Blessed are you, spring, bright season of life awakening.
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We welcome your submissions! Submit articles and photos to Sarah Baker at sbaker@csjsl.org.

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**CSJ LIFE**
Get to know our new CSJ candidate, Kristina DeNeve, as she shares about her interests, and why she chose religious life and the CSJ's.

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**2019 JUBILEE**
View photos along with honorary contributions and jubilarian thank you's.

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**ASSOCIATION**
View photos of the 15 associates who made their initial and ongoing commitments at the Carondelet Motherhouse on March 3 and 19.

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**ON THE COVER**
The blessings of spring are upon us! Reflect on them as you read Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr's poem, A Spring Blessing (p. 3).

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The New Life of Spring
by Sister Marilyn Lott

What is your favorite season? This is a popular get-to-know you question. What’s your answer? Do you enjoy the freedom that summer brings with vacations and warm weather? How about autumn, which contains harvest, the turning of leaves, and the hues and colors that blanket the earth? Do you fancy winter and its holiday season and snow? Or are you a spring person who enjoys the beginning of green growth and the release from winter’s cold grip?

For me, spring has a freshness about it. Springtime is our liturgical celebration of the season of Easter, new life, new beginnings and new energy. There is a feeling of joy and creativity. It is a season of renewal and rebirth. The buds become leaves and flowers as the hard ground softens to allow shoots of new life to emerge. An excitement begins to buzz about as birds chirp more and the sun’s rays last longer in the day. This all speaks of newness.

Over the past weeks there have been many events that have called us to new life, especially the opening of Carondelet Manor. With the moving in of our sisters, there is a new energy and spirit that fills the campus at Nazareth Living Center. The sisters who moved to St. Joseph Manor and Carondelet Manor have expressed joy at “being home” with one another and a sense of community.

We thank all of those who helped the sisters as companions to make the move a special event for all. We thank the Community Life Team at Nazareth along with the Health and Wholeness team members Patty Lindauer and Kathy Fisher for the many ways they made the move a welcoming home by purchasing furniture, arranging for moving, seeing to the room requests and, most of all, being present.

The spirit of community and new life was in bloom from the first move to the welcoming prayer service and happy hour. Spring is here and there is new life.

With all the newness around, let us reflect on A Spring Blessing by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr (right).

A Spring Blessing

Blessed are you, spring,
bright season of life awakening.
You gladden our hearts
with opening buds and returning leaves
as you put on your robes of splendor.

Blessed are you, spring.
In you is a life no death can destroy.
As you exchange places with winter
you harbor no unforgiving spirit
for broken tree limbs and frozen buds.

Blessed are you, spring.
You open the closed buds of our despair
as you journey with us
to the flowering places.

Blessed are you, spring.
You invite us to sing songs
to the frozen regions within
and to bless the lessons of winter
as we become your partner in a new dance.

Blessed are you, spring.
Like Jesus, standing before the tomb of Lazarus,
you call to us: “Remove winter’s stone, come out,
there is life here you have not yet tasted.”

Blessed are you, spring.
free gift of the earth.
Without cost we gaze upon your glory.
You are a gospel of good news
for the poor and rich alike.

Blessed are you, spring.
Your renewing rain showers and cathartic storms
nurture the potential that sleeps in Earth’s heart
and in our earthen hearts.

Blessed are you, spring,
season of resurrection, sacrament of promise.
Like Jesus you rise up out of the darkness,
leaving around you a wake of new life.

Blessed are you, spring,
miracle child of the four seasons.
With your wand of many colors
you work your magic in the corners of our darkness.

Blessed are you, spring,
season of hope and renewal.
Wordless poem about all within us
that can never die.
Each year you amaze us
with the miracle of returning life.
Chapter Session IV
By Jenny Beatrice, Director of Communications

The fourth and final session of the 2018-2019 province chapter was held at the motherhouse on March 21-23. Looking ahead to congregational chapter in July, there was a focus on the theme “Called Together for the Life of the World.”

On Day One, the principles and practices of contemplative dialogue were reviewed with the congregational chapter facilitators, Sisters Joanne Hanrahan, SSND and Cathy Bertrand, SSND. Members of the Innovation Committee presented their recommended model for governance across the congregation, which will be voted on at the congregational chapter. It proposes that provinces/vice provinces will, after a formal communal discernment process, choose either to remain as a province/vice province or to relate directly to congregational leadership for governance and no longer operate as a province/vice province.

On Day Two, congregational leadership nominees were affirmed and province delegates and companions for congregational chapter were selected (see sidebar).

Province Leaders presented the State of the Province accountability reports on Day Three. In addition, a sectional re-imagining proposal was approved by the body. In summary, it states that sisters and associates will have separate sectional and assembly meetings for governance issues with meetings focused on mission and charism to be held together. Planning committees will be formed for both sister and mission meetings. The experiment will begin this fall and evaluated in the fall of 2021, with a change in the Government Plan to be proposed if the response is positive.

GIRAFFE AWARDS
Sticking our necks out for justice

This year, the annual Giraffe Awards were special with many recipients. All of the women who went to the border this year were honored with a giraffe scarf: Candidate Kristina DeNeve (left), Srs. Teresa Horn-Bostel (center), Jo Ann Geary (right), Rosario Bobadilla, Fran Voivedich, Pat Vanden Bergh, Mary Ann Figlino, Patrice Coolick and Associate Laura Rossman. S. Ida Berresheim was also recognized for her work in acquiring grants for Annunciation House. S. Teresa was given an extra-tall giraffe for her repeat trips to Annunciation House.

The Province Leadership recognized S. Maureen Freeman with a giraffe sweater for her support of the justice efforts. And the Justice Advisory Board awarded the entire Province Leadership Team with Giraffe Awards for their support of justice work throughout their term.

