CELEBRATE
Unifying Love
Jubilee 2019
Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends,

Jubilee is a time of great joy and gratitude. The theme of our Jubilee this year is “Celebrate Unifying Love.” We take this opportunity to reflect on God’s faithfulness and the many ways that our Jubilarians have touched the lives of the Dear Neighbor over the years.

This year, we commemorate 2065 years of vowed religious life and 75 years of committed Associate relationship with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. We are so grateful for our Sisters and Associates who are celebrated in this issue of DESIGNS.

Most of our Sister Jubilarians began as teachers in our schools or as healthcare providers in our hospitals. The skills they learned and perfected allow them to continue to respond to the current needs of our time as: spiritual directors, pastoral care and parish ministers, social justice advocates, librarians, teachers, ambassadors of the CSJ Charism in our sponsored institutions, community leaders and participants in prayer and witness.

The commitment of our Sisters and Associates to “the practice of all the spiritual and corporal works of mercy of which woman is capable and which will most benefit the Dear Neighbor” inspires us and gives hope to all those in great need of justice, peace and healing.

May our ever gracious God continue to guide and bless us as we partner with others to bring Unifying Love to our world today.

With Gratitude,
Sisters Pat Nelson, Mary Ann Martin, Maureen O’Connor, Adele O’Sullivan and Kathy Stein
Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

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omeone once wrote that teamwork makes the dream work. In the case of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and their Associates, collective works have resulted in the success of many organizations including Mount Saint Mary’s University, St. Joseph Center (both in Los Angeles, CA), Circle the City (Phoenix, AZ) and the Academy of Our Lady of Peace (San Diego, CA) to name a few.

The dream is to love the dear neighbor without distinction which continues to move this Community into a path of love and reconciliation.

This dream is now instilled in the students, patients, communities and employees who have and continue to support the great works of our Sisters and Associates. Vision, compromise, leadership and solidarity are among the many values that this amazing group of women have brought to their collective work.

As we honor our 2019 jubilarans, we also remember the parents, teachers, administrators, staff, friends and donors who continue to support the dream of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. May God bless our Community. Together, we are living the dream.

~ Written by Meyling Eliash-Daneshfar, Director of Communications and Development

Association is a Call From God

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isters Eileen Mitchell and Audrey Olson, (SL), wrote in the Forward of book one of the Orientation booklets for Associates that, "It is our firm belief that the process of becoming an Associate happens in many different ways. There is no substitute for an experience of the spirit of the Congregation through relating to CSJs, other Associates and participating in community events. Most importantly, association is a call from God and one who responds needs to be open to grace through prayer and reflection on life experience."

In 1994, Terry Daggi, Kelly Kester and Anita Weber answered the call to Association. This call from God to live as Associates asks that we identify the charism of Unifying Love within ourselves. It requires us to live the charism and the CSJ mission in the ordinary circumstance of our lives. Kelly Kester said in the Orientation Booklet, “Associates share in the responsibilities of ministry in a special and important way. We extend the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph into our places of business, into our families, into our friendships and relationships.”

It is with gratitude and joy that we celebrate Terry, Kelly and Anita for their 25 years of living the Charism and sharing in the CSJ Mission.

~ Written by Denise Ginty, CSJA, Director of Associates
On this Great Day of the Jubilee—
I kou la nui jubili
from The Queen’s Jubilee composed by Princess Lili’okalani for Queen Victoria’s Golden Jubilee, 1887

hat makes a “jubilee” great? A jubilee is attributed to a particular anniversary of an event such as the 25th, 50th, 60th, 75th or even an 80th year. An anniversary celebrates a specific date of a noteworthy event such as a birthday or Christmas. “Jubilee” originated from the Hebrew yobhel or ram’s horn used to proclaim an extraordinary event.

In the 1300s, Pope Boniface VIII convened the first Jubilee Holy Year associated with the Latin “jubilaus,” a shout for joy or exultation. Religious communities such as ours follow this tradition of a jubilee year.

