Action "...creatively inviting others to live consecrated life as Sisters of St. Joseph" and "intentionally welcome, foster, and develop emerging ways of living the charism;" she envisioned a local community that would share the CSJ charism and life with young women discerning how God was leading them. This involves daily personal and community prayer, sharing the common life (cooking, cleaning, etc.), monthly discernment days, finding and meeting with a spiritual director and contributing to the common fund. This program moved to the 24th Street house in 2015 to have more space. There are three women living in the Discernment Community now and I asked them to share why they came to the Medaille Community.

Alejandra Angel—I was extremely burnt out from giving myself to so much in ministry, and needed to look at other ways to live my life. I came to Medaille because I was seeking to deepen my faith and to care for myself spiritually. I have grown and enjoyed living with an amazing group of women, both past and present.

Chrystalle Navarro—I am an alumna of the St. Joseph Worker Program during which I served at Homeboy Industries. I am now working there permanently! My life goal is to make a difference in this world. Living with the Medaille Community provides me a safe and supportive environment to discern how the Lord is leading me so my life can make a difference in this world.

Sally Koch—I moved to LA to live in the Discernment house five months ago in order to explore a vocation to religious life and discern a life with the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet. Currently, I am ministering at Saint Joseph High School where I find Medaille's vision of "all of which women is capable" in the faculty, staff and students. ❖

~ Written by Sister Carol Brong, CSJ



Front: l/r: Sisters Carol Brong, CSJ and Darlene Kawulok, CSJ Back l/r: Alejandra Angel, Chrystalle Navarro, Sally Koch



Saint Joseph High School

Families Take Their Mission Seriously!

Saint Joseph High School (SJHS) in Lakewood, CA has been dedicated to Christian service since the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet founded the school in 1964. Ask any student or alumna and she will tell you about her favorite service project and what she learned from it. Maya Camacho '17, the Associate Student Body President, said "Christian service is what we do at Saint Joseph High School. It is not seen as a religion requirement that we have to fulfill each semester, "It is how we build a closer relationship with God. It is a way of life!"

This year, SJHS took their service commitment to a whole new level by starting an official student Service Project Commissioning Period, followed by Family Service Day. Last September students and their families spread across Lakewood and the surrounding communities to "serve the dear neighbor without distinction."

Lauren and David Haponski, parents of Bernadette '17, spent the afternoon at the Catholic Charities of Los Angeles Mahar House Community Center. Lauren said, "My husband, David, and I, would like to thank and congratulate you for the Family Service Day. It was a wonderful experience and we plan to continue our contact with the after-school program offered there for elementary and middle school children."

Natalie Martinez '19 and her family went to the Long Beach Rescue Mission where they sorted canned goods and non-perishables. The Long Beach Rescue Mission serves three



Sally Koch, CSJ Candidate

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meals a day to those who experience food insecurity. Not far away at Food Finders, another organization with the mission of feeding those in need, Hannah Emerson '20 and her mom, Christine, worked diligently to sort canned goods and assemble 300 food bags for children in Long Beach who did not have enough food for the weekend.

The Gonzalez sisters, Teresa '18 and Maria '19, went to the Bridge of Faith with their mom, Mary Lou. They priced and organized clothing and other items in the Bridge of Faith thrift store. Bridge of Faith supports young women who have aged out of the foster care system and are in need of housing and employment.

It is no secret that all of these students are very busy with school and co-curricular activities, not to mention, dances and football games. But these young women chose to spend time with their families and did God's work on this Family Service Day.

Mary Lou Gonzalez said, "My daughters and I have a goal to serve our community as a family. Family Service Day provided us an opportunity to serve right in our own backyard and work with other wonderful SJHS families. At Saint Joseph High School, my daughters not only receive a stellar education, but they are also immersed in their Catholic faith and the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet."

