Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.
—unknown
This quote from Mary Oliver sounded so much like a maxim to me that I went searching through our maxims to see whether there were any corollaries. Guess what? Thanks to the translation of our maxims by our Sisters in Philadelphia, I found several. Here are my musings.

**Pay attention!** Maxim 94: Be alert to God’s true promptings. I can be tricked. So true. It is so easy to view something and make an immediate judgment whether it is something we see, hear or read. If we look only at the surface and don’t pay attention to the underlying reality, we can easily miss a prompt from God. For example, we pass our Sister in the hallway and she doesn’t speak or she grunts a reply and we judge it as rudeness. Maybe Sister is distracted or the recent recipient of sad news or in physical or emotional pain. We judge. We aren’t paying attention; we miss the prompt from God that calls us to pray for Sister or to do some random act of kindness for her. We have been tricked!

Maxim 27: Seek to know the inner, hidden moments of God’s heart or Maxim: 69: Stay in the present moment. Trust the future to God. These, too, said Pay attention. Maxim 27 certainly calls us all to continue to deepen our prayer life, to cultivate a culture of quiet where we can hear God speaking God’s heart to us. During our prayer reflection time at a recent meeting of the Federation Leadership Council, one of the members shared how, at the Last Supper, because all were reclined at table, when the beloved disciple leaned in to hear a response from Jesus, his head was level with Jesus’ heart. What a great image: from Jesus’ heart to our head and, hopefully, to our heart! Only in a culture of quiet and prayer can that happen. Turning to Maxim 69, we are all challenged to live in the present moment. As we think ahead to PACE, to the selection of new leadership and to our upcoming discernment regarding governance, it is so tempting to plan for the future and to go ahead of grace. Yes, we have to plan. However, staying in the present moment allows us to pay attention to the signs that will lead us to right decisions. God has provided for us to this day. Why would we not trust the future to God?

**Be astonished!** Maxim 16: Fix your heart on God’s dream. Let it guide everything, and Maxim 70: Trust God’s timing. The future will unfold. If our seasonal weather teaches us anything, it should teach us that God is in control of all timing. The leaves are turning and they shout God’s beauty to us. We know

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that the leaves will fall, skies will turn gray, white stuff will blanket our ground, things will die and then spring comes with new birth to be followed by the warmth of summer. When our leadership thought that we had exhausted all possibilities for a way to care for our Sisters in our home, our prayers and dreams were answered when Bernie Hallem arrived at our Provincial House and saw a way forward for both us and PACE! It would require many approvals from several entities, major construction and a capital campaign to cover the costs. We prayed, we discerned, and believing in God’s timing, we all said yes. In a couple of months we will open our PACE program, meeting the needs of the times and continuing our mission of serving the dear neighbor. We will remain in our home for our healthcare needs. Through the hard work of many and the generosity of our wonderful benefactors, we have reached goal on our Capital Campaign. Be astonished at how our God continues to love and care for us!

Tell about it! Maxim 7: Desire to embrace the whole world with the fire of God’s great dream. God’s great dream, as revealed in the gospels, is that all may be one with God and with one another. We belong to the Congregation of the Great Love of God. We have been gifted with a charism of uniting love. We cannot hide our gifts under a bushel basket. Our society and our Church need our charism now more than ever. As long as we are alive, we have a responsibility to share our charism in living out God’s mission, regardless of where we find ourselves. God’s great dream breathes in and through us. We need to tell about it!

My musings may not be what Mary Oliver or Jean Pierre Médaille had in mind. They may not resonate with you. So I invite each of you to find those maxims that you believe fit the opening quote and spend some time in prayer with them. Happy Fall to all!

Summary of Minutes
Province Leadership Team
September 19, 2019

Opening Prayer
Sister Eileen led us in a prayer on hope.

Office Space
We discussed the availability of space for additional offices that we will need on “our” side of the house when PACE is up and running. We have several possible offices that will be vacated on A Wing.

Community Weekend Presentation on the Congregational Chapter
We discussed how we would use the time on the Sunday morning of Community Weekend to bring home the results of Congregational Chapter. We will allow three hours (9:00 a.m.-noon) not only to provide a brief review of the chapter, but also to focus primarily about how we will go forward in light of the chapter directions. We are seeking input from the Sisters.

Congregational Leadership Group Meeting with Sisters
During the Congregational Leadership Group gathering hosted by the Albany Province this fall, the members of CLG will meet with the Sisters from Albany on Sunday afternoon, October 6. We decided to ask each unit to present to the Sisters their thoughts after Chapter in answer to the following questions: What was your experience of Chapter 2019? What difference will it make for the good of the congregation and the life of the world? What are your plans to move this forward?

Sexual Abuse Policies
We discussed the contents of the policy, suggested some edits to the procedures and accepted it as amended. Since the policy itself was not changed, it does not need to go to the Assembly.