The following sisters were selected as congregational chapter delegates with voice and vote:

- Judy Miller
- Patty Clune
- Linda Straub
- Mary Kay Hadican
- Jean deBlois
- Jeanne Janssen
- Suzanne Giblin
- Mary Flick
- Kathleen Crowley
- Suzanne Wesley
- Shawn Madigan
- Marie Joan Harris
- Patty Johnson
- Nancy Corcoran
- Mary Margaret Lazio
- Mary Fran Johnson
- Patrice Coolick
- Maureen Freeman
- Maria Jeanne Tipton

The following associate was selected as a congregational chapter companion:

- Peggy Baker
2019 FEUERBACHER GRANTS

Listed below are the programs serving women and children in the St. Louis City and St. Louis County areas that have been granted funding for 2018.

Bailey Youth Enrichment Foundation, $4,000
Funding for after-school enrichment program and book and bike riding club for at-risk youth.

Bravely, $2,000
Providing food-stuff support for women surviving lives of abuse, sexual exploitation and addiction.

Cardinal Ritter Senior Center, $6,000
Funding for specialized care for impoverished seniors living with mental illness or cognitive impairment.

Carondelet Community Betterment Federation, Inc., $10,000
Providing minor home repair services for senior and disabled clients.

English Tutoring Project, $3,000
Providing English language tutoring services to immigrant and refugee children.

Fontbonne University, $4,000
Funding for additional financial needs beyond tuition and fees for female Fontbonne Promise scholarship recipients.

Mary Ryder Home, $7,000
Funds to assist residents with unreimbursed medication costs.

Migrant & Immigrant Community Action Project, $5,000
Providing affidavit writer assistance to asylum seekers describing the trauma that led them to flee to the United States and their fear of returning to their home country.

Most Holy Trinity School & Academy, $8,000
Funding for the guided reading resources for its “Leveled Literacy” student program.

Our Lady's Inn, $3,000
Funding for the aftercare program, which provides extended services to clients who are ready to move into their own housing.

St. Francis Community Services, $4,000
Supporting the “Amigas Latinas” program, a psycho-social educational group for Latina women, ages 18 and over.

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf, $5,000
Program support for its preschool for children ages 3 to 5 years with listening/language delays.

St. Louis Workers’ Education Society, $9,000
Job-skills training with a special focus on outreach to area high schools in St. Louis City, Wards 8, 9, 14, 15 and 20.

CORPORATE RESPONSE TO THE NEEDY

Did you know any sister or associate may request funds up to $500 for emergency needs of a dear neighbor? This is possible through the Corporate Monetary Response to the Needy. Send a request to Sister Laura Gruber including who the recipient is, the reason for the request and the amount needed. A committee of three persons evaluates each request.

The following are examples of requests that have been funded for this fiscal year: uniforms for children, burial expenses, in-home therapy sessions, an MRI, food and clothing after a family’s house burned down. Funds are available for fiscal 2019.

If you know someone in need, don't hesitate to ask.

From the Corporate Response to the Needy Committee: Sisters Laura Gruber, Audrey Olson and Linda Straub
Meet CSJ Candidate Kristina DeNeve
By Kim Westerman, Congregational Communications Director

When did you enter the Sisters of St. Joseph?  
I began candidacy on January 4, 2019.

Where are you from?  
Moline, Illinois (part of the Quad Cities)

Where is your current home?  
The motherhouse at Carondelet—lucky me!

Where did you attend school?  
I received a bachelor’s degree in psychology and theology from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa; a master’s and doctorate in social psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia; a certificate in retreat and spiritual direction and a master’s in Christian spirituality from Creighton University.

What jobs have you held throughout your career?  
I’ve been a university professor and administrator. I 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.

Where is a favorite place you’ve lived?  
I’ve lived in Illinois; Iowa; Missouri; Waco, Texas; Omaha, Nebraska; Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Oahu, Hawaii. There has been something to love in each place.

What is your favorite movie or book?  
*The Holy Longing* by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

What is your favorite quote?  
Currently, one of my favorite things to say is, “I love growth; it’s just change that I hate!”

What brings you to religious life right now?  
I really want to grow in holiness, grow to become more the person God created me to be. And, at this age and stage of life, I believe that living as part of a religious community might help me to do that more “effectively” than if I continued living as a single lay woman.

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 in regards to justice and loving God and neighbor without distinction matches my own desires about how I might live as a follower of Jesus.

In your time with us, what has been your greatest delight?  
The sisters! I love living at the motherhouse and getting to know all of the sisters better.

What do you think will be your greatest challenge?  
I doubt that my biggest challenge will be something I foresee, but it is likely to be something that I thought I had “all figured out” or that otherwise would not be an issue. If I had to guess now, I would say my biggest challenge might be to accept a decision made by others that directly impacts me if I don’t feel like I understand and/or agree with the decision. Also, in the short term, I can say that giving up my kitty cat and, especially, my dog to begin candidacy has been tough.

What do you hope for?  
I hope to continue to grow closer to God, self and others while I am a candidate and beyond!
In January, Pat Vanden Bergh served at the border with Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas. The following are some of her observations of the experience.

On Annunciation House …
Annunciation House is the administration center, which began as a shelter for homeless and immigrants in 1978. At present, this house has expanded into 15 centers in El Paso. The Bishop of El Paso has turned the seminary over for immigrants; also many churches and convents have opened their doors. The shelter I was assigned to was a former nursing home for the Loretto Sisters. We had about 18 rooms, which were filled every evening. Sometimes these 15 shelters aren't enough so rooms in hotels are rented. It is important to note that no government assistance is received.

On the migrants …
When I was there, the majority of immigrants were coming from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. A few also came from Cuba, Brazil and one from Africa. The Central American immigrants contract with large or semi trucks to get them to the border. One lady with two children told me she paid $6,000 just to get to the border.

On the detention center experience …
Once the immigrants cross the border, they are placed in detention centers in El Paso (large warehouses divided in sections by chicken wire) until they can meet with a lawyer. This could take three to 10 days. They sleep on mats on the floor with thermal blankets, receiving very little to eat … sometimes a frozen burrito once a day or a cup of soup.

Before they leave from detention, a heavy GPS tracker is placed on the ankle of the head of the family (father or mother). Most of them are now coming as families. Once they have their papers and ankle bracelet, they are put on a bus and brought to one of the 15 shelters in El Paso, tired, hungry, sad and bedraggled. Between 500 to 600 immigrants are released daily. On arrival at a shelter, they get off the bus, line up, are counted by the ICE officers and turned over to us.

