

**Sisters of St. Joseph of
Carondelet
August 31, 2018**

Next issue September 7th

SAVE THE DATE

❖
**2018-19 Directory Forms
from Sisters and Associates
due
TODAY**

to clsmith@csjla.org

❖
The Season of Creation
Sept. 1 - Oct. 4, 2018

❖
**Congregational Chapter 2019
Called Together for the
Life of the World**
July 14-28, 2019
St. Louis, MO

Sisters in Hawaii Celebrate 80 Years of Ministry



W

e had a glorious celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the presence of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Hawaii. Except for cloudy skies and a little drizzle, Hurricane Lane turned West just in time for the event. In addition to the 21 Sisters ministering in Hawaii and several 'Ohana members, a total of 16 sisters from Los Angeles, St. Louis, St. Paul and Peru joined us. Religious priests, Brothers and Sisters from the various religious Congregations in the islands graced us with their presence and represented their congregations in the offertory procession. Bishop Larry Silva celebrated the beautiful Liturgy. In his homily, he thanked us for our 80 years of ministry in the Diocese and compared the spreading of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet's Charism in the Hawaiian Islands to the Kiawe seed that was spread by the first Catholic priest who arrived in the Sandwich Islands in the 1800s. "The Algoroba tree (Kiawe) is found all over the state and so has the Sisters' presence and ministries," he said.

The celebration continued in the parish hall. Laughter, storytelling and the renewing of friendships filled the hall with a joyous sound. Videos were shown and all the Sisters sang a blessing and song of Aloha for all gathered. A resounding thanks to all who joined us in spirit and/or on live streaming. We know our Charism will continue long after we are gone in the lives of all whom we have touched over these 80 years. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Brenda Lau, CSJ

[Click here](#) to watch additional videos of our celebration and history in Hawaii.

MSMU News

A new academic year has begun at Mount Saint Mary's University. During Welcome Week, several CSJs visited both campuses to meet our students and share a little about our history, heritage and mission. Many thanks to CSJ Sisters Callista Roy, Kathy Stein, Diane Smith, Kathleen Harris, Colleen Harris, Joan Mary O'Dwyer, Judy Molosky, Joan Henehan, Pat Krommer, Mary Sevilla, Margaret O'Rourke and Julie Fertsch, SSJ (Philadelphia) for welcoming our students back to campus!

The Mount Saint Mary's University Alumnae Association is honored to host CSJs at Homecoming 2018. Please register today by visiting: <http://alums.msmu.edu/homecoming2018> and enter promo code: CARONDELET when prompted. You may also call our office directly at 213.447.2767 or email alums@msmu.edu. Please note, registration for Homecoming closes on September 29th.

Sincerely,
Alumnae Relations



l/r: Sisters Patricia Sears, CSJ (RIP) and Joanna Bramble, CSJ
Jubilee West, Oakland, CA

Jubilee West provides decent and safe housing, permanently affordable, to poverty level and very low income families. It also empowers West Cypress people to enrich the quality of their lives, and to continue the Community Services and Youth Programs begun at St. Patrick Center.

Sisters Joanna Bramble and Patricia Sears founded *Jubilee West* in 1980 with six housing units. Eventually 91 other newly renovated scattered-site houses were added.

About her involvement in this organization, Sister Joanna writes, "I have learned from my experience of the inter-relatedness of pain and beauty, gratitude and grief, the connection between the "cry of the poor" and the "cry of the earth." ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Francis Baker, CSJ

Remembering

Please remember our relatives and friends who have recently died:

- 8/25 Sister Mary James Corey, sister of Sister Margaret Jude Corey, CSJ
- 8/25 Ferdinand, brother of Thelma Foye, CSJA

For Sisters & Associates

Click on button above for:

- ❖ CSJ Ministry Support Fund Grant Applications- Due September 14, 2018.
- ❖ Travel Board Requests and information



Intra-Congregation

Called Together Gatherings

Please join us in praying that we will all receive the grace to embrace what the Chapter theme proclaims, that we are "Called Together for the Life of the World." ❖