Congregational Magazine
Our team is in favor of producing another congregational magazine to continue to emphasize our oneness.

Update on the Provincial House Choir Concert in Chapel on November 24
An “extended” PH choir will present a concert on November 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Provincial House chapel. Mary Anne reported on how the concert is being advertised and also how the concert might be broadcast within the house. It cannot be broadcast more widely because of copyright restrictions.

The Associate Team Annual Report
Members of the Associate Team (Pat Pilon, Sister Marilyn Vassallo and Annmarie Yellico) joined us for their annual presentation. Sister Marilyn began their sharing and asked if there were any questions or comments about the written report that had been submitted to the PLT beforehand. PLT members remarked that the report was very clear, organized and comprehensive. A few questions were posed related to finances and membership. Discussion ensued related to these questions. Pat Pilon began a review of the financial goals of the associates for the coming year. They are going to add members to their Finance Committee to broaden their input. Marilyn reported on new members which was very encouraging. Marilyn also reported on their efforts to update their data, use Zoom for meetings, hold reflection experiences, visit each associate group and speak with members who have become inactive. Annmarie spoke of their efforts toward updating the Associate Handbook, the Associate Candidacy Application and the candidacy process. Annmarie also covered her awareness of some “loose ends” for the Associate Program and how they intend to address these areas. Annmarie has prepared an Associate Leadership workshop which she will present twice this fall, once in Syracuse and once in Albany.

PACE
Kate indicated that, at this point, we only need to follow up on a few punch list items and enclose the ramp area. All of the CSJ artwork is now hung in the Physical Therapy and Day Care areas.

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PLT Minutes Summary (continued)
Mary Anne spoke about the recent meetings we have had about the start days for PACE programming. The application will go to the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 20. CMS then has 90 days to respond to us about occupancy approval. We are working on a plan to alter the start date depending on when we hear from CMS.

Province Boards/Committees
We reported on recent board and committee meetings.

Sponsored Ministries
Shaker Pointe at Carondelet, Inc. held a successful ribbon-cutting ceremony for Parkland on Tuesday, September 17. As a result, the marketing office has received many inquiries about Parkland. The Carondelet Hospitality Center has had a busy month at a time when they are usually a little less busy. They have also taken the opportunity to try some new things.

Report Review
The team reviewed reports from the Community Life Team, Facility Services, Mission Integration, Network Administrator, Nursing, PH Administrator, Unidine Lifestyles and Vocations.

Summary of Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 19, 2019

Opening Prayer
Eileen led us in prayer focused on hope.

CFO Report
We reviewed the investments as of August 31, 2019. Our current Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region matures at the end of September 2019. We asked Linda to renew that loan for three years at an interest rate of 1.75 percent.

Solar Proposals
Katie will invite John Hamor, our energy consultant, to meet with the PEC to highlight the pros and cons of each of the two proposals we have received to obtain our energy from renewable sources. With that information at our next meeting, we will make a decision about which proposal to accept.

Board-Designated Funds
We reviewed the board-designated funds, determining that they should be invested and discussing how to use a recent contribution to these funds.

Update on the Transition from Bank of America to M&T Bank
So far, the transition from Bank of America to M&T Bank is going well. Linda is following up on those houses that have not yet ordered checks and deposit slips.

Process Out
Since we had a funeral scheduled for the part of the time that we had originally planned for our BOT meeting, we were pleased with how efficient we were with this meeting.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!

Margaret Mary (Margie) Booth, CSJA
September 7, 2019

Sister Marionella Graham
September 15, 2019

Sister Jeanette Munick (L.A)
August 31, 2019

Sister Loretta Duggan (S.L)
August 31, 2019

Sister Claudian Moore (S.P)
September 6, 2019

Sister Kathleen Lamia (L.A)
September 11, 2019

Sister Francesca Inoue (L.A/J)
September 16, 2019

Sister Mary Hasbrouck (S.P)
September 20, 2019

Sister Ernestine Muñana (L.A)
September 20, 2019

Sister Elaine Margaret Besand (S.L)
September 28, 2019

Rosemary Redick, sister of Sister Jean Burns, September 8, 2019

Daniel Burns, brother of Sister Jean Burns, September 14, 2019

John Balzano, brother of CSJ Associate Joan Porco, September 17, 2019
From Sister Jane Comerford
It is with a grateful heart that I thank you, my Sisters, for your prayers, cards, and Mass offerings at the loss of my sister, Anne. Her death was a surprise. Your prayers are carrying me through a tough time! Thank you!

From Sister Jean Albert Burns
Again, I want to thank you, one and all, for your kindness, prayers, Masses, support and cards at the time of the deaths of my sister and brother. It sure helps to know I am not alone. God bless.

