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**Sisters of St. Joseph of
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SAVE THE DATE



Celebration of the Reception

of Sally Koch

into the Congregational Novitiate
July 12th at 6:30 p.m.
at Carondelet Center



2018 Assembly

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



Congregational Chapter 2019 Called Together for the Life of the World

July 14-28, 2019
Saint Louis, Missouri

Rally Against Separation of Families at the US/Mexico Border

A

group of Sisters, Associates and employees of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet joined hundreds of others at a rally and prayer against the separation of families illegally entering the US border. We invite you to read their reflections on what touched them and to watch the slideshow of the event.



"This was a first for me, but something I needed to do—to step out of my own comfort zone to experience and to stand in solidarity with others on this issue. I loved being in the midst of people who had the passion, energy and faith to make a public statement. It was a faith-filled experience and know that I would now do this again."

~ Sister Sharon Margaret Ninteman, CSJ

"Hearing the voices of the women on the inside responding as we chanted "Set them free!" created a deep ache in my heart. A profound experience in solidarity!"

~ Sister Claire Marie Williams, CSJ

"I felt a sense of COMMUNION, all sharing the same desire, demanding the freedom of children, the respect for their lives—to see young fathers and mothers with their children in the heat, on a two-mile march, their presence there with their children in their arms, expressing their COMMUNION."

~ Sister Teresa Ponce, CSJ

"Energy permeated the crowd at simply being together in solidarity. No one was at a loss for words or a smile. No one was a stranger. We were all there to make a difference with our collective determination."

~ Rita Scherrei, CSJA

"The experience and energy of solidarity washed over us in the church. Faith-leaders of every race, creed and gender inspired us to act as the ONE we are meant to be. Forty years of ministry with prisoners flooded my consciousness as we walked by the fencing surrounding the walls of the detention facility." ~ Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ

"To see so many faiths joining together was powerful. I don't know if I can explain in words but to see them holding hands in front of all of us

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gave me such a sense of security. What I felt just to hear us screaming in protest was new, powerful and heartfelt.” ~ Rosie Gaspar, employee

“Words spoken by a preacher: ‘This is an act of Love, not a protest,’ echoed our call to be for the *dear neighbor* in a new way for me. Unifying love was made visible in the people of all ages, faiths and cultures engaging in this act of love together—speaking for people with no voice; offering hope and witnessing outrage at the suffering and separation of families. The experience tore at my heart and at the same time, offered me new courage to be for the “other” among us.” ~ Sister Anne McMullen, CSJ

“O God of Mercy and Justice, hear the voice of our supplication, as we march for Justice and Freedom, as we chant in one voice, “LET OUR CHILDREN GO.” O Merciful One, hear the voices of mothers and fathers whose children have been wrenched from their arms and for their children who in their loneliness and abandonment cry out, “MAMA! PAPA!” O Just One, awaken the hearts of the oppressors, open their minds and ears. Melt their hearts of stone, that they may become a welcoming presence to those in need. In the Name of Love, let us be Justice and Mercy for all suffering people.” ~ Sister Celia DuRea, CSJ

“What has our country become? I can’t believe that we allow these atrocities to go unchallenged for so long, and by so few. I can’t believe that we can get to this point and in such a short amount of time, and so many people are complicit with this behavior. I don’t know who we are anymore. I am heartbroken.” ~ Karen King, Associate and employee

“The most notable thing about the protest/rally was the incredible diversity. Many different cultures and races from all walks in life were represented, and I think that speaks for itself.” ~ Steve Ebelhar, employee

NEWS

Find the following by clicking on the NEWS button above.

- ❖ Senator Elizabeth Warren posts compelling testimony of visit to McAllen Customs and Border Protection (CBP) processing center
- ❖ Loyola Marymount seeks Mission Office Coordinator.
- ❖ LCWR Disappointed in Court’s Decision to Uphold President Trump’s Muslim Ban
- ❖ OLP Debuts at First Robotics San Diego Regional Competition



From LA Cluster 1

The question of homelessness is a hard one. We are not homeless. What do you do/say when you are face to face with a homeless person? It is difficult not to prejudge how homeless people will use any monetary donation they receive. Basically, it is better to give in-kind (coupons, gift cards, etc.) than money. ~ Sister Marilyn Binder, CSJ