On what the volunteers do …
We immediately get to work with intake. We make a phone call to the receiving family assuring them that their family members are safe and can stay with us as long as necessary.

The receiving family is asked to buy their ticket on the bus or plane and inform us when transportation is arranged. We then give the immigrants clean clothes, sheets and towels, and give them an opportunity to shower. Rooms are assigned; most of the time two families shared a room. They are served three delicious meals a day that are provided and served by parishes and other groups in El Paso.

When confirmation of transportation is received, we take the immigrants to the airport or bus and say goodbye with many hugs, kisses and expressions of gratitude.
You are invited to read a series of articles as part of a congregation-wide effort to learn more about the proposed agréée form of affiliation with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Congregation. At the invitation of the Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) and the Congregational Leadership Group (CLG), each of the four provinces is developing a process to share material that was developed for the CLG meeting in St. Paul last September. This first article is a review of where we have been as a congregation and an invitation into reliving some of the historical data.

From the 2013 Acts of Chapter: Living the CSJ Charism

We Believe—
The Holy Spirit calls all people to holiness and lavishes the People of God with myriad charisms.

As Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates, Consociates, Ohana and Familia de San Jose (ACOF), we seek to embody the charism of unifying love, while recognizing the many ways of living and expressing this charism. We also recognize and rejoice that we already live in communion with many who share our charism and mission.

Many people today hunger for spirituality, a sense of belonging and a commitment to justice. Differences exist among generations and cultures regarding commitment and community life.

Therefore we commit ourselves to ...
Foster existing and emerging relationships for living the charism ... Intentionally welcome, foster and develop emerging ways of living the charism, such as temporary commitment, agréées and partners in ministry.

Update on what has been happening in the congregation
Over the past several years, certain individuals in the four provinces have been exploring separately a form of affiliation with the Carondelet Congregation that some other congregations of Sisters of St. Joseph are calling agréées. More recently, some of these individuals, along with one member of each of the Province Leadership Teams and a few other interested sisters, have engaged in several Zoom conversations. These calls have been initiated by Sister Maureen Freeman. The conversations have allowed for the topic to be explored from a congregational perspective. In June 2017, S. Lisa Lazio facilitated a weekend retreat in St. Paul, Minnesota, for six interested persons—one from Los Angeles (LA) and five from St. Paul (SP).

In June 2018, S. Jean Wincek (SP) facilitated a weekend retreat in St. Paul for 14 interested individuals—one from LA, one from St. Louis, seven from SP and five from Albany (one in person and four via Zoom). S. Susan Hames (SP PLT member) also attended. The retreat, entitled “Sacred is the Call,” began with an evening experience of the Jesus story in the form of Table Prayer: The Living Name of God by Michael Joncas, followed by the participants sharing their own stories of their call to consider agréée as a way of living the CSJ mission.

The next day, participants heard research presented on how our foremothers in the CSJ community lived the mission in various ways, including agréée. The research drew on work done by S. Connie DeBiase, Therese Vacher, Marcia Allen and Bette Moslander, and was presented by Associates Alexandra Guliano and Mary Kaye Medinger. The weekend also included opportunities to review a chart exploring how contemporary CSSJ congregations (Boston, Concordia, Erie and Springfield) have shaped the agréée way of living the charism.

Participants then heard how the various Carondelet provinces have moved this exploration forward and how this call might be articulated on a Carondelet congregational level. This resulted in the creation of a document called “Sacred is the Call: Reflections on Agrégée” in which the 14 participants committed themselves to experiment and to intentionally live into what agréée with the Carondelet Congregation means for them.

On the Web
We invite you to visit the Members Only Resource Section of csjsl.org for an informational packet on agréées that includes background, history and reflections.
RACIAL & CULTURAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Why I Fight for Racial and Cultural Justice
Members of the Racial and Cultural Justice Committee share what motivates them to be committed to this important advocacy work

By Associate Jessica Mayo

Associate Jessica Mayo
I work for racial and cultural justice because of good ol’ Catholic guilt! It gets a bad rap, but sometimes guilt is our conscience recognizing that we truly have sinned and need to do better. I benefit from institutional racism, and thus I have both a desire and an obligation to work for justice.

Associate Gerry Rauch
I fight for racial and cultural justice because I must. If I take the Gospel seriously, how can I not fight? We are only as strong as our weakest link, and the doctrine of our own Church teaches a lie that LGBTQ brothers and sisters are not wonderfully made in the image and likeness of the Divine. This marginalization of the LGBTQ community causes them pain and emotional damage, and encourages mistreatment. Our black and brown brothers and sisters continue to be weighed down daily by racial profiling, burdened by judgements and stereotypes. Racial inequities have made people of color generations behind white people in building wealth due to redlining, and unequal educational opportunities. I must try to correct the racist system that I have benefited from and work for an equitable solution to our racist society.

Sister Ida Beresheim
Divisions in our world continue to threaten the unity with which God graces all humankind. Among the most destructive obstacles to that unity is our continuing racism. For this reason, I work for racial and cultural justice in myself and others.

Associate Christine Holladay
Ensuring that all people know and feel dignity is core to the statement, “together, we are more.” We belong to one another; black and white, immigrant and native born, rich and poor, and so on. If we cannot forge authentic bonds of love, trust and mutual respect with people of all backgrounds and heritages and identities, then we cannot say we are a people actively building the Kingdom. Together, we are more, and that is why I fight for racial and cultural justice.

Associate Dorothy Dempsey
When you think about equality and justice for all, the color of one’s skin should not allow you the privilege of preconceived ideas of who people are. People of color always know there is an invisible line defining the supposed superior to the inferior.

I fight for racial and cultural justice to enlighten and educate all the white people—even those who claim to be advocates for racial justice—who are afraid to confront their family, friends and neighbors about this basic ingrained reality of racism.

I pray for the enlightenment of my sisters and brothers in Christ so that we are truly and fully committed to this fight for racial and cultural justice, one that requires our faith in God and the recognition of the truths within ourselves.