From Sue Jasko
To my sisters: I can’t thank you enough for all your cards, emails, calls and especially your prayerful support during this sad time for my family. We all felt your prayers, which allowed us to move through difficult days with more ease and comfort. Mary Rose shared with me the outpouring of love and concern from the whole province, especially the sisters at the PH who spent hours in chapel and in their rooms praying for the peaceful repose of my great-niece Penny, the consolation of her parents, and the ongoing healing of my other great-nieces and nephews.

All the children are showing remarkable progress in their healing, and only 3-year-old Benny requires ongoing outpatient care for his head injury. His doctors are optimistic, as he is showing slow but steady improvement.

Over these weeks you made my family your family, and this means so much to me. On behalf of all of us, thank you, sisters!

Six-year-old cousins and best friends Eleanor McBride and Penelope Jasko died in the car accident.
Over 30 sisters, associates, St. Joseph Workers, and partners in mission from the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph joined with over 400 individuals in the Catholic Day of Action for Immigrant Children, part of a “Stop the Inhumanity” campaign designed to increase the visibility of the Catholics who are willing to take risks on the issue to increase pressure on the U.S. government to end child detention.

Among this group were five Sisters of St. Joseph who participated in the nonviolent act of civil disobedience to protest the traumatizing abuse of immigrant children and their families. These sisters, joined with 50 other participants who prayerfully decided to risk arrest as part of a nonviolent action, prayed in the streets of Newark for the end of child and family detention. The five sisters included Sisters Patricia Johnson, Joan Gallagher, Janet Kinney, Erin McDonald and Susan Wilcox. (Also participating in the Newark Day of Action were Albany-Province Sisters Lisa Cirillo, Fran Dempsey, Doreen Glynn, Jeanne Lippincott and Honora Kinney.)

Sister Patricia Johnson said she discerned and ultimately decided to participate in the nonviolent civil disobedience because “this action by Catholics is so important to call attention to the life-threatening and developmentally damaging impact on migrant children that our country’s detention policies are causing.” She said it was important to “stand with my sisters, associates, and partners in mission to decry this terrible injustice and to invite others to join us in this effort to stop detaining migrant children. When normal efforts to call our government to provide humane treatment to those who are vulnerable fail, it is incumbent upon us to act boldly to call attention to this immorality.”

The event was organized by a coalition of 13 Catholic organizations, with both national and local New York/New Jersey area groups participating. Hundreds of sisters, priests, brothers and activists participated, including the Archbishop of Newark Cardinal Joseph Tobin. “The point of today is to be able to show the real face of children who are incarcerated,” he said. After a prayer service at St. Mary’s Church, the protesters processed through the city chanting phrases such as, “No cages, no walls,” and “Let our children go now.” Many of them displayed the photos of the faces of the seven detained children who have died in custody since 2017.

As the sounds of church bells faded, sirens took their place as a police presence accompanied the protesters to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Federal Building where a peaceful protest was organized. Speakers gave testimonials on their experiences as immigrants or those working with them.

Sister Ann Scholz, SSND, associate director for social mission of LCWR, spoke of the sisters’ legacy serving in solidarity with migrants, and she condemned the Trump administration’s policy of detaining children and separating families. “The Gospel commands and the values of this nation demand that we act for the dignity of every human person,” she proclaimed.

This was the second Catholic Day of Action event. The first was held on July 18 in Washington, D.C. at the Russell Senate Office Building where 71 Catholic leaders were arrested, including two Sisters of St. Joseph. A third Catholic Day of Action Event is planned for this month at the border in El Paso with a teach-in on October 11-13 and a nonviolent direction action on October 12.

Kristen Whitney Daniels, assistant director of the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, said “The Federation is thankful for the participation and prophetic witness of so many of our sisters and partners in mission at this historic event.” Kristen, who participated in the Catholic Day of Action for Immigrant Children in both July and September, said “In my time working with the Sisters of St. Joseph, it’s been impressed on me the importance of living out our mission to serve the ‘dear neighbor’ through word and action. I am thankful to work for an organization that continues to bear this tradition through our physical presence at the Catholic Day of Action and the spiritual solidarity of our sisters and associates at congregations throughout the United States.”

Cardinal Joseph Tobin (rt.) at the Newark Day of Action for Immigrant Children
Greetings to you all from Rochester, home of the Federation Novitiate!

Again, thank you so much for your ongoing prayer and support as we discern some more how it is that God is calling us for the life of the world: we are grateful beyond words.

Here is a brief overview of what we five novices, two directors and various presenters have been about these last two months.

August 1st arrival: so happy to be able to unpack and move in!

