A final reflection from Mary McKay, CSJ

On the First Sunday of Advent, there was a beautiful banner hanging in the sanctuary of our parish church: the long stretch of purple fabric displayed a large lit candle, and at the top was a single word in script—Hope. My attention returned to that word several times during the Liturgy and has been in my mind and heart since that morning.

Sometime during my initial formation, we studied the virtues. The simple description of theological hope that remains with me is “faith projected into the future”—faith in something which we do not yet see but which we anticipate with confident expectation. This is different from the everyday kind of hope that is accompanied by some uncertainty, “I hope that we aren’t delayed by bad weather on this trip,” which implies, “I’m not certain we will have good weather for travel, even though that is my desire.” Rather, the hope born of faith looks forward in confident expectation.

The theologian Jürgen Moltmann said that God’s promises meet our hope and together create a “scarlet thread” that runs through Scripture. The hope that has no uncertainty is responding to God’s promises—for example, that God embraces us with maternal love and will never abandon us (Isaiah 49:15); that Jesus will lead us to dwell in the heart of God (John 14); that for those who love God all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28).

As we move into the communal discernment about what form of governance will best support our life and ministry into the future, let us pray for Hope—the confident expectation that whatever decision we make, God will continue to love and uphold us and will lead us toward good.
New CLT to be affirmed January 11

The newly elected Congregational Leadership Team will begin their ministry next month. They will celebrate an affirmation ceremony on Saturday, January 11 at 2:00 pm central time in the chapel at St. Louis motherhouse. The ceremony will be live-streamed at http://www.ustream.tv/channel/csjsl-general.

Let us all join together in praying for both the outgoing and incoming team members, who have so graciously answered the call to serve the congregation!

Learn more about the congregational archive

The Carondelet Consolidated Archive recently compiled a “how-to” flyer for province offices and committee members. The flyer explains how to use the archive and what kinds of materials to transfer there. The flyer specifically highlights:

- Types of materials to transfer
- The importance of preserving archival materials

You can also read the archive’s mission statement and learn more about conducting research onsite in St. Louis. Questions about the flyer or the Carondelet Consolidated Archive can be addressed to Catherine Lucy, the archive director, at archivist@csjcarondelet.org.

Familia de San José meeting in Chile

After several weeks of ongoing civil unrest and violence in Chile, members of the Familia de San José of Curepto and Talca met to share and reaffirm their commitment to friendship and peace.

Upcoming events & meetings

December 14: St. Paul Assembly
December 23: Next We Are Carondelet published
Rest In Peace
Anne Theresa Brown, CSJ
April 2, 1927 - November 26, 2019
Elizabeth Jean Allard, CSJ
November 15, 1925 - November 27, 2019

Happy Birthday!

December 10
Sister Brigida Cassady
Associate Theresa Lai
Sister Marion Renkens
Associate Helen Rush

December 11
Associate Toni Belmont
Associate Genevieve Eiler
Sister Rosheen Glennon
Sister Donna Gunn

December 12
Consociate Theresa Mahowald

December 13
Associate Anne Grande
Associate Alicia Stewart
Sister Lucia Yamada

December 14
Consociate Cytherea Burton
Associate Barbara Johnson
Sister Bernadette Newton
Sister Gabrielle Smits
Consociate Jeanne Ellen Steinhagen
Sister Teresa John Zilch

December 15
Associate Michelle Atkinson
Associate Suellyn Fahey
Sister Ursula Foley
Associate Carol A. Hall
Associate Cathy Hudspeth

December 16
Sister Lois Anne Linenberger

December 17
Associate Toni Christman
Associate Patrick McDowell
Associate Carolyn Mucelli
Associate Margie Booth
Consociate Cindy Kennedy
Associate Hannah Pingleton
Sister Ellen Roach

December 18
Sister Donna Anne Bachman
Sister Carlotta Dilenzo

December 19
Sister Rosanne Belpedio
‘Ohana Beverly Bruckman
Sister Nancy Corcoran
Associate Polly Corcoran
Associate Carol Ann Furgol
Associate Irene J. Hall
Sister Christine Ludwig

December 20
Associate Peggy Belcher-Dixon
Associate Beth Clabots
Sister Anna Mae Collins
Consociate Joan Pauly Schneider

December 21
Associate Bob Annand
Sister Elaine Coutu
Sister Kathleen Ann DuRoss
Sister Katie Eiffe
Sister Mary Ann Hanley
Sister Maria Mercurio
Associate Renee Miller
Sister Zaida Perez
Associate Tina Saputo

December 22
Sister Rose Mary Brueggen
Sister Beverly Ann Flynn
Associate Evelyn Kudla
Sister Marie Virginia Morett