Sept. 7 - 9 Albany

Sept. 14 - 16 Los Angeles

~ Submitted by the Congregational Leadership Team

The Arrival of LA Archives in St Louis



From the main building at Carondelet, upstairs on the second floor through my bedroom window, I could see across the yard to the Ministry Building. Shortly before lunch, there was the great big white truck. I knew that the Los Angeles Province Archives had arrived. I asked Sister Jane Behlmann, our Archivist, at lunch about the contents of the truck, just to make sure and she confirmed that it had arrived. It was very special to know that our congregational history in writings, files, pictures, tapes and CDs—so much life—was there. I cannot describe the feeling of oneness that struck deep within me—of us as a Congregation and our union with all who have gone before us. How much joy and sorrow is there, how much life and, yes, death. How many wonderful people who have been a part of our ministry, to whom we have given and from whom we have received. Thank you and thanks to all who have worked so hard to get 1,100 boxes to arrive safely. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Ida Berresheim, CSJ (SL)



Peru Gifts Hawaii on its 80th Anniversary

In representation of our Sisters in Peru, Sister Theresa Ponce, CSJ delivered a special handmade tapestry on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the arrival of our Sisters to Hawaii.

Sister Brenda Lau, CSJ accepted it on behalf of the Sisters serving in the islands, at a private reception held at St. Theresa's convent in Honolulu, HI. ❖

~ Submitted by Meyling Eliash-Daneshfar, editor

Hawaii Anniversary Celebration in the News

The threat of Hurricane Lane diverted the media focus to the effect of the rains and winds around the islands. Yet, the Catholic Herald sent two photographers to cover our event. According to Patrick Downes, editor, the newspaper will be publishing a full article in their next edition (September 7th). In the meantime, here are some other articles on this topic published ahead of the event last Saturday. ❖

Articles below:

[80th anniversary in Hawaii: Pioneer Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet](#)

[Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet 80th anniversary in Hawaii: Educators and more.](#)

e-designs

Hawaii Calls Opportunity



A few weeks ago, we accepted donations for the Hawaii Calls Drawing tickets after all the Masses at St. Victor Parish in San Jose, CA. In one weekend, we were able to gather \$1,000.00 for the fundraiser. I was assisted by some of our CSJ Associate candidates and Sister Rosheen Glennon, CSJ. Featured in the photo is a parishioner and Karen Fear, an Associate candidate.

What an easy way to bring in more money to support our ministries! In some cases, we received donations simply because it was for the Sisters. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Sara Michael King, CSJ



Around CC

Sister Paulanne Munch, CSJ led an exuberant group of new faculty and staff from St. Mary's Academy (Inglewood, CA) on a tour of Carondelet Center in Los Angeles, which included our heritage room, historical panels and St. Joseph's chapel.

The group also visited with our retired Sisters in Holy Family Community where they enjoyed a lively exchange of past and present human interest stories. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Paulanne Munch, CSJ

NEWS

From Hawaii on the occasion of The Sisters Arrival 80 years ago.

Calls to Action



"In the real world, as lived and experienced by real people, the demand for human rights and dignity, the longing for liberty and justice and opportunity, the hatred of oppression and corruption and cruelty is reality."

~ John McCain

"Join with others in addressing issues that demean or deny people their human dignity..." ~ Partnering with New Eyes, Calls to Action p.10 ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Toni Nash, CSJ

Season of Creation

September 1- October 4, 2018



Each year, Christians around the globe are asked to reflect and take steps to protect the integrity of God's creation. Beginning this week, we will feature reflections and videos related to this important call to action to all people.

"God saw that it was GOOD"

After each act of bringing life into the world, "God saw that it was good." Pope Francis writes that 'Every creature is thus an object of the Father's tenderness, who gives its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in a few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection.' (*Laudato Si'* #77)

As we begin this Season of Creation, take time to go out into nature. Take several deep breaths and give thanks for the gift of oxygen. Look at the plants and trees who harness the sun's energy, using it to put carbon dioxide gas together with water producing the oxygen that gives us life. All life is interconnected. Find a tree or place to sit where you can continue to give thanks for all that God has created. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Diane Smith, CSJ
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Coordinator

Planet Earth Sunday September 2, 2018



Concern America



l/r: Sister Sandra Williams, CSJ and John Straw

On August 24th John Straw, Executive Director, visited the Holy Family Memory Café to talk about the work of Concern America. Concern is an international organization committed to the long-term, sustainable development of materially impoverished communities. Currently, Concern serves in Guatemala, Colombia and Mexico. Rooted in the belief that the community itself is its own greatest resource and possesses the wisdom and gifts necessary to provide for its needs, Concern builds on local knowledge and experience to train local populations to become their own health care providers and environmental health engineers, including the building and maintenance of water systems and fuel-efficient stoves. Concern also works with communities in areas of education and income generation.

Reflective of the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Concern America works to build local capacity so that community members may be all of which the human person is capable. Find out more at www.concernamerica.org. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Sandra Williams, CSJ