Do You Share the Call?
If you would like to be a part of the Racial and Cultural Justice Committee, contact Sister Clare Bass at cbass@csjsl.org.
2019 Jubilarianists

70-YEAR JUBILARIANS: Front (l-r): Sisters Virginia Anne Fannin, Joan Casey and Ellen Roach.

50-YEAR JUBILARIAN: Sisters Teresa Marie Eagan and Paula Patrice Michaud

Sister Jean Katherine deBlois
2019 JUBILEE CELEBRATION

We people of Faith Are God’s Light in our world.

The promise of God’s Unifying Love continues through us.

The ringing of the historic Lyon bell began the 2019 jubilee celebration at which sisters and associates honored the 50, 60, 70 and 75-year jubilarians in Holy Family Chapel at the motherhouse on March 17.

Reverend Daniel Mosley was the presider. Sister Jean deBlois, 50th jubilarian, gave the reflection with other jubilarians carrying out roles in the liturgy. Special contributors to the celebration included dancers Srs. Mary Alice Collar and Margaret Guzzardo, pianist S. Bonnie Murray and organist Dr. Horst Buchholz, director of music of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

In her reflection, S. Jean said:

We are here to celebrate 1,730 years of women trusting in God’s call and acting on it …

… What is the source of that trust that has allowed each of us to say ‘yes’ over and over again, even if at times a bit reluctantly, even if at times it seemed unreasonable? It is the constant presence and loving fidelity of our God who has captured us with the charism of unifying love …

… Our CSJ life is a radical response to the gospel because of our charism that empowers us to do everything of which woman is capable …

… We are living and our CSJ charism will continue as long as the needs of the dear neighbor call us to respond.
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THANK YOU

S. Paula Patrice Michaud: I am overwhelmed with your response to my 75th anniversary. Many thanks to those who made donations in my name. I can’t possibly answer each one personally. Know that you are in my prayers thanking God for 75 wonderful CSJ years.

S. Teresa Maria Eagan: My thanks to all those who shared in my jubilee by their donations to the various CSJ missions, cards, prayers and good wishes.

S. Joan Spalding: I am indebted to so many of you sisters and associates. Recently, you sewed name tags on my belongings and helped in other ways to aid me in moving from the Village to Carondelet Manor. And then at jubilee time, you overwhelmed me with cards, thoughtful greetings, and notes of friendship and appreciation. I’ve asked my good friend, Jesus, to show special blessings on each of you.

From the Reception of 1959:
Thank you for celebrating jubilee with us by your presence, greetings, cards and donations to:

- Gulu Water Project
- Border in El Paso
- CSJ Missions
- Formation
- CSJ Ministry
- Fontbonne University
- St. Joseph Housing Initiative
- Carondelet Community Betterment Federation (CCBF)

Sisters Roseanne Cook, Patrice Coolick, Loretta C. Duggan, Janet Mary Feager, Suzanne Giblin, Joy Elaine Gilder, Marianne Keena, Elizabeth Leiwe, Mary Hugh McGowan, Mary Ann Nestel, Geraldine O’Laughlin, Carol Jean Peterson, Jean Paul Selissen, Barbara Louise Volk and Michaela M. Zahner

75 YEARS
S. Teresa Maria Eagan
S. Paula Patrice Michaud

70 YEARS
S. Marie Dolores Bland
S. Joan C. Casey
S. Virginia Anne Fannin
S. Kathryn Kitslaar
S. Mary Adelaide Moeller
S. Aline Mohrhaus
S. Joan Pitlyk
S. Ellen Roach
S. Joan Elizabeth Spalding

60 YEARS
S. Roseanne Cook
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S. Loretta C. Duggan
S. Janet Mary Feager
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S. Michaela M. Zahner

50 YEARS
S. Jean Katherine deBlois
MARCH 3
We celebrated the initial and ongoing commitments of 12 associates with a special Mass at the Carondelet Motherhouse.

ONGOING COMMITMENTS

INITIAL COMMITMENTS
Associates Peggy McAuliffe Hannick, Craig Hannick, Tom and Laura O’Hara, and Sally Hight.

MARCH 19
We celebrated the commitments of Associates Mary McNamara (initial), Donna Como (ongoing) and Mary Strope (initial) during a special celebration at the Carondelet Motherhouse.
"Stand with Sisters" Campaign Raises Awareness About Women Religious and Social Justice

By Jenny Beatrice, Director of Communications

In March, the St. Louis Catholic Sisters launched their fourth annual awareness campaign, “Stand with Sisters,” in conjunction with National Catholic Sisters Week (March 8-14), an annual celebration created to honor women religious and bring greater focus to their lives and works.

Known for their legacy in education and healthcare, the sisters have also played a vital role in responding to the issues of our times. “Stand with Sisters” celebrated the myriad of ways women religious and their supporters stand up for social justice in our communities.

Throughout the month of March, the member congregations participated in a social media campaign sharing video, photos and personal narratives from sisters and their lay collaborators about why they are called to work for justice causes. They invited others who have been impacted by Catholic sisters to join the conversation and share their stories on social media as well by using the hashtag “#StandwithSisters.”

“Compelled by the Holy Spirit and their Catholic faith, the sisters work with people affected by immigration, poverty, human trafficking, racism, homelessness, incarceration and other injustices,” says Jenny Beatrice, director of communications for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. “This campaign uses the power of their collective voice to take a stand for the marginalized and connect with others who seek to find an end to those injustices against human dignity.”

Billboards throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area featured the many ways women religious and their supporters stand up for social justice in our communities, including “We stand against racism,” through the St. Louis Catholic Sisters’ “Stand with Sisters” campaign in conjunction with National Catholic Sisters Week (March 8-14).

In addition, the campaign was featured on electronic billboards around the St. Louis metro area, carrying the sisters’ messages, including “We stand with immigrants,” and “We stand against racism.”

This campaign served to show the community that Catholic sisters are alive and well and serving St. Louisans. Women religious continue to play vital roles in the history and development of our nation, our local community, and our society. They have not only taught in schools and ministered in hospitals, they have founded, funded, and run those institutions. Above all, they continue to show their devotion to God through their willingness to minister to all.