Early August: all things orientation, first including Jeanne Marie and other home directors, and then with Novitiate Director Barbara Staropoli and Assistant Director Michelle Lesher and us five novices

Mid-August to late September:
• Weaving Lives of Prayer and Spirituality (Barbara and Michelle)
• Basics of Community Life (Barbara and Michelle)
• Ignatian Spirituality, Ignatian Discernment (Mary Flick, CSSJ)
• Ecclesiology/ Women of the Church (Cathy Nearney, CSSJ)
• Overview of Hebrew Scriptures (Pat Schoelles, CSSJ)
• Overview of Vows with Concentration on Vow of Poverty (Nancy Schreck, OSF) at Villa Maria in PA with Regions 4 and 6 Formation Program
• Sacraments and Liturgy (Father Bob Kennedy)

October and November topics include an overview of Christian Scriptures and a three-week deeper dive into the vows as well as a weekend retreat (Feminine Images of God).

Built into our schedule are “Deepening Days,” days sprinkled throughout so as to make time and space for the Holy Spirit to move within us as we ponder and pray with all of the input we have been presented. Typically we have a written reflection due to our novitiate director soon after each topic; these days are priceless and precious, and we are grateful for them! Once a month we write a “state of heart” letter that we share with our home director as well. I am grateful for these writing opportunities as each exercise deepens my awareness of God’s movements and stirrings within me.

Thursday is our Ministry Day. Three of us volunteer with the House of Mercy, one at St. Peter’s Kitchen and one at St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center.

Most Fridays are a dedicated silent day of prayer, and we are encouraged to experiment with different modes of prayer. We recognize this as pure gift.

We are free most Saturdays and Sundays until dinnertime, and we gratefully use this time for recharging as well as attending to our “charges” which we rotate every two months.

On a personal note, I appreciate the holistic approach to Formation that our Federation Novitiate Directors have so carefully woven into this program. I am grateful that the program seeks to integrate individuals with communal living in a way that honors all dimensions of well-being along the spirit-mind-body continuum as well as our uniqueness.

Please keep those prayers coming our way. We are most grateful!

Federation Novices (left to right) are Leila Sullivan, Kristina DeNeve, Trish Doan, Tracy Watson and Rachel Carey.
From the Province Justice Committee

The Justice Committee Extends Invitation to Three Events

by Sister Doreen Glynn

While the Congregational JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) Team is meeting at the PH, all are invited to a viewing of the documentary film, The River and the Wall, at the PH on Saturday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. (Location TBD) This is an amazing film about the potential impacts of a border wall on the natural and human environments. Three Texans, a New York ornithologist, and a Brazilian immigrant embark on a 1,200-mile mountain bike, horse, and canoe journey down the Rio Grande to document the US-Mexico border. They set out to document the borderlands and explore the potential impacts of a border wall on the natural environment, but as the wilderness gives way to the more populated and heavily trafficked Lower Rio Grande Valley, they come face-to-face with the human side of the immigration debate and enter uncharted emotional waters.

Also, while the Congregational JPIC Team is here, we are hosting an open meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Gurry Lounge to exchange information about the various best practices of Sustainability (meeting our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs), taking place in various regions of the congregation. We will explore ways we can collaborate and meet challenges. Looking after our environment is something we must all be a part of. There are many environmental projects promoting sustainable living, large and small, local, national and global, that we can participate in. Caring for creation is crucial to ensuring we and future generations can all go green and can live healthy lives on a healthy planet. Please join us as we share our own environmental-impact assessment and how we use energy and water efficiently and make sure our food, furniture and clothing are from sustainable sources.

Help end hunger! At Community Weekend, the Justice Committee will be selling Bread for the World Christmas cards. Using dramatic illustrations and photos to convey a message of peace, joy, and hope, these cards reflect the world in which Bread for the World seeks to make a difference. Each pack costs $15.00 and contains 10 cards with envelopes. Send Bread for the World Christmas cards to your friends, family, clients, or co-workers and help end hunger!

Finally, mark your calendars now for the 2020 Peace Retreat on Friday evening, January 17, and all day, January 18, 2020. Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, is the presenter. Her topic is: Walking Toward Trouble: Peace in an Aching World.

We will explore the challenges that we face in this year of politics and chaos. How can we be witnesses to the deeper truth of our lives? How can we talk to each other about things that matter? What does it take to be a peace builder in the face of polarization?

“Nature is filled with words of love, but how can we listen to them amid constant noise, interminable and nerve-wracking distractions?”
—Laudato Si’ #225

[Like our cell phones?]
Meet Julie Carrigan, CSJA

We asked our newest CSJ Associates a few “Getting-to-Know-You” questions to help us get better acquainted with them. This month, we have the pleasure of learning more about Albany CSJ Associate Julie Carrigan. Julie’s answers are so wonderful, they should be printed just the way she wrote them!

How did you learn about the CSJ Associates/and or who invited you to attend a meeting?
I originally heard of the Associate Program from Sister Joanne St. Hilaire several years ago; however, I was very involved in the caring of my aging and ill parents at that time, so it really was not something I could let myself seek out. However, a few years back, in my search for a deeper and ongoing personal faith formation, I sought out more information on the program and talked with several sisters about it.

