

**Sisters of St. Joseph of  
Carondelet  
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**Next issue June 1st**

## SAVE THE DATE



### ❖ **2018 Photo Book Entries**

all photos and 25 words  
for Sisters and Associates  
are due by  
June 15, 2018 to  
[clsmith@csjla.org](mailto:clsmith@csjla.org)

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**Holy Family Retreat 2018**  
June 3 - 9, 2018

### ❖ **e-designs Survey**

DUE

June 1, 2018

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/  
W6YFFDS](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W6YFFDS)

### ❖ **2018 Assembly**

Thursday, July 26th at 1:00 p.m. -  
Sunday, July 29th, 2018  
Carondelet Center

### ❖ **Called Together for the Life of the World**

Congregational Chapter 2019  
July 14-28, 2019  
Saint Louis, Missouri

## The Power of Re-Imagining



Singing bowl or prayer bowl



Mortar and pestle

At our recent Cluster meeting during a discussion on the upcoming Province and Congregational Chapters and the overwhelming response of the Sisters to the questions from the Innovation Committee, we again challenged each other to be open to the unknown. We believe the Spirit is working within and among us. Sister Catherine Irene Findley, CSJ gave us a wonderful reflection from her point of view and from her experience as a pharmacist. She focused us on the Prayer Bowl (*sometimes referred to as a singing bowl*) and the gong that Sister Colleen Harris, CSJ had used to center us for prayer. From the chime bowl and gong Catherine Irene re-imagined for us the mortar and pestle. She then described how ingredients are pulverized to create something new while maintaining the integrity of its original ingredients, but- it is now in a NEW form. Awe, whispers, gasps and nods filled our circle. Yes, we, too, as a Congregation are mixing "ingredients" from our collective bowl of thinking and discerning hearts. This is evidenced in the 229 pages of responses to the Innovation Committee, to be "PULVERIZED" into something NEW in our future together. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Ann Patricia O'Connor, CSJ and Cluster

LA 1

You cannot  
take the path  
until you  
BECOME the path.

~ Siddhartha



## “Everyone In LA”

–A WEBSITE  
WITH INFORMATION  
ON HOMELESSNESS

Sister Cec Beresford, CSJ wrote that it was the homelessness segment in the March 12 JPIC UPDATE that touched her and she signed up. She also watched the brief video that it provided. That video is still available on the homepage of Website provided below.

### For Those of You Who Live in LA

There is a real path to solving our homelessness crisis, and we can do it—one person at a time. But it’s going to take every one of us in LA County to do it.

Join the launch of website– [EveryoneInLA.org](http://EveryoneInLA.org) – a historic effort to ensure everybody works together to pave the way for providing critical services for transitioning the chronically homeless into supportive housing and keeping thousands of Angelenos from losing their homes by providing rental assistance.

Ending homelessness is each person’s responsibility. Are you in? ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Diane Smith, CSJ, Director of JPIC

## Alexandria House - Women Speak

Top l/r: Kathi Campbell PHD, Teresa Scottino CSJ, Judy Vaughan CSJ, Ahn Lee, SJW Worker, Lisa Hauck Borkovitch, Jane Galbraith, Karen McLoughlin



Bottom l/r: Kamara Farai, Dr. Melina Abdullah



Alexandria House held its 10th annual Women Speak luncheon at the The Ebell of Los Angeles on Thursday, May 2. Nancy Berlin served as the days facilitator with guest speakers Kamara Farai and Dr. Melina Abdullah. Dr. Melina Abdullah spoke of spiritual movements, Black Lives Matter and issues women and children face in today’s contemporary society. The luncheon also highlighted individuals and families who have benefitted from the services Alexandria House provides.

[Read more about Alexandria House.](#) ❖

~ Submitted by Cameron Parsons, Communications Staff

For  
Sisters & Associates

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### ALSO FOR SISTERS...

#### 2018-19 AAA Membership

All the new membership cards have been distributed/sent. I hope yours has arrived safely. If not, and you were expecting one, please call or write me: 323.309.1482 or [cbrong@csjla.org](mailto:cbrong@csjla.org). Thank you.

~ Submitted by Sister Carol Brong, CSJ

## OLP Participates in The Walk Against Hate



This year OLP participated in the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) Walk Against Hate along with twenty seven other schools from around San Diego. This was the first time the ADL had sponsored a walk in San Diego and they had nearly 425 team members from San Diego County and beyond who joined the walk. Every dollar raised from the Walk Against Hate goes towards programs that support students with ADL's award-winning anti-bias and anti-bullying education programs. As a part of this year's Walk Against Hate, schools that have earned the "No Place for Hate" designation were recognized and honored.

OLP was recognized for the second year in a row as a "No Place for Hate School." Efforts to obtain this designation are completely student led, and facilitated by the club *Humans 4 Humanity* at OLP and their moderator, Angie Gascho. Students in the *Humans for Humanity* Club were prompted to work toward this designation as a way of living out our CSJ charism to love the "dear neighbor". ❖

~ Submitted by Alexa Camarena-Gamboa, Marketing and Communications, Academy of Our Lady of Peace

## An Invitation to Sisters and Associates

The Caritas and Providence Communities invite you to our Open Houses—Sunday, June 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and visit, tour our homes, relax in the pool and enjoy simple refreshments. We look forward to seeing you! Sisters Angela Faustina and Linda Snow (*Providence Community*) and Sisters Carol Brong, Chizuru Yamada and Jeanne Marie Gocha (*Caritas / Novitiate Community*).

Enjoy the pool at Caritas! With summer on our doorstep, we at Caritas Community extend a warm welcome to you all to come and enjoy the pool any afternoon you'd like. We do ask for two things:

1) Let us know you are coming.

2) The pool is not available on Fridays before 5:00 p.m. as Friday is our Prayer/Reflection Day and we'd like to keep it a day of prayer and quiet. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Jeanne Marie Gocha, CSJ (A)

## Remembering

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

5/18, Sister Anna Juka, CSJ  
5/17 Pauline Haas, CSJA

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

5/20 Terilyn Lau, cousin of Sister Brenda Lau, CSJ



[Read Remembering](#)

the life of

Sister Mary Gratia De Francesco, CSJ

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# St Joseph Center Voices of Hope Gala



*l/r: Va Lecia Adams Kellum presents award to Calmeze Barcus*

Thanks to the incredible support of concerned people like you, last Saturday night was our most successful *Voices of Hope Gala* ever! We raised nearly \$635,000 to support our programs that help low-income and homeless men, women and children achieve self-sufficiency.

Our "Voice of Hope" Award goes to people who have been empowered by our services to create new lives for themselves. This year's recipient, **Calmeze Barcus**, has benefited from our Outreach, Housing Assistance, Job Training and Mental Health services, and he has truly re-written his own story.

With St. Joseph Center's help and support, he's gone from living on the street to working full time and living in his own apartment. He brought tears to everyone's eyes when he choked while accepting his award, saying, "I never thought I'd have a second chance at 60."

We are grateful to everyone who helped make 2018's *Voices of Hope* such an incredible success! We simply could not assist more than 7,000 people each year without a dedicated community of supporters who believe in us and the vital work we do every day—thank you!

*~ Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D., President & CEO of St.*

*Joseph Center*



Click image to see what is happening on our province facebook pages or [click here](#) to see it on our website's home page; no password needed to see it. ❖

## PRAYERS PLEASE



When Your Friends Need Prayer, The Sisters of St. Joseph created the website—[prayersplease.com](http://prayersplease.com) Anybody may request prayers anonymously and free of charge. ❖