For more information and to see all the Stand with Sister stories, visit standwithsisters.org.

The campaign was designed by the Communicators for St. Louis Catholic Sisters, a group of communications professionals who represent the following women religious congregations: Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul, Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, Franciscan Sisters of Mary, Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sisters of Loretto, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O’Fallon, Society of the Sacred Heart, and Ursuline Sisters of the Central Province.
Sister Rose Helene Vaughan died at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at three o’clock on Good Friday afternoon, April 20, 1962, in the 63rd year of her age and the 32nd of her religious life.

Sister Rose Helene was born in Salina, Kansas, and became a Catholic while she was a student nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1928, Sister entered our community at Carondelet and received the habit on March 19, 1929. After she made her first profession on March 19, 1931, Sister attended St. Louis University and earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing in 1932. Two years later, she completed studies for a graduate degree at The Catholic University. At that time, she was invited to join the teaching faculty of the university, but she was needed as an instructor in the school of nursing in Kansas City. She fulfilled this assignment until 1938, when she was appointed director of the school.

For 12 years, Sister competently served in this office, employing her splendid talents, organizational ability, and capacity for tireless work to advance the interests of the school. In 1950, she was transferred to St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Hancock, Michigan, to act as director of the school. Sister worked zealously to strengthen the curriculum and enable the school to meet the increased requirements for accreditation. Above all, she exerted the influence of her high ideals on the minds and hearts of her students.

In 1956, Sister was appointed director of nursing service at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City, and in 1961, returned to Hancock to resume the duties of director of the school. This was her last assignment. A heart condition that had troubled her for some time became more serious and, for a few months after she came to Hancock, it was necessary for her to be hospitalized. However, Sister made valiant efforts, with the generous help of the sisters who assisted her in the school program, to continue her work from her sick room. It was the year of the examiners from the National League of Nursing to visit the school in order to continue the accreditation, and Sister wanted all the preparations completed.

After several weeks of rest, Sister seemed to improve, but on April 7, a severe heart attack made it necessary for her to undergo surgery, which apparently was successful. But, two days before her death, she had a relapse, and God called her to eternity on Good Friday.

Sister Rose Helene exemplified in her life the qualities she strove to develop in her students; high principle characterized everything she did. Sister was a constant source of edification to the sisters in the community because of her exactitude and her deep spiritual motivation. She was seen frequently in the chapel during the time she was free from duties. [Necrology]

Sister Rose Helene was born Hazel Lillian Paugh. At a young age, probably just out of high school, she married James Clyde Vaughan. James became ill with tuberculosis and died in 1923. Sister was one of several widows who entered our community.
John and Anastasia (Fisher) Igoe of St. Louis, Missouri, along with their two- and four-year-old daughters, welcomed the newest member of their family, Marcella Theresa on June 4, 1925. Marcella was baptized at St. Michael’s Church.

When she was four, her family moved to St. Leo’s Parish where she attended St. Leo’s School, which was staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph. "The one sister that impressed me most, and I really think she is the source of my becoming a sister, was Sister Elizabeth Marie [Daley]." S. Elizabeth taught her in third grade and part of each year in fifth, sixth, and seventh grade.

After elementary school, Marcella’s education continued at Rosati-Kain High School. Among her classmates were three young ladies later known to many of us as Sisters Jean Frances Haug, Sheila Maureen Moran and Catherine Lucien Matter. Although Marcella thought about becoming a sister, she felt she was not yet ready and decided to continue her education at Fontbonne College. "… At Fontbonne my greatest friend there who helped me get through some difficult times was Sister Alfred [Noble]. She was always there for me no matter what."

After her second year of college, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet on September 15, 1945, receiving the habit and her religious name on March 19, 1946. In 1951, she received a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Fontbonne College.

Sister Anna John’s teaching ministry in elementary education began at Sts. John & James in Ferguson, Missouri (1948). She taught intermediate classes at St. Rose of Lima, Houston, Texas (1951); Most Holy Rosary (1953) and St. Roch (1955), both in St. Louis; and St. James, Denver, Colorado (1958).

In 1960, Sister was sent to St. Patrick’s in Rolla, Missouri, as principal and teacher. Then, in 1963, she became principal at Visitation in Kansas City, Missouri, until 1965 when she returned to St. James in Denver as a teacher.


Next on the agenda was a sabbatical at St. Joseph Parish in Marietta, Georgia (1976). While staying there, she offered help to the classroom teachers as well as contributing her time to household chores. S. Anna John began a secretarial career (1978) at St. Mary on the Hill, in Augusta, Georgia. Her secretarial ministry continued at the Village of St. Joseph in Atlanta (1979).

When S. Anna John returned once again to St. Louis in 1983, the opportunity of another new career presented itself: data processing for the Sisters of St. Joseph at the St. Louis Provincial House. In the beginning, her work relied on the hand-typing of documents, including the annual directory. Eventually, with a bit of help from personnel at Institutional Automated Systems, Sister adjusted into the world of computers and computer programs. She continued as the community data processor until she retired in 2006.

In 2011, she moved to Nazareth Living Center where she carried out her ministry of prayer and presence.

Sister Helen Oates
Rosemary joined her family of faith and love on October 14, 1932, and died January 1, 2019, after being celebrated by her six living children in her transition to the tender and gracious God she so longed to join.

Rosemary was born in St. Louis, married, then traveled with her husband while starting a family in faraway places. Business brought the family back to Florissant, Missouri, in the St. Louis area where she joined the local Catholic church and spent time nurturing, feeding, and cheering on neighbors and friends. She loved her family and always invited them in for laughter, prayer, food and conversation. She became the Grandma Rosie of the block and saw everybody as a precious child of God.

Going to daily Mass whenever she could, she ministered to the needy, praying for everybody and witnessing to the generous love of God. She found ways to minister to the poor in local parishes and at Mother Theresa’s soup kitchen. She took communion to the sick at St. Mary’s Parish. She joined Cursillo, which met monthly in her own living room. These meetings nurtured her faith aflame with love.

She loved to shop, travel, read and exercise. She also loved painting and became quite talented, reflecting her inner beauty. Always generous with her artwork, she donated many pieces.