What was your first impression?
My first impression from both the personal research and the first meetings was that this was exactly what I was looking for: an ongoing, richly inspired and committed group of individuals who were both sharing and living the wonderful charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet – taking it with them and making it a part of their everyday lives, touching their family and friends and reaching out to neighbors and strangers alike.

What kept you coming to meetings?
The absolute welcome, friendship and love that the associates and sisters shared with every single person at every single meeting. I was immediately made to feel that I was a part of their whole. The monthly “Sharing of the Heart” reaches deeply into who I am on my own faith journey and connects me each month, once again, with others who are as deeply rooted in faith as I like to believe that I am and who are committed to faith sharing.

When did you decide that you would like to make your first commitment?
I decided almost right away, literally within months of starting to attend meetings, that this was where I was supposed to be, and a commitment to this journey forward was what I both wanted and needed to do.

Describe your first Commitment Weekend experience (as an inquirer).
I was very moved both by the reverence and absolute joy that everyone expressed, especially the candidates themselves.

Describe your First Commitment experience.
It was incredible. A mixture of humility that I could be so readily accepted and welcomed into this loving community and the absolute joy that it was. As I looked out from behind the altar to my personal family and friends in the pews (and I am including the associates and sisters among those) smiling with such love in their eyes, I had that “I am really home” feeling that I know so many people who spend so much of their lives looking for, encompass me completely and flood me with joy and peace, so that I was immediately overwhelmed with love, gratitude and excitement for the future.

What else would you like to add?
I would just say that since I graduated from the Diocesan Formation for Ministry Program in 2009, I have been fiercely ongoing in my desire to continue my faith journey. I did not see that as an end but rather as a beginning of the more dedicated and committed road that lay ahead. Working in parish ministry has been a huge part of who I am, but sharing my faith and my love of neighbor has been enriched and enhanced through my days spent with the associates and sisters in ways that I could never have guessed when I attended my very first Associates’ meeting. I am surrounded by loving, selfless people, and I know I have become more faith-filled.

Celebrate October 15: Foundation at LePuy, 1650!

Maxim 84: Never go ahead of grace by an imprudent eagerness, but quietly await its movements and, when it comes to you, go along with it with great gentleness, humility, fidelity and courage. —Maxims, Jean-Pierre Médaille, SJ
Introducing a new way for us as CSJ Associates to share our spirituality and the ways in which we, too, are “called together for the life of the world.” Associates were asked to use each of their monogram initials and choose a word or phrase starting with each letter to describe how/why it relates to our shared CSJ/CSJA charism and community.

This month’s CSJ ABCs belong to Binghamton Associate Debra Davis.

**D**

*Desire.* Desire to always continue to learn and grow in my faith.

**J**

*Joyful.* Always to be joyful and have a joyful heart.

**D**

*Delight.* Delight in all that I meet and the diversity in all of God’s children.

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**CHILDREN OF THE WORLD**

Like sparkling strands of crystal tossing in the world.

Revolving prisms uniquely reflecting rainbows radiantly.

Spinning, Dangling in the wind. Yearning to be calmed And striving to exist.

—Martha E. Murphy, CSJA
The Labor Day Celebration in the Community Room was quite enjoyable with our virtual campfire on the large TV screen, songs and S’mores. It made us think of Girl Scout Days and was a great introduction to Autumn. Some of us have taken rides north purposely to see some beautiful foliage and, finding none, have returned home to be met with that gorgeous maple in the driveway. It’s always the first to show!

The Activities Department couldn’t wait until the trees here turned their colors, so they arranged for us to do it ourselves. Can you paint with Q-tips? We did! Take a bundle of the Q-tips, secured with a rubber band, some paints on a paper plate, a nice white canvas coupled with some free spirits, and you have a magnificent northern Adirondack trek! We had our own mini-CSJ forest! The pizza and libation that went along with it added to the fun of this Dinner-Art Experience. I certainly hope they do this again.

The Intercommunity Lake George Boat Ride went very well. The dinner was filling, the music was nicely varied, and the dancing was especially beautiful. What really gave the dancing a very nice touch was an elderly couple who danced like they probably did at their wedding, decades ago, snuggled against each other. It was obvious that they were still very much in love.

The courtyard is getting a “spruce-up.” The hedge has been trimmed as it is annually, the dead tree limbs will be cut this week and the sidewalk is being treated. This will eliminate any uneven surfaces that might cause someone to trip and fall. It’s too bad that most of the flowers will be gone when you come for Community Day; the entire area has been so beautiful! The “sunning areas” are abundant, so there are several sisters who have developed great summer tans without even going away on vacation. The groups that eats out there will miss the warm days where they have enjoyed the “hundred dollar tables.” I just love to see sisters peacefully swinging on the two swings or just sitting reading. We have so many bird guests that there is seldom a fly or bee, but the butterflies are great entertainment!