Formerly, the Sisters of the Hawaii Vice Province celebrated their Jubilee Year with their Reception at Carondelet Center, Los Angeles. Usually, it involved a splendid Liturgy and celebratory meals with CSJs, Associates, family and friends. Returning to Hawaii, the Sisters participated in the Diocesan Jubilee Mass and luncheon reception. At this special Liturgy, each Jubilarian received a token of gratitude and a handshake from Hawaii’s Episcopal Bishop.

Following the Jubilee Mass, various religious and clergy as well as CSJs, Ohana, family and friends covered the Jubilarian with flower leis often stacking up beyond the Jubilarian’s ears. On separate days, CSJs continued festive meals with family and friends. The Sisters on Maui often celebrated their Jubilees in the parishes with other religious and clergy.

With the amalgamation of the LA Province, the Sisters from Hawaii continue their jubilee celebrations with their Reception at Carondelet Center Los Angeles, at the Hawaii Diocesan Jubilee events and at congratulatory meals on Oahu and Maui.

Perhaps, the greatness of a Jubilee is the joy of being faithful to thanking God everyday of our life.

~ Written by Sister Claudia Wong, CSJ

Jubilee 2019
A Lifetime of Devotion

“Your devotion to God is illustrated, demonstrated and authenticated by your love for others,” wrote Andy Stanley. Our 2019 Jubilarian Sisters and Associates continue to live a devoted life to the dear neighbor without distinction by challenging themselves to serve selflessly, creatively and tirelessly.

Note: A few of the Jubilarians opted not to submit a reflection for this publication.

80 years
Sister Ernestine Munana, CSJ
My direction in life has always been to do the best I could in every assignment that I was given in my religious life. I loved teaching, mostly high school students and adults. I primarily taught Spanish and Business classes as well as religion. I loved my students and they liked me, too. I especially liked my role in the Business Department where I placed students in jobs, rejoiced in their progress and took delight in congratulatory reports from their employers. Now, I look forward to the future with hope, pleasure and satisfaction.

Sister Marie Juliette Nguyen, CSJ
I have always wanted to be a Sister. I try to love everyone. My prayer is a deep part of my life. I could say that I pray all the time as it is now easy for me and so important. I love all the people close to me here at Carondelet Center in Los Angeles, CA. God is love.

75 years
Sister Marion Donohue, CSJ
75 years

Sister Claire Latham, CSJ
My CSJ life is guided by giving my very best. Whether as teacher, leader or supervisor, I tried to inspire all to do the same. I have been blessed with a loving and supportive family. I cherish my faith and foster a love that binds us to one another.

70 years

Sister Barbara Dugan, CSJ
I have been in Catholic and Public-School Education: Elementary/Secondary-Teacher/Dean; College-Registrar/Director of Academic Advisement; Adult Education-Teacher of ESL/Citizenship. CSJ Ministries: Administrator/Carondelet Center; Manager/Carondelet Gift Shop; Regional Superior; Director/Young Adult Spirituality Program. Los Angeles Archdiocese: Property Manager/Pastoral Center.
After seventy active years, I look forward to special time for prayer and presence; of listening and dialogue. I imagine hope for our future not as Emily Dickinson’s “thing of feathers” but as ocean waves that swirl up, slowly slide toward the shore, recede and begin again.

Sister Rose Dolores Fregin, CSJ
I have been a dedicated teacher, principal and choir director, as well as basketball and volleyball coach. My goal is to be a faithful and loving consecrated spouse of Jesus and to guide others to Him. I am so very happy to be able to share my love of Jesus with others. This is my daily blessing from God. One of my favorite sayings is “Happiness is sharing Jesus.”

Sister Ruth Garbani, CSJ
I was a teacher in CSJ elementary and high schools until I retired in 2010. Even though I was a math or business instructor, I always believed that I was a teacher in whatever I did: formal teacher, sports or just being present to the school community. Being a CSJ is very important to me. Hopefully, through life, I have led others to Jesus.