Rosemary completed a bachelor’s degree at the University of Missouri-St. Louis later in life. She took on the added responsibility of working with Alanon & Alcoholic’s Anonymous, developing professional skills and assuming therapeutic roles at St. Anthony’s Chemical Dependency Unit.

Rosemary became an associate in 1984. Members of her Medaille I Associate Community loved her gentle yet strong kindness, her compassion, her steady devotion to faith and works of charity, and her commitment to family, community and to the poor.

Sister Linda Markway of Medaille I says of Rosemary, “I often felt caught up in a peaceful and calm sense of well being when I was in Rosemary’s presence … Without getting flustered or overwhelmed, she responded to God’s plan for her and maintained an openness to whatever was placed before her … To me, it was evident that she loved her God and she was steeped in the fact that she knew her God loved her.”

On her 85th birthday, her loved ones took the time to thank her for her faith, kindness, care and generosity by creating a YouTube birthday card, expressing their admiration and gratitude for her generous and life-loving witness to her faith.

Rosemary continued her life of grace and her generosity despite her health issues. She continued going to Mass, the beauty shop, out to eat, and painting when the muse gave her energy and inspiration.

Rosemary continues to be an inspiration as a channel of God’s grace, a light of love for family, community, and for all of her neighbors, friends, and companions.

Associate Karen Monroe
The Hand of God Shall Hold You

Sister Roberta J. Schmidt, CSJ
(S. Ernest Marie)
May 9, 1928 - January 2, 2019
Gracious, attentive, dear friend

Ernest and Florence (Noonan) Schmidt, of Kansas City, Missouri, welcomed Roberta Jean, the first of their three daughters on May 9, 1928. Roberta attended Redemptorist grade and high school.

As a student at the College of St. Teresa, she met Sister John Marie Riley whom she considered a major influence in her life. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet on September 15, 1949. On March 19, 1950, she received the habit and the name, Sister Ernest Marie. Her master’s (1958) and doctorate (1964) in sociology were both awarded from St. Louis University.

Sister Roberta taught intermediate grades in St. Louis at St. Margaret of Scotland (1952) and St. Agnes (1953). Moving to high school, she taught at St. Thomas Aquinas, Florissant (1954), followed by Vallé High School, Ste. Genevieve (1955) and then, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Louis (1956). In 1961, she began her doctoral studies in sociology at St. Louis University. She was a faculty member at Fontbonne College (1962) until she became college president (1966).

In 1965, she responded to Dr. Martin Luther King’s call to the march in Selma, Alabama. S. Rosemary Flanigan also remembers that time:

> Three of us were living on St. Agnes’ second floor, each of us writing our dissertations, and one night Sister Roberta knocked on my door to ask if I would go with her and the St. Louis delegation the next day to Selma. She was a member of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese and had been asked … When “Sisters of Selma” was being created ... [Sister Roberta] is pictured on the tape making her statement about why she came. Sister Roberta said, ‘The presence of priests, religious and the laity impacted the peaceful march for voting rights positively. We gave Christian witness to the dignity of our African-American brothers and sisters in Selma.’

After spending 1972 in transition, S. Roberta moved to Texas to serve as a staff member for United Colleges of San Antonio (1973). She moved to Cullman, Alabama, in 1975 and became the vice president for Academic Affairs at St. Bernard College followed by dean for Academic Affairs at Southern Benedictine College (1976). She spent 1979 in transition while working on an archives special project.

Her next home was Atlanta, Georgia, where she served in the Archdiocesan Education Office. During her time there, she was the superintendent of Catholic schools (1980), secretary for education and superintendent (1982,) and secretary for education (1989).

Then, she served the Diocese of Venice, Florida, as the director of education (1993). In 1996, S. Roberta also accepted the ministry of provincial councilor. Completing her ministry as director of education (2008) in Venice, Florida, she retired there while continuing to serve the dear neighbor as a volunteer. Returning to St. Louis in 2017, she volunteered until her health no longer allowed that opportunity.

Sister Barbara Dreher shares,

> I got to know Roberta when she served as one of four councilors … when Suzanne Giblin, Paulette Gladis and I were in full-time province leadership … She listened more than spoke, but when she did, wisdom splashed all over our meeting table. Her comments, wonderings and questions had a way of disturbing our thinking and keeping us grounded in being open to God’s wisdom.

Remembering S. Roberta is not complete without mentioning Sister Mary (Mickey) Jacobs, who shared many years in community with her as a dear friend and companion.

Sister Helen Oates
The Hand of God Shall Hold You

Mary Catherine (McDonough) Rodgers, CSJA
August 18, 1925 - January 24, 2019
Beloved matriarch of the Rodgers-McDonough clan; dedicated and caring; lover of life

Though family and friends were deeply saddened by the loss of Associate Mary Catherine Rodgers, her memory will live on in the hearts and minds of those she touched.

Born in St. Louis in 1925, she was valedictorian of the graduating class at Rosati-Kain High School in 1943. While studying at Webster University, she went on a blind date with a soldier who was on leave during World War II. Mary Catherine married her soldier and they had six children—twins Mark and John, Mary Jean, Phillip John, Catherine and Maria. She graduated with an English degree in 1945 and would later teach for 15 years at St. Mary’s School in Bridgeton, Missouri. She chose to teach second grade as a way of honoring the memory of her son Phillip John, who died at the age of 8 after battling leukemia for two years.

Mary Catherine will be remembered for her exuberant love of life and people and her deep faith in God and a special love for Mary. She was proud of her Irish heritage and never missed a chance to sing “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling.” She was a prolific writer and speaker, nurturing these talents in her children and her students.

Sister Aline Mohrhaus who was the first grade teacher and primary coordinator at St. Mary’s for 10 years related, “What a gift and joy it was to work side by side with Mary Catherine! She was a great partner when taking first and second graders to special events or on their annual field trips.”