The approach to the Provincial House from Route 155 has been newly black-topped and looks pretty spiffy. When the PACE Program begins, there are signs at both entrances ready to be unveiled on the appropriate day announcing the “Eddy Program for the Elderly.” Surprise! There are 15 additional parking spaces near the front of the house!

Be sure to see the fall decorations on the window sill near the employee break room (which we used to call the tertian dining room). Sue King, our most gifted decorator, used her skills placing those items with great finesse as well as the witches that are spread around the house. However, our spiders do not bite!

When we celebrated the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul the other day, I recalled from Sister Emily Joseph Daly’s “History of the Congregation” that Bishop de Maupas celebrated the funeral Mass for St. Vincent de Paul. The next time you are with some Daughters of Charity, you will see how pleased they are that you know that.

Today, we saw all of our sisters’ Sunday Choir, plus those who have been so generous as to join them for the upcoming celebration of gratitude, come to dinner all dressed in their black-and-white attire. It is picture-taking time in preparation for the concert to be performed the Sunday after Thanksgiving in gratitude for our benefactors. They looked elegant and sound similar to the Sistine Choir! Thanks to them and Ann Marie Krupski, this will be a splendid and fitting afternoon of gratitude.


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The Federation is planning its annual Haiti Trip, and the dates are confirmed for March 9-16, 2020. The trip is an opportunity to see how the hopes, dreams and depth of faith of the Haitian people sustain and strengthen them through the multiple challenges they face!

The CSSJ Immersion Trip is open to all who are part of the Family of Joseph as Sisters and as women and men who are joined by their link of association within our shared charism. This trip is planned to introduce participants to many aspects of Haitian life and, in particular, to the efforts to reduce poverty through education.

In particular, those who take part in this week-long trip will spend a portion of the time in Haiti visiting two schools in the town of Leogane, one a primary and the other a secondary school, both sponsored by Mission Haiti, Inc. Here they will meet the 10 girls sponsored by the U.S. Federation; the sponsorship began when they were first graders. As the 2019-2020 school year begins, four of these girls are now in Year 7; four in Year 8; and two in Year 9. The Federation is committed to supporting these girls through their secondary education and beyond.

Trip participants will see some experiences that are heart-breaking and others that give rise to hope and joy. Each day travelers will “Share the State of the Heart” and grapple with questions such as: “What stirred in my heart today?” “What might God be calling me to as a result of what I am experiencing in Haiti?” “How will my life be different when I return home?”

The trip is limited to eleven participants. For further information or to express your interest, please contact: Sue Torgersen, CSJ, at storgersen@csjoseph.org or 708-828-2332.
Sister Marionella Graham, CSJ
1932 ~ 2019

Born in Syracuse, NY, November 13, 1932

Entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 15, 1952

Received into the Novitiate on March 19, 1953

Professed Final Vows on August 15, 1960

Died at St. Joseph’s Provincial House, Latham, NY, September 15, 2019

by Sister Kitty Hanley

On September 15, 1952, our Marionella, then Helen Mae Graham, began her postulancy at St Joseph’s Seminary in Troy. On that same date 67 years later God would celebrate this anniversary by calling her home. Mame would have appreciated the symmetry since she liked things to be orderly.

Mame’s large family had prepared her well for the postulate and novitiate. Although she missed her parents, John and Marian Cathers Graham, and her siblings, Carol, Joan, Marilyn, Phyllis, William and John, all of whom still lived in Syracuse, she was accustomed to sharing space and responsibility and she treasured the faith her family had imparted so richly. Most of the family had attended St. John’s Catholic Academy where several grades had Graham children.

After completing her novitiate and a bachelor’s degree from The College of Saint Rose, Mame began a long and happy ministry as teacher and librarian. Twenty-three of her years were spent at Blessed Sacrament in Syracuse. Mame appreciated this nearness to family members and was delighted to celebrate with numerous nieces and nephews.

Mame loved her ministry as librarian and took pleasure in displaying the books invitingly. As she grew to know the students, she would stop different children with a recommendation or an invitation. She liked both classics and newer books, especially the award winners.

The stories at Mame’s wake echoed the same words repeatedly: she was kind, generous and fun. The stories ranged from tender to hilarious: Mame’s no-fail pie crust; her willingness to cook anything for anyone provided those making the request took responsibility for all (usually lengthy) clean-up; the fine lunches Mame provided the house cleaners, even though they did relatively little cleaning; her teasing of the local community as the sisters sat wrapped in blankets and scarves in the chilly community room.

In 2013 Mame retired to St. Joseph’s Provincial House, although “retired” would not have been an accurate description of her many activities. Blessed with a cheery disposition and good conversational skills, Mame would visit other sisters, bringing joy with her. She continued to enjoy new ideas and ways of doing things and appreciated conversations about these new issues.