The Associates in Northridge, CA are preparing hygiene bags for St. Joseph Center (Venice, CA) as well as snack bags. It is possible for us to prepare snack bags ourselves and keep them in the car. ~ Sister Adrienne Pereira, CSJ
~ Submitted by Sister Diane Smith, CSJ Coordinator of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation



24 Hour Fast and Donation Opportunity for Children Separated from their Families

The Sisters, Associates and employees who participated in the Otay Mesa Detainment Protest last Saturday would like to invite you to join Ethel Kennedy, widow of Senator Robert Kennedy, and *Break Bread Not Families* to participate in a hunger strike in protest of the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy for immigrants who enter the country illegally, in conjunction with several activist groups and nearly 50 other members of the Kennedy family.

According to their website, protestors—including elected officials—influencers and the Kennedy family will fast for 24 hours on any day of their choosing during a period of 24 days, in honor of the 2,400 children separated from their parents.

Organizers ask that each participant fast for 24 hours and make a donation in place of the food they would have eaten to *Break Bread Not Families*. "We want to find a way for people who can't go down to the border to actually do something themselves at home that is concrete and creates change, and this is what we're calling on them to do," said Kerry Kennedy, daughter of Ethel and Robert, in an interview with the Boston Globe.

"We know that everyone, because of health and age, are not able to do a 24 hour fast in the sense of no food, so we encourage you to fast in different ways –eat less, pray more, keep some silent reflection time, do kind deeds –a fast that keeps you in a prayerful mode in solidarity with those who are suffering." added Sister Anne McMullen, CSJ. ❖

~ Submitted by Sisters Celia Durea, Annie McMullen, Sharon Ninteman, Pat Foster, Suzanne Jabro: Associates Karen King and Rita Scherri and employees Rosie Gaspar and Steve Elbehar

Remembering

Remembering the Life of:



Sister Rita Roemlein, CSJ
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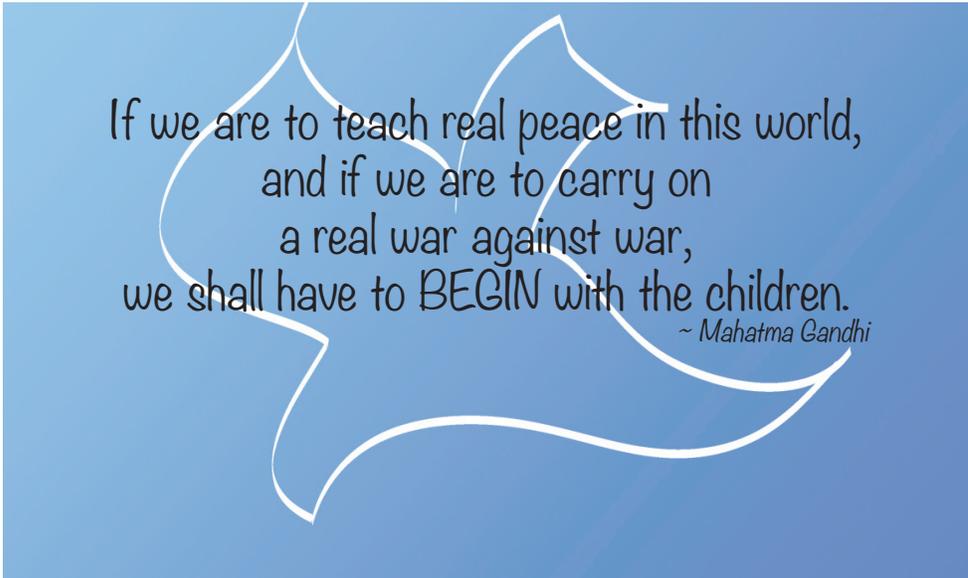
Please remember our relatives and friends who have recently died:

6/18 John Fruge II, Son of Jeanette, CSJA and John Fruge

For Sisters & Associates

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- ❖ Directory Update
- ❖ CSJ Ministry Support Grant Applications information
- ❖ July birthdays



If we are to teach real peace in this world,
and if we are to carry on
a real war against war,
we shall have to BEGIN with the children.
~ Mahatma Gandhi