

**Sisters of St. Joseph of  
Carondelet  
November 2, 2018**

**Next issue November 9th**

## SAVE THE DATE



### **Come MEET and GREET**

our St. Joseph Workers  
Sunday, November 4th  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Villa Carondelet

Fiesta Theme- Taco cart!  
Free will donation, but  
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  
626.345.1666

## The U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph Call

### **FOR THE WELCOME AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF ARRIVING MIGRANTS**

**T**he U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St Joseph aligns with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) in opposing the current administration's continued denigration of those fleeing untenable situations in their home countries through an executive order which will block those seeking asylum in the U.S. Known in the media as the "refugee caravan," these courageous people—mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles—have fled tyranny, persecution and violence in search of a safe place for themselves and their families. Just as our own ancestors did, they have fled home cultures of corruption and exploitation looking for the American dream.

As women religious, we reject the rhetoric of fear and policy of division that poisons our politics today. We choose instead to embrace an America that is filled with hope for a nation united for the common good. We stand with Pope Francis who calls us to, "promote the dignity of all our brothers and sisters, particularly the poor and the excluded of society, those who are abandoned, immigrants and those who suffer violence and human trafficking."

We urge the administration to manage refugee arrivals humanely and in a manner that respects their dignity and rights under U.S. and International law and to:

- Allow migrants to approach our border and ask for protection in the United States and to be admitted for processing in a timely manner.
- Ensure that asylum seekers have access to legal counsel and receive a fair resolution of their claim.
- Guarantee that parents and children stay together after they are apprehended. Holding families indefinitely in detention or detaining parents while releasing their children violates the values of this nation and the standards set forth in the Flores settlement.
- Eschew detention of those awaiting adjudication of their asylum petitions in favor of alternatives that are more humane and more cost efficient.
- Direct Homeland Security to cooperate with faith-based and humanitarian organizations who are prepared to assist asylum-seekers. The United States has a long and proud history of welcoming immigrants and sheltering refugees. (Continued on p. 2)

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We Sisters of St. Joseph live and work that all may be one — one with God, with one another, and all creation — and welcome the 'dear neighbor' without exception. We have been blessed to be able to accompany and serve migrant communities across this country, and we will continue to welcome them as our faith requires. ❖

~ Submitted by The US Federation of the Sisters of

St. Joseph

**SEEKING  
ASYLUM  
IS LEGAL**



#### **ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE:**

1. Tell Congress to stop funding hate at our borders here:  
<https://greateras1.org/protectasylum/>
2. Speak out against family detention here:  
<https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/>
3. Show your support of migrants and immigrants on social media.
4. Vote for candidates in the midterm elections who believe in the just and humane treatment of ALL immigrants.
5. Pray for all those who are traveling to the United States seeking asylum.
6. Consider supporting the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Lyon/Province of Mexico who minister in the "Albergue Decanal Guadalupano" shelter in Veracruz, Mexico.

This shelter for migrants is sponsored by the diocese and staffed by our sisters, lay partners and volunteers. You can donate directly through <https://cssjfed.breezechms.com/form/9018cd> or send checks to:

Sisters of St. Joseph, 80 Garland Rd., Winslow, ME 04901. Please write "Mexico" on the checks. Our Sisters in Maine will see to it that these funds get to their sisters in Mexico. ❖

~ Submitted by The US Federation of the Sisters of

St. Joseph

## Congregation Signs Letter of Support

**FOR CARAVAN  
FROM CENTRAL AMERICA**



On behalf of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Sister Danielle Bonetti, CSJ signed a letter along with other faith-based organizations across traditions expressing our unequivocal support for the caravan of people seeking protection from violence in Central America, as well as our categorical opposition to the proposed executive order that bans asylum seekers on the southern border of the United States of America and violates our moral and legal obligations to those fleeing violence and persecution. ❖ [Read the letter](#)

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

## Sister Dennis Mc Fadden, CSJ

**INDUCTED INTO ST. MONICA'S HS HALL OF FAME**

Sister Dennis Mary McFadden, CSJ was honored as an inductee to the 2018 Distinguished Mariner Hall of Fame at St. Monica Catholic High School (Santa Monica, CA). The event held on October 26, 2018 was attended by CSJ Sisters, friends and former colleagues as well as by her nephew, Kris Mally, from Northern California. At St. Monica's, Sister Dennis Mary taught social studies for twenty-two years and was respected by administrators, faculty, staff and students.



