Congratulations, Sister Clare!

On March 30, Clare Bass, CSJ (above with her parents, Mike and Susie) professed her final vows in the chapel at Carondelet in the presence of Sisters, family, and friends.

"I am humbled by the great love and support of God, my family and the Sisters of St. Joseph, and friends along the way who have all helped me reach this momentous life occasion of professing final vows," Clare says. "My heart is filled with gratitude for all of life as I take this next step."

Meet our newest candidate: Kristina DeNeve

Our newest candidate recently entered the formation process with the St. Louis Province. Get to know her a bit, and help us welcome Kristina!

Name: Kristina DeNeve


Hometown: Moline, Illinois (part of the Quad Cities)

Current home: The Motherhouse at Carondelet -- lucky me!!

Education: B.A. in Psychology and Theology from St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA; M.A. and Ph.D. in Social Psychology from University of Missouri-Columbia; Certificate in Retreat and Spiritual Direction and M.A. in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University
Occupation: I've been a university professor and administrator and then worked in adult faith formation and evangelization for two different dioceses. As a candidate, I am responsible for my own finances/job so I am continuing to teach online with the College of Doctoral Studies at Grand Canyon University. In addition, I am volunteering three days a week at Fontbonne University in campus ministry.

What attracted you to our congregation? First and foremost, because the CSJs were founded by a Jesuit, and Ignatian spirituality undergirds this congregation. Beyond that, the way that CSJs live out the Gospel re: justice and loving God and neighbor without distinction matches my own desires re: how I might live as a follower of Jesus.

Watch your email!

Following the conclusion of all of the vice/provincial chapters in March and April, the Selections Committee will release the final list of nominees for congregational leadership on May 3. Please continue to hold in prayer all of those involved in the process.

Calls for Justice

The congregation signed on to a letter from Church World Service calling on members of Congress to strengthen family immigration and the diversity visa program.

The congregation signed on to a letter urging members of Congress to cosponsor the NO BAN Act that would ensure that no one is banned from our country based on religious or nationality-based discrimination.

Two representatives from our congregation attended the Justice Conference of Women Religious in St. Louis March 25-27. Mary Flick, CSJ and Marty Roers (far back right) are seen here with all of the CSSJ representatives at the conference. The conference focused on "Racism through the Prism of Social Justice." About 120 justice representatives from LCWR communities attended.

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- April 14: CLT Listening Session in Peru
- April 17-18: Peru Vice-Provincial Chapter
- April 19-22: Congregational Offices closed for Good Friday, Easter
- April 26-28: Los Angeles Provincial Chapter
From the Leadership Team

A reflection from Mary Ann Leininger, CSJ

God does not stop calling us! In the Gospels, wherever He went, Jesus announced the Kingdom of God and invited people to respond to God's Great Love. When discerning His invitation to the future, what does "Called together for the life of the world" mean to you?

To hear the cry of the poor and the deep longings among us, we all need a transformation of heart to live in full communion, with compassion, without limit, and with abundant generosity.

Let's keep the prayer card for the Chapter near us and pray for each other. As Nancy Sylvester, IHM puts it, prayer is the best wireless connection.

Rest In Peace

Elizabeth Mary Gregware, CSJ
November 29, 1921 - March 21, 2019

Marie Bowe, CSJ
August 10, 1926 - March 31, 2019

Happy Birthday

April 9
Mary Patricia Quinn

April 10
Anna Margaret Kern
Susan Marie O'Connor

April 11
Daniel Therese Flynn
Mary Ethna Kapfer
Helena Sheridan

April 13
Noreen Driscoll
Irene Evangelina Najera

April 15
Genevieve Joseph Ciszek
Julie Guillot

April 16
Mary Kessler
Mary Lamski
Elizabeth Leiwe
Susan Streff
April 17
Robertina Espinoza
Anna Marie Gillet
Jean Paul Selissen

April 18
Margaret Brown

April 19
Ann Faber Chang
Mary Clare Korb
Joan Lampton
Dolores Stevens
Ann L. Strizek

April 20
Mary Rose Boito
Char Madigan
Judith Madigan
Suzanne David Petronis
Jean Wincek

April 21
Maria Inés Gutiérrez
Elizabeth Kerwin
Toni Nash

April 22
Regina Bartman
Rebecca Campbell
Kathleen Ryan
Marie Bernadette Walsh

April 23
Thomas Bernard MacConnell
Teresa Walsh

April 24
Marguerite Edward Donovan
Joanne St Hilaire
Mary Nicholas Inoue
Linda Maser

April 25
Marcia Blair
Mary Sharon Jones
Noelle O’Shea
Chizuru Yamada

April 26
Katherine Rossini

April 27
Veronica Brutosky
Alicia Marie Glasko
Mary Kraft
Jean Miller

April 28
Margaret Belanger

April 29
Mary Francesca Carter
Aline Mohrhaus
Thelma Pranter
Donna Sklar

April 30
Mary Joyce Bringer
Bonnie Ann Murray
Grace Saumur
Louise Michele Sommer

May 1
Mary O’Brien
Rose Regina Smith
Mary Vincent
Patricia Krommer

May 2
Mary Anne Bookman
Francis Anne Gilchrist
Catherine Roberta Metsker
May 3
Marcia Allen
Carmel Therese Gutierrez
Joan Killoran
Monica Lubitz
Teresa Lynch
Anita Rosco
Mary Luz Salazar
Patricia Marie Hix

May 4
Joan Kaucher
Madeline Marie Nakatsu
Linda Napier
Roberta O’Rourke

May 5
Ann Michele Jadlowski
Diane Schoff

May 6
Mary Damien Cushing
Mary Rose Fox
Mary Lang

May 7
Estelle Marie Kroger

May 8
Lois Barton
Joan Henehan
Therese Martin Merla
Colleen O’Malley

May 9
Mary Ann Fetcho
Ann Patricia O’Connor
Mary Socorro Richey

May 10
Joan Teresa Harrington
Helen Vincent Oswald

May 11
Rosemarie Montoya

May 12
Mary Ellen Jones
Maura Simms

May 13
Barbara Krick
Marion Weinzapfel