Sister Helen Louise Lacey, CSJ
I have ministered as a teacher, principal, prison chaplain, USO volunteer with military families and hospitals, among others. Our primitive constitutions advised us to “divide the city”. I have always believed in this concept. Besides that, my direction has been to accept various invitations to serve my neighbor when given the opportunity. I think that is why my ministries have been so diverse. My goal is to return to my true home—heaven.

Sister Anne Lorraine Mahlmeister, CSJ
I have spent my ministry with very young children—six weeks and up. I loved the growth and development of very young children as their spirt gave me life.
My missions were in Japan; Pasco, WA; Tucson, AZ; Los Angeles, CA; Oxnard, CA; Laguna Beach, CA; and San Diego, CA. I received my Master’s Degree from San Diego State in 1980.

Sister Margaret O’Rourke, CSJ
Like everything in Creation, I am a unique expression of spirt/love/the divine/consciousness. The call to live these 70 years as a CSJ has provided me with many opportunities to develop my talents and share them with the dear neighbor, especially through the ministry of education in elementary, secondary and university classrooms; workshops, lecture halls, churches, articles and in the hill country with comunidades de base.

Sister Barbara Mary Sanborn, CSJ
At the age of 30, I responded to a Congregational call to volunteer for service in Japan. At the time, Japan was still recovering from the devastation and horrors of World War II. Learning the Japanese language was difficult, but I was warmly welcomed. I spent over 50 years there, teaching at our CSJ Catholic girls’ high school, St. Joseph Joshigakuen. I am now retired in Los Angeles, CA. To this day I miss the Japanese people, especially the Sisters with whom I spent so much of my life.
60 Years

Sister Francine Costello, CSJ
I have been an educator and a learner of “all that a woman is capable.” I was dedicated to teaching and pastoral works with youth and adults in Peru during the years of giving life to the Medellin Documents. I saw, heard and learned to be pro-active from/with the people in their struggles for human dignity, justice and Church—the People of God. Similar struggles are present in Hawaii, a state of new arrivals from many countries, seeking common dreams of new life, in neighborhoods of multi-cultural practices and religious affiliations. Meeting their needs calls me to be a learner/creative to be “all that a woman is capable” for/with them.

Sister Celia DuRea, CSJ
I have been a teacher, animator in the Propagation of the Faith Office in San Diego, CA, Missionary in Peru, province ‘regional’, ESL and music teacher to Latin American immigrant women and musician.

My purpose in life is to live each moment fully and attentively. These “NOW” moments are manifestations of the Divine in my life. They are gifts and blessings. I desire to be a loving, peaceful presence in our world, welcoming each person into my heart where I come to know that we are all one being.

Sister Barbara Flannery, CSJ
Sister Mina Gaskell, CSJ
I have been an elementary and high school teacher, political advocate, newspaper journalist, grant writer and information systems manager. The past six decades have taught me, “…what we vow is open-ended, a process, not a final product.” ~ Barbara Fiand

Our CSJ wisdom, together, impels me to live this process, to grow in consciousness that all Creation is one. This communion within the Earth community brings a new understanding to Psalm 145. “…mountains and hills, orchards and forests, snakes and birds all praise the name of Yahweh.”

Sister Jean Larm, CSJ
I have been an elementary teacher for third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders for over 45 years. Teaching has been my life story. My goal in life has been to live out these words from Micah: What does God require of you? To act justly, to love kindness (tenderly) and to walk humbly with your God. David Haas in his hymn, “We Are Called,” calls us to serve one another, all of which I have incorporated into my direction in life.

Sister Judith Murphy, CSJ
I have been very happy with my life as a CSJ and very grateful for all blessings received. My purpose and goal is to continue to be the best person I can be.

Sister Flavie Nguyen, CSJ
My purpose in life is to serve others as a religious Sister. In Vietnam, my native country, I lived near the Visitation Sisters. Though I admired them, I joined The Daughters of Mary Immaculate. During the Vietnam War, our Sisters were forced to evacuate, a scary process. Now, I spend most of my time with joyous gratitude completing tasks for Holy Family Community in Los Angeles, CA.