In her typical low-key manner, Mame slipped away into God the day before the Community Life Team were planning to arrange for hospice care for her. Now she beholds the Face of God and knows of our gratitude for her presence among us. Rest in peace, dear Marionella, our Mame.

Messages of sympathy may be sent to Sister Marionella’s sisters: Mrs. Carol Marra, 3808 Neptune Lane, Syracuse, NY 13209; Mrs. Joan Aragona, 118 Gale Avenue, Liverpool, NY 13088.

At the 2013 Community Jubilee Celebration, Sister Marionella, a 60-year celebrant, greets Sister Mary Sheila O’Hara, a 75-year jubilarian.
On September 28, Sisters Amy Hereford and Marilyn Vassallo share in a hospitality gathering with the Sisters of the St Louis Province at Nazareth Center.

The congregation’s Associate/Consociate/O’Hana/Familia (ACOF) directors met at Carondelet in September. The theme for their meeting was “Going Forward-20/20 Vision,” and the directors explored where they see association going in the future. Planning for the 2020 ACOF Convocation in St. Paul was discussed, and unit reports were presented from Albany, Hawaii, Los Angeles, St. Paul and St. Louis. The group offered special thanks to Sister Mary McKay, Congregational Leadership liaison, for her presence and leadership over the past six years. Pictured are (front row, l. to r.) Pat Pilon, Kay Komotos (SL), Denise Ginty (LA); (middle row, l. to r.) Annmarie Yellicio, Joan Pauley-Schneider (SP), Anne Harpham (H); (back row, l. to r.) Marilyn Vassallo, Andrea Pearson-Tande (SP), Mary McKay (CLT).
**A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words**

Flowers say love! **Sister Marianne Kennah** (rt) celebrated her 82nd birthday in July at the Provincial House. One of her first visitors was 88-year old **Sister Giovannina Saleeby, SNJM** (rt), who stopped in with a lovely bouquet. Sister Giovannina, a native of the island of Malta, is one of several Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary who live with us at the Provincial House and bring us such joy!

**Sister Honora Kinney** participated on September 20 in the Albany **Climate Strike**. The strike was part of the International Climate Strike which took place that day in 150 countries and thousands of cities and towns around the world. The protests, organized by young people, were scheduled ahead of the opening of the UN General Assembly and the Climate Action Summit on September 23. The young people are asking political leaders to take urgent actions to address climate change, so that the world they inherit will be safe, healthy and clean for all people and all creation.

Some of our Sisters in the **Southern Tier** got together for a Labor Day picnic in the Newman House at Binghamton University where Sister Rose Casaleno is director. Sitting (l. to r.) are **Sisters Anne Horrigan, Kathleen Heffron, Mary O’Brien and Maureen Rainone**. Standing (l. to r.) are **Sisters Alma Jones, Rose Casaleno, Susan Reschke and Lois Barton**.
On September 10, the administration and staff of St. Mary’s Healthcare, Amsterdam, hosted a retirement party for Sister Rita Jean DuBrey who recently retired after 53 years of service at St. Mary’s! Sister Rita Jean served as instructor in nursing, coordinator of Patient/Community Health Education, coordinator of the Wellness Institute and director of the Center for Complementary Therapies. Sisters of St. Joseph who attended the celebration include (l. to r.) Sisters Lucille Theroux, Joan Mary Hartigan, Maureen Murphy, Elizabeth Costanzo, Sean Peters, Rita Jean DuBrey, Karen Gaube, Mary Anne Heenan and Margaret Vincent.

Sister Maureen Mastine tells a wonderful story: “About a month ago when Sister Marionella’s sisters and nieces came to visit, the conversation came around to El Paso and my desire to come up with ways and means to send women’s underwear for the women detainees. Lori, Mame’s niece, was very interested and I sent her the article from Carondelet East. Before Mame’s funeral, Lori sent the article and a request for women’s underwear to all the women in the family, asking them to bring underwear in lieu of flowers to Mame’s wake and funeral Liturgy. I now have over 200 pairs of underwear to send to El Paso! Thank you, Mame, my dear friend; you are now with the angels but still sharing your generous heart. Thank you for caring and for being a supportive presence in my life.”
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On September 4, over 30 sisters, associates, St. Joseph Workers and partners in mission from the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph joined with over 400 individuals in Newark, NJ, in the Catholic Day of Action for Immigrant Children. The event was part of the “Stop the Inhumanity” campaign designed to increase the visibility of the persons who are willing to take risks on the issue to increase pressure on the government to end child detention. The event was organized by a coalition of 13 Catholic organizations, with both national and local New York/New Jersey area groups participating. Participant Archbishop of Newark Cardinal Joseph Tobin said, “The point of today is to be able to show the real face of children who are incarcerated.” Albany Province Sisters Honora Kinney and Fran Dempsey (in left photo) and Lisa Cirillo and Jeanne Lippincott (in right photo) and Doreen Glynn were among the participants in the Day of Action.