Fellow social studies teacher, Larry Rodriguez commented that "One day Sister was driving to school and was t-boned by a car while she was at a stop. Her car was flipped onto its side. The neighbors came out and flipped her car over, with Sister inside. She borrowed a car, came to work bruised with a black eye, and taught a full day. She never called in sick."

Karen McNally, who teaches English, added that Sister had a huge impact on her life. When Karen was having a hard time as an administrator, Sister Dennis said to her "Even if you were the Holy Mother herself, people would find fault with you, so don't let anything bother you. Just do your best." ❖

[Learn more about this year's recipients.](#) (Interviews excerpted from the event's program booklet)

~ Written by Sister Joan Mary O'Dwyer, CSJ



## NEWS

Sister Diane Smith, CSJ expresses her concern for US policies towards Central American nations stabilization in letter to LA Times editor. ❖

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## Angelus News Highlights



*Sister Joanna Bramble, CSJ*

## St. Mary's Center

**Oakland, California**



*Sister Mina Gaskell, CSJ*

CSJ Sisters Joanna Bramble and Mina Gaskell began ministering at the St. Mary's Center in Oakland, CA following their concern for the poor. Sister Joanna worked as the center's development director and grant writer for 30 years. Sister Mina has been working there as the data analyst for over 10 years, using local, state and federal data to gain information.

Besides a Winter Shelter of 25 beds, St. Mary's has also 38 transitional housing opportunities on three different sites. Friendly Manor is one of the sites and is available for 25 women residents. The other two sites are located near the Center. Both are houses with six or seven bedrooms, with a common room and kitchen shared by the residents.

The Center has a very successful Art Therapy program. Seniors are also involved in systemic change through education and being engaged in local, national and international issues. They also have traveled to visit State legislators and to the United Nations End of Poverty Program through the Center's Hope and Justice meetings.

[Click here](#) for more information about St. Mary's Center. ❖

*~ Written by Sister Frances Baker, CSJ*

## WORK OF CATHOLIC SISTERS IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES

Last month, the South-Central Los Angeles Ministry Project (LAMP) celebrated 25 years since a group of Catholic Sisters developed a project to rebuild the area after the 1992 riots in Los Angeles. This unrest left 63 people dead and more than 2,000 injured. Eight congregations, including the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, joined resources to find a way to help South Central, the neighborhood most impacted. Since then, Sisters Judy Molosky, Teresa Avalos, Eleanor Marie Ortega and Judy Wright (presently) have served on LAMP's board. ❖

Read more about this organization [here](#).

*~Submitted by Sister Judy Wright, CSJ*

## 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. ❖

## FROM the Archives

### Following in the Footsteps

**Mother Herman Joseph O’Gorman (Gorman)**



Mother Herman Joseph was born in Oswego, New York on March 17, 1846. She entered the novitiate in St. Louis, MO on June 20, 1862. Mother Herman Joseph ministered extensively in St. Louis. In 1906, she was appointed Provincial Superior of the Los Angeles Province, in which capacity she served until 1912. During her term of office, Mother Herman Joseph was responsible for the building and opening of the new St. Mary’s Academy on Slauson Avenue in Los Angeles, CA. She was also responsible for the opening of Star of the Sea High and Elementary Schools (San Francisco, CA), St. Vincent and Holy Cross Schools (Los Angeles, CA) and Our Lady of Angels School (San Diego). When her term of office ended in 1912 she returned to the St. Louis Province.

Mother Herman Joseph came from a family of religious vocations. She and her four sisters, Evaline, Suzanne, Jane and Alice all entered the community from St Mary’s Parish in Oswego, New York. All five sisters were exceptional in talent and administrative ability and served as outstanding teachers, superiors of convents and directors of institutions in both St. Louis and Los Angeles. Mother Herman Joseph died in St. Louis, on January 26, 1916 at the age of seventy. ❖

~ Submitted by Sister Patricia Rose Shanahan, CSJ  
Province Archivist

## Around CC Sister Amanda Visits Carondelet Center



Sister Mary Amanda Nwagbo of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (Nigeria) is writing her PhD dissertation on Trust Building Strategies of Major Superiors of Catholic Women Religious Institutes. She attends Brandman University in Irvine. Sister Amanda visited Carondelet Center and interviewed Sister Kathy Stein, CSJ for her dissertation project. ❖

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

## Angel Boutique Crafting



photo by Sister  
Sharon Margaret  
Ninteman, CSJ

Memory Care Activities staff member Isabel Argueta holds a handcrafted Santa, many of which are being made by our Sisters in Holy Family Community for next week’s Annual Angel Boutique, sponsored by Holy Family. ❖

~ Submitted by Meyling Eliash-  
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