Sister Maureen O’Connor, CSJ
I have been a teacher, administrator, missionary and Province leader. Many moons ago, the joyful spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at the Star of the Sea Catholic School in San Francisco, CA made a powerful impression on me. Their dedication to serving the dear neighbor influenced my direction in life and their example of unifying love continues to shape my response to the needs of our world.
Sister Margaret Leonard Perreira, CSJ
With a grateful heart and joyful spirit, I spent 40 years ministering in elementary schools in Hawaii as a teacher, administrator and computer instructor. My goal was to prepare students for adulthood with an emphasis on integrity, morality and discipleship. There was also a summons towards community service as Vice Province treasurer, VP Leadership Team, then caregiver for my mother and presently assistant archivist. To minister through love and service in word and action has been enriched by working with CSJs from four of our provinces and our partners in ministry. Together, we have lived and celebrated unity and diversity.

Sister Loraine Polacci, CSJ

Sister Sara Sanders, CSJ
Teacher (grade school through College Adult Education), coach, athletic director, Vice Province Director, Member of the V.P. Leadership. My goal is to respond to God’s daily call through the Congregation, my local community, ministry and the people with whom I come into contact, to make God’s love known in the here and now.

Sister Donna Shanahan, CSJ
I am a spiritual director and retreat director. I have been a teacher and a pastoral associate as well. My purpose in life is to continue to grow in my love for God, to affirm others and to help them realize how much God loves them and all of humanity. My goal is to simplify my life and to get rid of things that clutter my life. This takes a lifetime. My desire for direction is to listen more deeply to God, so that I may better hear how He wishes me to serve Him.

Sister Patricia Rose Shanahan, CSJ
I had been a teacher for 25 years, then secretary of the Center for Theology and Ministry, Graduate Division secretary and finally, the archivist for the Los Angeles Province of this Congregation for 17 years. My purpose in all ministries has been to serve the dear neighbor. As an archivist, I have opportunities to help others. I try to use the gifts that God has given me to be of service to others. My focus is to give back to the Community and I do this in my ministry as archivist by collecting and preserving the history of the Los Angeles Province.

Sister Francis Xavier Shimotsuma, CSJ
I have devoted my life as a CSJ to prayer and service. As a Sister, I see my role as being kind and accepting each person I meet, young or old. At present, I guide 4th and 5th grade students in basic expressions in art. I do my best to encourage each one’s creativity and to make sure they enjoy the experience. As an artist myself, I have always attempted to express the human condition in all its beauty and wonder using a variety of techniques or materials. I believe God is the ultimate artist.

Sister Linda Snow, CSJ
Over the years, I have been a teacher, spiritual director, retreat director and a member of houses of prayer. I have served as pastoral minister to the farmworkers in Delano, CA, as well as in hospitals and parishes. I also served as a regional superior in Tucson, AZ. My goal is to deepen my relationship to God, integration and serving the dear neighbor in all that I do. I am a seeker. Being called by Jesus takes a deeper meaning each day.

Sister Sara Bernard Talite, CSJ
I worked in the field of education for approximately 50 years as a teacher and principal. The majority of those years were in Hawaii and a few in California. Working with children has been one of my greatest joys.
Sister Ann Weltz, CSJ
I have been a teacher for 13 years and a crisis nursery administrator for 45 years. While in high school, I consecrated myself to Our Lady. After entering the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, I developed a strong devotion to Saint Joseph. The Holy Family became the guiding force in my life. My goal in life has always been to minister to families with young children—to listen to them, to help them through difficult times in their lives and to offer them a safe place for their little ones as needed during times of crisis.

Sister Vincentia Myung, CSJ
I have been a teacher. My philosophy of life is to care for people in need. I enjoy leading a prayer group, facilitating retreat groups and supporting immigrant families trying to settle in the United States. I am most grateful to God to be a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sister Adele O’Sullivan, CSJ
I have served as a family physician, founder of Circle the City and currently on the Province Leadership Team. These 50 years have been full of blessing. I am grateful for my call to be a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, for God’s faithfulness to me and for the loving relationships that have graced my life. For most of these years, I have practiced medicine and have been so fortunate to journey with dear neighbors living on the streets. They have inspired me with their resilience, courage and simple faith.