On September 8, Sisters Doreen Glynn and Fran Dempsey joined Jewish activists and others at the Rensselaer County Jail in a Never-Again-Is-Now-Rally. Never Again Action is a national campaign led by Jewish people, calling for major reforms in our immigration policies, especially the crisis at the border and the separation of immigrant families. In the photo are Sister Fran Dempsey and friends. Doreen and Fran were also joined by friends from St. Vincent’s Parish and Women against War.
COMMUNITY WEEKEND 2019  
Friday, October 18 - Sunday, October 20

Theme  
The Real Sister Act: Confronting the History of Racial Segregation and Exclusion in U.S. Female Religious Life

Presenter  
Dr. Shannen Dee Williams

Dr. Shannen Dee Williams is the Albert LePage Assistant Professor of History at Villanova University where she teaches courses in African-American, women’s, religious, and civil rights history. She is at work on her first book, *Subversive Habits: the Untold Story of Black Catholic Nuns in the United States*, which is under contract with Duke University Press. Her research has been supported by a host of awards, grants and fellowships, including a 2016-17 Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York City, a 2011-2012 Charlotte W. Newcomb Doctoral Fellowship in Religion and Ethics, the 2010 John Tracy Ellis Dissertation Award from the American Catholic Historical Association and many others.

Dr. Williams is a cradle Catholic and native of Memphs, Tennessee, where she was the salutatorian of Craigmont High School in 2000. She earned a B.A. in history with magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa honors from Agnes Scott College in 2004. She also holds an M.A. in Afro-American studies from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a Ph.D. in history and a graduate certificate in women’s and gender studies from Rutgers University.

Schedule

**Friday, October 18**
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Center for the Tour of Our New PACE Facility. Refreshments will be available until the end of the tours. the end of the tour.

**Saturday, October 19**
9:00 a.m. Gathering: Coffee and Pastries
9:30 a.m. Prayer/Reflections/Welcome
10:00 a.m. Presentation: *The Real Sister Act— Confronting the History of Racial Segregation and Exclusion in U.S. Female Religious Life*
11:00 a.m. Break
11:15 a.m. Table Conversation
11:40 a.m. Large-Group Feedback
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Presentation: *Reckoning with an Uneasy Past*
2:15 p.m. Break
2:30 p.m. Large-Group Questions and Answers
3:30 p.m. Conclusion of Program and Expressions of Thanks
4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Liturgy with Fr. Dominic Ingemie

**Sunday, October 19**
9:00 a.m.-noon Chapter Report from the Province Leadership Team and Ritual Distribution of the Congregational Chapter 2019 Document

Remember that there will be a collection of personal items for Tioga County Rural Ministry and for the Mission Cupboards at St. Mary’s Healthcare, Amsterdam!
**Ode to Entrance Day**

Entrance Day, why do I love you so?

I changed your life from chaos to calm.

I gave you beautiful people — you have lifelong love for them.

I gave you an education, college degrees, and a teaching profession that you always loved.

I offered a relationship with our Living God, and you accepted that invitation, day by day, year by year.

I highlighted your spirit of laughter and risk taking.

You could have retired from the State Office Building and the Taxation and Finance Department and missed all the children and families you gave everything to.

I made your mother proud that you loved the life, and that gave her much joy. You never left her — and you never would.

You experiences were richer and deeper, and you learned to talk with God.

All through the years I saturated you with loving, wholesome people who never turned their backs on you — in good times or bad.

ENTRANCE DAY, 55 years ago makes me tremble at what courage you gave me at such a young age. Now in my almost old age I’m not afraid of anything. I was lost and then I was found.

*by Janet A. Shook ‘64, written 9/15/2019*

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**Beads**

Hail Mary, full of grace! Let us pray!

Beads...

- Composites of wood, pebbles, glass, crushed flowers, shells, assorted precious and semi-precious stones, plastic
- Numbers varied based on use and religious traditions
- Strung on thread, silk, knotted cord, chain-linked
- Enclosed with sacred relics, drops of holy water
- Capped with cross, crucifix, medals
- Worn, carried, hung from a habit, snapped into a pouch
- Fingered in automatic rhythm unconsciously calculating groups of mantras

Beads—through the centuries, a universal tool to individual and community prayer.

*Hail Mary, full of grace! Let us pray!*

*by Marie Ann Eckler, CSJA*
SISTERS SING A CONCERT OF GRATITUDE

St. Joseph’s Provincial House Chapel
Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m.

The choral music embraces selections from the 18th to the 21st Centuries;
from classical to music from Broadway shows;
from songs of inspiration to toe-tapping arrangements;
from whole chorus, to quartet, to soloists.

This free concert will be live-streamed in the Provincial House
and to our CSJ local communities. Please join us as we express
our great gratitude to our many supporters!

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**There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**
-Gal 3:28

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**Schedule**
See page 17 for the schedule for the day.