Sister Barbara Volk who was the principal of St. Mary’s in 1969 hired her to teach second grade. Aware of Mary Catherine's background in speech and drama, she asked her to be the school’s speech coach for the Bellarmine Speech League. Her coaching in speech and drama won her students multiple awards. She remembers:

*When we were getting ready for a speech meet, Mary Catherine would be heard telling her speech students, ‘I want you to take over the room using your saucer eyes!’ She could motivate children to memorize their speeches and to interpret their pieces with great expression!*

A big part of second grade was preparing children for their first holy communion. Each year’s second graders had a special part in presenting “The Last Supper” written by Mary Catherine. Parents and children never forgot this special presentation during that year.

After her teaching career, she reinvented herself as a travel agent and put her talents to work for hundreds of clients who relied on her sense of adventure and hospitality. She herself traveled thousands of miles, exploring destinations from Paris to Hawaii, Spain to Japan. Her favorite question, “If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you like to go?”

After suffering a broken hip from a fall in her condo, Mary Catherine went to Mother of Good Counsel Home to live in 2015. Because of her encouraging and grateful nature, the sisters at the Home had a saying, “If you’re having a bad day, go spend time with Mary Catherine—you’ll leave smiling and inspired to be as good as she thinks you are!”

We are grateful for the gift that Mary Catherine was to so many students, colleagues, friends and family. We hope that they will be comforted by their memories of this charming and kind woman.

Sister Barbara Volk
Jane Marie, the only child of Charles and Marie C. (Muellersman) Buford of Fredericktown, Missouri, was born on October 2, 1925. She graduated from St. Michael’s School taught by Ursuline Sisters. Jane and her cousin, Anna, enrolled at Ursuline Academy in Arcadia, Missouri. After high school, her parents sent her to Fontbonne College in St. Louis, for a two-year business course. She and Anna both enrolled.

Finishing the second year (her cousin had dropped out after the first), Sister Hilda Lorsbach encouraged her to continue. After explaining that she had come for business certification, Sister Hilda offered to extend her scholarship for two more years, asking her to talk with her parents. Graduating two years later, Jane told her amazed parents that she wanted to become a sister. Her mother was happy though reluctant for her to leave. Her non-Catholic dad did not approve but eventually gave his consent.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 15, 1946, received the habit and the name Sister Marie Charles on March 19, 1947. Her ministry began in accounting at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri (1949). In 1952, she taught in St. Louis at St. Joseph’s Academy and then, from August through December of 1953, she taught at Rosati-Kain High School. The rest of the year was spent teaching primary at St. Francis de Sales in Denver, Colorado. She returned to Rosati-Kain in 1954. Briefly, she served in the Sisters of St. Joseph’s treasurer’s office (1955) and then as administrative staff at Fontbonne College. She was a clerk, first at St. Joseph Community Hospital in Hancock, Michigan (1956), then at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri (1960).

The year 1964 found S. Marie Charles at the Academy of Our Lady in Peoria, Illinois, as registrar. S. Maryellen Tierney remembers her as a prayerful person who was quite taken with the writing of Thomas Merton: “When she sent a note or a card to someone, she frequently enclosed a prayer of this holy man who inspired her throughout her life.” S. Ann Pace, who was also at the academy at that time, wrote, “She was … so kind and thoughtful of the students, the faculty and staff. The girls loved her immensely and considered her their confidante ...”

Next, S. Marie Charles ministered as provincialate secretary for the Sisters of St. Joseph from 1967 to 1977 when she became the executive director of the Carondelet Betterment Federation (CCBF). She said, “To be able to have an emphasis on the local neighborhood was a real blessing to me and a real call from the Lord, and I feel good about that.” Sister Rosemary Flanigan shared, “Not until the Carondelet Betterment Association's birth did we realize what a powerhouse for good she was. Her footsteps will long be embedded in south St. Louis.”

Associate Sue Allender worked at the motherhouse and for S. Marie Charles simultaneously. When having two jobs got to be too much, Sue gave S. Marie Charles her resignation. When Sister called to ask if she could just fill in until they hired someone, Sue agreed and ended up working a number of years longer. “She was the best boss and always looked after her staff,” Sue said.

S. Marie Charles moved to Nazareth Living Center in St. Louis in 2007, continuing to write grants for CCBF until 2009, when she embraced the ministry of prayer and presence.

Associate Patrick McDowell met S. Marie Charles at Nazareth Living Center. “We would discuss national and international events as Sister unfailingly kept abreast of these events ... What a kind and lovely lady she was.”

S. Roberta Houlihan remembers, “Her favorite and most frequently spoken words were, ‘Thank you for ...’ Need more be said?”

Sister Helen Oates
Sister Eleanor Sheehan, CSJ  
(S. Agnes Patrice)  
October 29, 1928 - February 9, 2019  
Compassionate, gentle, welcoming

Eleanor Agnes was born on October 29, 1928, to James and Mary Agnes (Marron) Sheehan of Denver, Colorado. Her brother, Jim, was a year old. Eleanor attended public school until fifth grade when she switched to St. Vincent de Paul and was taught by the Loretto Sisters. She received a scholarship to St. Francis de Sales High, where she met S. Jean Fontbonne Sandweg, who became a great influence in her life.

After a year at Loretto Heights College, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 15, 1947, and was received as Sister Agnes Patrice on March 19, 1948. Sister Eleanor began teaching in St. Louis elementary schools: Saints Mary & Joseph (1950); Nativity of Our Lord (1955) and Most Holy Rosary (1956). In 1956, Fontbonne College awarded her a bachelor's degree in American history. In 1957, she studied at Regina Mundi College in Rome, Italy, followed by an assignment to the Fontbonne College faculty (1958). At The Catholic University of America in 1964, S. Eleanor earned her master's in dogmatic/systematic theology and a doctorate in dogmatic theology. She then returned to Fontbonne in 1967.

S. Eleanor became campus minister at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan (1971), followed by time as a provincial councilor and regional superior in St. Louis (1977). Then, she was an adult education consultant at the diocesan Religious Education Office in Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii (1980). After a year as student at Jesuit Renewal Center in Milford, Ohio (1982), she spent 1983 as a resident at Lebh Shomea House of Prayer in Sarita, Texas, followed by teaching adult religious education at St. Mary Parish in Littleton, Colorado. In 1985, she was ushered into a ministry she truly loved—spiritual companionship at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Sedalia, Colorado. Sister continued retreat work until she retired in Littleton in 2007, moving to Nazareth Living Center in 2012.