Sister Carol Quinlivan, CSJ
Over my years as a vowed religious, I have been privileged to serve in a wide variety of ministries. How grateful I am to witness God’s abiding and transformative love in times of darkness and light. My present ministry of Retreats and Spiritual Direction allows me to accompany others in their discovery of the Divine within and around them. My deepest desire is to become what I profess.

Sister Christina Takeichi, CSJ

50 Years
50 Years

25 Years
Associates of the Sisters of St Joseph of Carondolet
Terry Daggi, CSJA

Kelly Kester, CSJA
I am the president of a non-profit communications firm. My goal is to align my purpose, spirituality, work and every day presence with ever-greater clarity so that I am saying a constant “yes!” to God during my time on Earth.

Anita Weber, CSJA
My goal is to strive to live the CSJ charism more fully, to get to know Jesus better and to look for God in all things.
Over the past four years, the St. Joseph Worker (SJW) program has provided four women the opportunity to spend their year of service at Immaculate Conception School (ICS) in downtown Los Angeles, CA. Although they walked the same hallways, each embarked on her own unique path afterward.

Monica, SJW ‘15, confirmed her passion for working in education. She continued to teach fourth grade at ICS for two years while pursuing her Master’s in School Counseling at Loyola Marymount University. She is now a counselor at an arts school in Pomona, CA.

After two big moves in two years as a military spouse, Abby, SJW ’16, was apprehensive of what was to come, but her ICS experience prepared her with the resilience to handle anything, including a move to Germany and finding a job overseas.

Tutoring a student with autism at ICS ignited a spark in Angelica, SJW ’18. She is now a Registered Behavior Therapist, providing direct treatment to clients with autism.

ICS challenged each woman to grow personally and professionally. Even though each woman is pursuing something different, they bring confidence as a leader, passion for social justice, care for her community and strengthened spirituality. They are ambitious professionals molded by their beginnings at ICS under the guidance of Principal, Mary Ann Murphy, and her dedicated staff.

Our St. Joseph Worker program would love to have a SJW placed at ICS in the future, but their school budget is limited. Anybody interested in supporting this amazing program, please contact Sister Judy Molosky, SJW Development Director, at 323.481.9932.

Written by Abby Thieverge, SJW, ’16 in Germany

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I Have Given You a Model to Follow  
John 13:15

In the time of Jesus, a servant did the washing of a guest’s feet. During the Last Supper, Jesus reverses this role by washing the feet of his disciples. He came into this world to provide a model for us in how to serve others. Peter objected but soon got the message.

On Holy Thursday in 2018 Pope Francis, in a gesture of service toward marginalized people, washed the feet of 12 inmates, including three women and a man converting from Islam to Catholicism.

CSJ Associate Bob Carney shares his experience of serving the dear neighbor. He serves as part of a team of five founded by Nancy Holland, an ordained Episcopalian canon. Several years ago, she began a Foot Washing ministry on Holy Thursday.

Sites are located in Ocean Beach, East San Diego and downtown San Diego, CA. When the guests arrive on Holy Thursday, they receive a new pair of shoes and socks. An invitation extends to the visitor the opportunity to have their feet washed. The greatest gift is that of being welcomed with dignity and love.

Other services provided are medical, dental, ID applications, haircuts, VA & AA services, hot food, cold food to take out, clothes, and most important to many guests, veterinarian services. One year, as a portly man asked about the vet service, a swinging orange tail came from the bottom of his jacket; next, a striped tabby cat face poked out from the top!

Bob indicates that this group is looking forward to April 18, 2019 to host and graciously welcome 500 guests.

When studying chapter 13 of the Gospel of John at Carondelet High School (Concord, CA), the students were asked how they could figuratively ‘wash the feet’ of other students. These young women decided that the way they could serve others was to wash the graffiti off the walls in the girls’ restroom.

There are many ways that we can emulate Jesus who continues to serve the dear neighbor through others. Whose ‘feet’ are you called to wash today?

