



**Sisters of St. Joseph of
Carondelet
October 26, 2018**

**Next issue November 2nd
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Come MEET n GREET

our St. Joseph Workers
Sunday, November 4th
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Villa Carondelet
Fiesta Theme- Taco cart!
Free will donation, but
PLEASE **RSVP:**
310.889.2151



Angel Boutique

November 10 & 11th
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Carondelet Center



Memorial of the Martyrs and Prayer for Peace

Sunday, December 2, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Mount Saint Mary's University
Doheny Campus Chapel
10 Chester Place
Los Angeles, CA

A collection will be taken for Los Angeles Catholic Worker ministries.
Needs in addition to money:
toiletries, men's white socks,
Christmas cards in Spanish, stamps.
For more information, please call
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Sisters of Saint Joseph

U.S. FEDERATION

United in Mission - Loving God and Neighbor

**CORPORATE VOICE
STATEMENT**

OCTOBER 2018

As mid-term elections draw near, one thing Americans can agree on is that we are a deeply divided country. Frustration, bewilderment, and distrust abounds and manifests in everything from cynical resignation to turning on one another. Madeline Albright once described the experiment of democracy as paradoxical: equally characterized by fragility and resilience. These challenging times have exposed the delicate nature of our body politic, and will test our nation's spirit of resilience as never before.

As a nation, political vitriol, vastly compounded by the echo-chambers and bad behavior of social media, threaten the very institutions on which we're founded. The news cycle is dizzying —making the upcoming election feel like we are nearing a panicky crescendo. In some ways it seems like the most consequential midterm election in American history—and those paying attention, regardless of political affiliation, are full of anxiety about its outcome and implications. But those who strive to keep the faith count on the hope that it is never too late for real, meaningful change that can lead us into a positive future.

We, the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph join with NETWORK Catholic Social Justice Lobby, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), and other faithbased advocates in seeking federal policies that reflect gospel principles. Our mission of unity calls us to the realization that an economy and a society of inclusion depends on good policy. The U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph's Resolution to Action During This Election Season

And it is up to "We The People" to make our voices heard and vote our conscience. Partisan in-fighting and conflict between factions of Americans will not end unless a common understanding of values emerges. Until we can mend relationships among "We the People," there will be no repairing the fabric of our nation. What's required is a civic transformation that shifts our nation's collective consciousness and public discourse.

For Christian Americans, this is where our gospel values are put to the test, and we have a responsibility to test ourselves. We look to the scriptures for guidance and profess belonging to the body of Christ, and

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so the Gospels provide us with our template. Individually and collectively, Christians are called to engage with our fellow Americans — particularly those we view as sinful — in a seeking, loving, forgiving manner and with the intention of reconciliation.

How can I seek out those with different political leanings and find a space to connect with them? How can I facilitate authentic and respectful dialogue? How might I put my fellow citizen who is fearful and suspicious at ease? How have I failed to acknowledge my own sinful contribution to our divided nation?

As we near election day, perhaps Rumi's timeless wisdom could provide our mantra: "Raise your words not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder." ❖



Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children, Los Angeles, CA

Sister Julia Mary Farley, CSJ, Founder and Director

Cardinal Timothy Manning initiated the idea of a shelter for homeless women with children and presented the idea to Monsignor Benjamin Hawkes. They recruited Sister Julia Mary Farley, CSJ to start the Good Shepherd Center. The Good Shepherd Sisters ministered with Sister Julia Mary for about two years. Then the Lovers of the Holy Cross Sisters replaced them and have remained since.

Founded in 1984, the Center responded to the needs of the rapidly growing number of homeless women and children in downtown Los Angeles. Today at Good Shepherd, families receive physical and mental health care, children are enrolled in school, and mothers may further their education and vocational goals. Dignity and love have been the driving force behind the Center's professional staff and community volunteers. CSJ Sisters Patricia Zins and Mary Murphy worked with Sister Julia Mary for many years. ❖

~ Written by Sister Frances Baker, CSJ

Calls to Action



As I reflected on the words of Briana Regina Santiago, a 27 year-old auditor of the 2018 Youth Synod in San Antonio, TX, I recognized that I was hoping she would be more aware of the gulf between the privilege and excitement of being chosen to be a part of a synod, and the experience of many young women who stand outside seeking so much more in their church. ❖

~ Deborah Rose-Milavec,
Reporting from Rome

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO: Work collaboratively for the equality of women in the Church. ~ Act of Chapter on Church: The People of God

~ Submitted by Sister Maureen Petrone, CSJ



FROM the Archives

Following in the Footsteps Mother Mary Gonzaga Grand



Mother Mary Gonzaga Grand was the third Provincial of the Western Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Mother Mary Gonzaga Grand was born March 7, 1834 in Bourge St. Maurice, France and given the name Angelica. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Moutiers, France, receiving the habit and the name Sister Mary Gonzaga on January 29, 1853. She was sent as a missionary to the United States in 1854. She held the office of provincial in the Western Province from 1881 until 1890 when the Province was centered in Tucson. During her time as provincial she purchased a hospital in Tucson; closed the hospital in Prescott, also in Arizona, opened the Pioneer School in Prescott in 1885, built a new St. Joseph Academy in Tucson, reopened San Xavier Mission and established the Ft. Yuma Government School.

When Mother Mary Gonzaga's term of office expired, she returned to St. Joseph Motherhouse in Carondelet, MO. She was Assistant General Superior with Mother Agatha Guthrie from 1896 to 1904. When Mother Agatha died in January, she succeeded her as Superior General until the Chapter of Elections was held in 1905.

She retired at Carondelet and died on May 5, 1916. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Patricia Rose Shanahan, CSJ

Province Archivist



Angel Boutique

Handcrafted Gifts for
Everyone on Your List

These candy cane sleighs made by Associates Mary Lou Vanderlip and Mary Clare Walker, are some of the delicious edibles that will be for sale at our annual Angel Boutique sponsored by Holy Family Community, November 10-11, 2018. ❖

Remembering

Please remember our Sisters
and Associates who have
recently died:

10/24 Sister Janice Elizabeth
O'Neil, CSJ (A)

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Representatives from our CSJ high schools' leadership groups, which include Carondelet High School (Concord, CA), St. Mary's Academy (Inglewood, CA), St. Joseph's High School (Lakewood, CA) and Academy of our Lady of Peace (San Diego, CA) stopped by Carondelet Center for a short visit. (L/r) Sisters Kathy Lang, Kristin Cholewa, Adele O'Sullivan, Diane Smith and Kathy Stein were happy to greet them and show them the St. Joseph's chapel. ❖

PRAYERS PLEASE



When Your Friends Need Prayer, The Sisters of St. Joseph created the website- prayersplease.com Anybody may request prayers anonymously and free of charge. ❖