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“We cannot all
do great things,
but we can do
small things with
great love.”

~Saint Mother Teresa

WWII Diaries Reveal Brave Rescue of Sisters of St. Joseph in Tasmania, Australia



l/r: Sister Celestine Belanger, Sister Irene Alton, Sister Isabelle Aubin, and Sister Hedda Jaeger.

During the 1940s the Sisters of St. Joseph traveled from Orange, CA to work as missionaries in Tasmania, Australia. When Japan invaded the area during WWII, the Sisters did not fully understand the gravity of their situation so an Australian Lieutenant, Jack Read, who was in charge of monitoring the coastal area for Japanese military activities, was ordered to help the Sisters escape. “They went over there as zealous young nuns and within one year the island was taken over by the Japanese and they were on the run,” said Sister Eileen McNerney, CSJ who is researching the history of the Sisters’ missionary work and discovered that Lt. Read played an important role in saving the lives of four Sisters. “I think he was the first one to come to them and explain the precariousness of the situation. Because the Japanese were on their way and they weren’t taking prisoners. Read knew that. The Sisters didn’t grasp that.”

Sister Eileen’s found two diaries describing how Lt. Jack Read guided them to safety. On New Year’s Day 1943, Sister Hedda Jaeger, wrote about their escape: “Lieutenant Read started ahead of us with a lantern. We followed through tall grass, little streams and boggy mudholes”. Waiting to collect them was a submarine, the USS Nautilus. The sailors were told to expect women to board but it wasn’t until they got close in the canoes that the crew discovered the visitors were nuns. From the diary: “Lt Read went out in a canoe ahead of us to reassure them our rescue was not a Japanese plot.”

Daniel McCue, a California documentarian, is planning a film about Reid’s rescue mission. ❖

Read more and watch a video about this amazing story.
<https://bit.ly/2LrTGli>

Medaille House News



l/r: Julie Tapia, Michaela Norris, Amanda Hernandez, Nelly Millogo, Alejandra Angel, Chrystalle Navarro, Ester Pak

Sisters Darlene Kawulok, Carol Brong, Ines Telles, Sally Koch

Past and current Medaille House community members gathered to celebrate and support Sally Koch as she was received into the Novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. It was a happy evening of hugs and stories with the women sharing about the next chapters of their lives.

Medaille House creates bonds of relationships that these women will carry with them throughout their lives. If you know of a woman who is discerning the next chapter of her life, let her know about us. Contact us at discernment@csjla.org ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Darlene Kwalok, CSJ

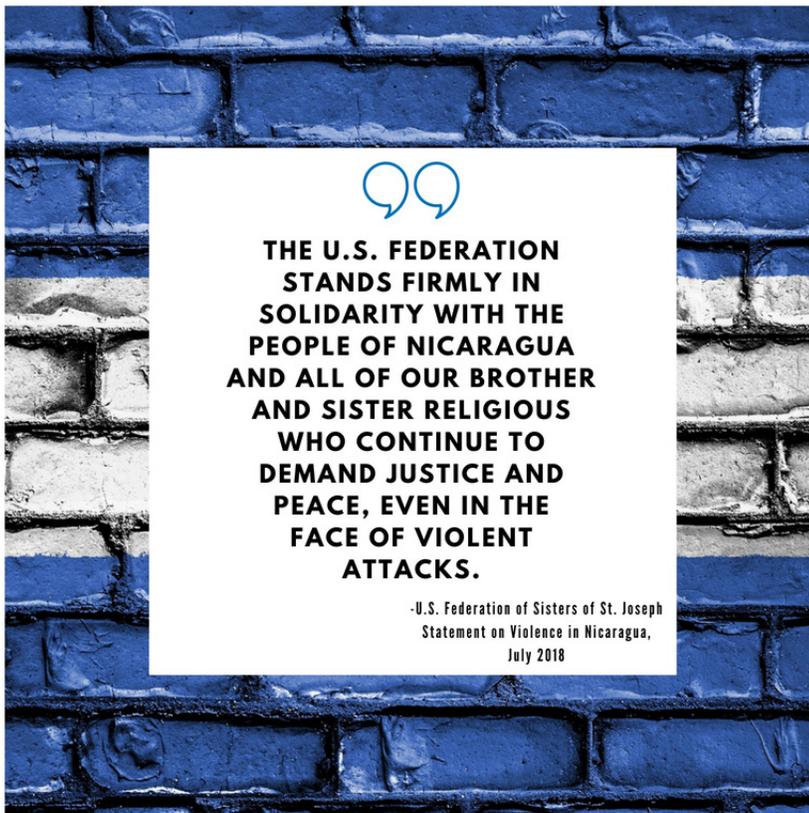
Hawai'i Calls



Our 2018 Hawai'i Calls Opportunity Drawing is a great chance to support the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and their ministries while winning a chance for a vacation of a lifetime in Maui. The first prize includes airfare and hotel accommodations for two in Lahaina, HI plus \$300 credit at selected resort restaurants and two complementary \$108 value/person luau tickets!! Second prize is \$1,000 and third prize, \$500.

May the warmth of summer bring joy, hope and peace to you and your family. ❖

*~ Submitted by
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**THE U.S. FEDERATION
STANDS FIRMLY IN
SOLIDARITY WITH THE
PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA
AND ALL OF OUR BROTHER
AND SISTER RELIGIOUS
WHO CONTINUE TO
DEMAND JUSTICE AND
PEACE, EVEN IN THE
FACE OF VIOLENT
ATTACKS.**

-U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph
Statement on Violence in Nicaragua,
July 2018

Remembering

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

7/19 Lucy Acain, Sister in law of
Catherine Anthony Acain, CSJ

7/21 Jacque Petras MSMU 65"