Saint Joseph High School, www.sj-jester.org, is fully accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). ❖

~ Written by Sally Koch, CSJ Candidate with the Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet, Los Angeles Province



St. Joseph Workers

Find Wisdom at Work



Yessenia Diaz, SJW Worker

At the beginning of August, six other young women and I embarked on a mission to seek justice, help people on the margins, and become strong women able to lead our generation to a better tomorrow. We seven are part of the St. Joseph Worker Program which embodies the values of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The components of spirituality, community, leadership and justice are part of our daily lives. However, there is something else we strive for and hope to gain during this year and that is wisdom. The different communities we serve have opened our eyes to a whirlwind of struggles and injustices. There is much we are unaware of and hope to learn regarding the world and those around us.

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When beginning our ministries, we knew that the task before us would be exhausting, but ultimately fulfilling. We would reap the rewards of our efforts in the faces of the people we served, in knowing that something as small as words of affirmation could go a long way. We would provide a listening ear for those who are constantly ignored, more often than not, the poor, ill and people of color. Being part of the communities we serve, we hope to follow the path of our mentors and work towards change.

As the year goes on we hope to pass along the wisdom we have learned.

* Ashley, one of the St. Joseph Workers at Immaculate Conception School, claims her wisdom figures are Principal, Ms. Murphy, as well as former SJWs and teachers.

* Abby (6th grade), and Monica (4th grade) have given Ashley advice on how to juggle her personal life with the SJW program. Ashley's new wisdom is being able to see things through the eyes of a child filled with wonder and finding beauty in surprising ways.

* Sarah at Homeboy Industries says her wisdom figure is Father Greg Boyle. The stories he shares and the commitment he has to end gang violence inspires her. Sarah's new wisdom is to allow herself to be changed by at least one person every day, creating a deeper sense of humanity.

* Yessenia in her work at Alexandria House says Sister Judy Vaughan, CSJ is her wisdom figure. From her she has learned to be patient, have an open heart and mind and recognize the dignity of each person. We are amazed at the wisdom we have gained in this short amount of time. Stay tuned! ❖

~ Written by Yessenia Diaz, SJW 2016-'17

Ashley using her secretarial skills at Immaculate Conception School in Los Angeles



Ashley, current SJW worker and Abby SJW 2015-'16 support one another as new teachers



All of Which a Woman is Capable

A Day with Sister Eva Joseph

A day with Sister Eva Messina, CSJ would show you her varied interests in cooking, gardening, flower arranging, ecological issues and her desire to better the needs of the poor. She has a life-long interest in our connection with Mother Earth. Eva offered her services for the work/vacation program at Halekala National Park on Maui. For seven years she spent two weeks of her vacation to clear and build trails, uproot invasive plants, remove old fence posts and sink new ones (four feet deep), unload 50 pound cement bags, etc. These work/vacations involved camping in the wilderness with rugged and strenuous hiking. Her knowledge and love of botany and geology is staggering. And somewhere along the way she was certified as a Maui scuba diver. Also gifted as a singer, Sister is a member of the St. Anthony choir, is a lead cantor, and at times sings in Hawaiian.

Sister has ministered as a teacher, principal, Director of Religious Education and was elected to the Vice Province Council several times. She spoke of her involvement in the Kava and Noni Projects on the Big Island. "These Projects were a collaboration with grass roots organizations and state agencies in an effort to better the economy of rural communities on the Island of Hawaii." Sister recently served as a presenter at the Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Program held on four islands.

Thank you, Sister Eva, for your generous and joyful spirit. You live up to your name, Eva – Earth Mother. ♡

~ Written by Sister Frances Baker, CSJ

Sister Eva Joseph Messina, CSJ



Remembering...

Our Sisters who have recently died



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Suzanne Steffen, CSJ
August 24, 2016



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Mary Irene Flanagan, CSJ
September 19, 2016



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Eugene Francis Wedige, CSJ
September 2, 2016



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October 2, 2016



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September 16, 2016



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October 8, 2016

Remember

**May
they
now
rest
in
peace**

ON THE COVER

One of the most treasured expressions of Advent is the prayer for wisdom and light. We pray with deep longing— O Wisdom (*another name for God*) come! We have lit candles each week in this hope—praying for wisdom in the season of light we call Advent. We pray in the midst of darkness, we pray in all our unknowing and fog for the wisdom of God to light a fire in us that will never go out. ❖

~ Sister Carol L Smith, CSJ
Designer