**~ Written by Sister Diane Smith, CSJ, Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Coordinator**
On the Cover:
The theme for our 2019 Jubilee was suggested by several of this year’s jubilarians. Celebrate–Unifying Love! These words can be found in our documents as well as— the very soul of who we are called to be.

When asked to visualize this for us, I began with an image of an empty heart stretching outward in an irregular fashion because our effort to emulate the unifying love of God is real, human and un-perfected. I then surrounded and filled everything with all the colors found in light but never seen. The color found in light can only be seen when broken and bent by a prism.

I cannot see clearly now but the following words from our documents may be helpful:

Sacred Mystery embraces us in unifying love and we are in communion.

Breathing in and breathing out unifying love—our charism, our mission—we participate in the Mystery of Transformation.

~ Carol L. Smith, CSJ
Graphic Designer

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All of Which Woman is Capable
Sister Marcelina Felipe, CSJ

After working as a clerk typist, Sister Marcelina entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1960 in Los Angeles, CA and returned to Hawaii in 1969. She earned a degree in Asian history and education from Chaminade College, then taught, and eventually became Coordinator for Religious Education at Christ the King in Maui, HI. For a few years she served in Lanai’s only Catholic church, in parish ministry. In 1991, Sister Marcelina responded to a Congregational call for volunteer Sisters to serve in Talca, Chile, a mountain city about 150 miles south of Santiago. Chile is 85 percent Catholic and is a fledgling democracy with a violent history of military rule and dictatorship. Sister served in Chile for 19 years, and often speaks of learning to simplify her life and to trust in God.

Since her return to Hawaii in 2010, Sister Marcelina has ministered at various parishes as a very active retired Sister. Now living at St. Theresa parish, she sings in the choir and teaches adults after Sunday Mass while their children are in religious education classes for sacraments. Sister also provides Ukulele lessons for elderly citizens, conducts a centering prayer group, and weekly she and Sister Ann Faber Chang, CSJ take elderly retired Sisters to the beach for a picnic treat.

Sister Marcie has reached deep down inside herself and found character, courage, endurance, hope and generosity. She shows us that what we do day by day does count, and reminds us of “all of which woman is capable.”

~ Written by Sister Frances Baker, CSJ

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All of Which Woman is Capable
Lent: An Inner Season

What matters in Lent is the inner journey to which faith calls us. In Lent we gather, people of God, as one, to remind one another that there is really only one journey, the God-journey.

All of this musing is to suggest that, whatever the world around me, Lent is an inner season just as it is an inner journey. I cannot know my inner season unless I sit quietly and look at its signs. These may be easily discernible, like daffodil buds and forsythia, or they may be subtle and nuanced, like cacti and dry grass.

Lent is long—long enough for growth, for harvest, even for conversion. The self-help magazine articles tell us that we can lose weight, learn money management, repair relationships or refurbish our home in a month at the most. Not Lent. Not the inner journey. The weeks stretch out, calling us to a more tedious adventure. We wait for God’s voice, God’s time, God’s season.

The Scriptures know that Lent calls us to God’s season. That is why they begin by asking to move out of time, beyond time, in those cryptic readings which prophesy the end time, the final time. As we contemplate the end of the world, we might also contemplate our own season and time.

In me, right now, what season is it? In me, right now, what signs do I discern of God’s call? In me, right now, what longings can I name? At the heart of these longings is the God of all longing.

— Written by Sister Kitty Hanley, CSJ, Albany

~ Written by Sister Joan Marie Hagen, CSJ
Mission Statement

The Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet hold as their mission to continue the mission of Jesus “that all may be one.”

~ John 17:21

The members of the Congregation minister in a way that:
- Heals and reconciles
- Serves all persons without distinction
- Makes known through their lives the Gospel they proclaim
- Enables others to assume a more active responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus
- Recognizes and defends the human dignity of all persons
- Promotes justice with a particular concern for the poor.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Constitution, #20

Charism
The Spirit and Charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet is unifying love.

We are in communion. Breathing in and breathing out unifying love—