So many sisters and associates sent memories of S. Eleanor that they would fill pages. Here are a few snippets from some of the comments:

S. Marion Weinzapfel remembers Eleanor “teaching us [juniorate sisters] theology in the wake of Vatican II—and being awed by her spirituality.”

A. Gerry Rauch knew S. Eleanor only while she was ... Severely limited in her ability to communicate ... but her beautiful blue eyes were so expressive that they overcame her verbal limitation ... A generous, loving soul has found her rest in the Divine.

A. Barb Lotze remembers,  
She taught me how to be still and listen to our awesome creator ... She was truly the presence of Christ in our midst ... Her gentle, kind and compassionate spirit was like no other.

S. Mary Joyce Bringer says,  
[Eleanor] was a very welcoming person. She had the gift to remember you ... listened attentively ... always exuded joy. I loved seeing her, because you always felt she was glad you were there.

A. Barbara Field Meyer remembers,  
Her Irish twinkle and humor (not to mention her beautiful blue eyes) found me [at conferences] always sitting on the front row not to miss any of the simple, profound words she spoke, assuring me of God's love, forgiveness and mercy.

S. Shawn Madigan says,  
Her love of the congregation was always deeply rooted. She was not afraid to state her future vision of what could be, in spite of opposition. In an unassuming way, and without center stage affirmation, Eleanor moved many hearts and hopes.

S. Ruth Stuckel shares,  
Eleanor Sheehan was beautiful inside and out. Her lovely smile, her thoughtful manner, and her love of people and of life made being in her company delightful ... I looked up to her as the model of what it meant to be as a Sister of St. Joseph. She was a beautiful, caring, genuine person, without any guile!

Sister Helen Oates
HUMAN TRAFFICKING: REACTION/ACTION
THURSDAY, APRIL 4 | 1-2:30 P.M.
Carondelet Motherhouse
St. Joseph Hall
A program exploring the reality of human trafficking and ways to respond will be led by Pat Dougherty, a former Missouri state legislator and former senior director of advocacy for Catholic Charities. Clips from the video, “Dreams Die Hard,” which features interviews with former trafficked victims, will be shown, and responses to this social issue will be discussed.
To register, contact 314-481-8800 or motherhousersvp@csjsl.org.

LINGER OVER BREAKFAST KC
HEALING THE UNIVERSE ONE PLANET AT A TIME
with Sister Amy Hereford
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
9-11 A.M.
St. Teresa’s Academy, Windmoor Center
Want to enjoy beautiful butterflies, delicious vegetables, fabulous flowers all in your backyard ... and help protect the universe as well? Then join us as S. Amy Hereford shares how, through caring for creation, we can heal our universe—one plant at a time.
To register, visit csjsl.org/events.

CRAFTS FAIR
SATURDAY, APRIL 27
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Carondelet Motherhouse Courtyard
The Grass Roots Committee will be hosting a crafts fair with all proceeds going to the St. Joseph Housing Initiative. The sale will include crocheted and knitted items, jewelry, pottery, toys, homemade baked goods, cards, lamps, baby items, paintings and more.
For more information or questions, contact a member of the committee: Sr. Lisa Lazio, Mary Ann Nestel, Pat Quinn, Rosario Bobadilla, Nancy Marsh and Kate Filla.

FOR MORE NEWS AND EVENTS, VISIT CSJSL.ORG.

PEOPLE, POVERTY AND PUBLIC POLICY
How can we take action and influence public policies that reduce poverty?
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
9:30-11 A.M.
Carondelet Motherhouse
Presented by
TAMARA KENNY
Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement, Catholic Charities
Continental breakfast will be served.
Presentation is free; free will offering accepted.
RSVP by April 3 to 314-481-8800 or motherhousersvp@csjsl.org.
INAUGURAL GATHERING OF THE ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY
MAY 30 - JUNE 2 | Green Bay, Wisconsin

Sisters and associates, join the Wisconsin Community of St. Joseph as we discover together what it means to be "In Communion for the Life of the World." Be opened and welcome transformation, as we engage in a continual cycle of renewal. Experience the hospicing of old ideas and midwifing of new, both personally and as a community.

Registration accepted as space allows thru May 15: $235. For more information and the registration form, go to csjsl.org/events.

More Weekend
JUNE 14-16 | ST. LOUIS

The Sisters of St. Joseph Vocation Team is inviting women interested in religious life to join us for a weekend. It's an opportunity for sisters and interested women to share some time in community, prayer and volunteer ministry.

If someone you know is interested in religious life, contact the Vocation Team for more details at vocation@csjlif.org.

RITE OF FIRST PROFESSIO N O F
S. Mary Alice Collar
SUNDAY, JUNE 11
10:00 a.m. Mass
Lunch to follow
Carondelet Motherhouse
RSVP by April 20 to 314-481-8800 or motherhousersvp@csjsl.org.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

2019 GENEROSITY OF JOSEPH
Honors Gala

FRI DA Y, APRIL 26
CARONDELET MOTHERHOUSE

Join us as we celebrate the Generosity of Joseph as witnessed by:
BJ Atkinson, CSJA and Nan Bone, CSJA

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with the cocktail reception. The awards presentation and dinner will follow. RSVP by April 18 at csjsl.org.

PROVINCE LEADERSHIP AFFIRMATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 29
10:30 A.M.
Carondelet Motherhouse

Save the date for the affirmation of the 2019-2023 Province Leadership Team and Council: Sisters Amy Hereford, Fran Maher, Margaret Schulz, Maria Jeanne Tipton and Jeanne Janssen.
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### DINING TO DONATE

**MARCH 20 | ST. LOUIS & KANSAS CITY**

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet’s 2019 Dining to Donate events in both St. Louis and Kansas City were a huge success! It was a lovely evening of food and friends.

Many thanks to those who attended this evening out for a benefit of the CSJ mission and ministries! Be sure to save the date for next year’s event: March 25, 2020.