New Congregational Leadership Team takes office

On Saturday, sisters, ACOF, partners, and friends gathered in the chapel at the St. Louis Motherhouse for a lovely ceremony celebrating our congregational leadership.

We began by thanking the outgoing CLT for their service and leadership and asked God to bless them with quiet time and peace after a job well done.

The incoming team, who planned the ceremony, shared the song "Dame, Señor, tu mirada," which they said captured their prayer for the congregation: Lord, grace me with your perspective imprinted on my heart. Give me your tender loving, your unflaltering stride, your caring, life-giving touch.

Then the gathered crowd blessed the incoming team, asking God to provide them with the graces and gifts they would need in their work.
A note from the outgoing CLT: Mary, Mary Ann, Barbara, Danielle, and Miriam

Thank you for your notes, emails, and messages to us over these past several weeks. Your kindnesses, support, affirmations, and promises of prayer touched us deeply. As we take time to reflect on our ministry of leadership and transition to “the new,” you will certainly hold a special place in our hearts. Many thanks! Muchas gracias! Arrigato! Mahalo nui loi!

Congregational JPIC team encourages Environmental Guidelines use in province centers

The call of the 2019 Congregational Chapter to respond to the crisis of Earth and global warming requires both small and large responses. The Congregational Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Team is making its own initial response. It has developed 10 environmental guidelines that can be shared and used in the congregation’s provincial centers. Each JPIC team member is working with the director of their home province center to explore ways to follow the guidelines, as well as ways to share and suitably display them. It is hoped that by posting them in guest rooms, on bulletin boards, and on social media, the guidelines will be seen and adopted by sisters and associates of the congregation as well as those using the province centers.

Environmental Guidelines
As Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Associates, Consociates, ‘Ohana and Familia de San José, we strive to be “beacons of hope” and commit ourselves to responding to the crisis of Earth and global warming, with the direction and inspiration of Laudato Si’ (2019 Congregational Chapter Statement of Future Direction).

To further this commitment, we will strive to:

1. Discern environmental impacts for our choices: “How does this action/decision affect the earth community?” (Acts of Chapter 2013)

2. Be intentional in our use and purchase of consumer goods.

3. Reduce waste by eliminating single-use products.

4. Purchase fair-trade and environmentally friendly products and services.

5. Choose environmentally friendly means of transportation.

6. Transition to vehicles that use sustainable technology.

7. Evaluate our environmental footprint in our homes and province centers to increase energy efficiency.

8. Increase the use of renewable energy in heating, cooling, lighting, and water.


10. Use environmental criteria in our corporate investment practices.

Update from the Congregational Novitiate

We share with you the news that Tracy Watson has decided to leave the novitiate. She will be returning to the Albany area to live and intends to continue her relationships with the sisters and associates as she is able. We are grateful for Tracy’s presence among us during her time of
discernment for religious life in our congregation. Please keep her in your prayer during this time of transition.

 Calls for Justice
The congregation released a public statement calling for peace and nonviolence in our world.

The congregation endorsed a Global Day of Protest opposing war and violence on Saturday, January 25 organized by the United National AntiWar Coalition.

Upcoming events & meetings
January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Congregational Offices Closed
January 28: Next issue of We Are Carondelet

Happy Birthday!
January 14
Sister Elizabeth McKenzie
Sister Sandra Williams

January 15
Associate Nancy Blattner
Sister Paula Matthew Browne
Associate Barbara Hafner
Sister Miriam Maki
Sister Leone Drexler

January 16
Sister Eleanor Ortega

January 17
Sister Patricia Callahan
Sister Dorothy Daly
Sister Marilyn Feehan
Associate Tina Golden
Consociate Rosemary Hayes
Associate Roland Martin

January 18
Associate Cynthia Bowling
Sister Kristin Cholewa
Sister Marian Tung
Consociate Kate Weyrens

January 19
Sister Therese Chaperone
Consociate Deborah Chernick
Consociate Virginia Claessens McDonald
Sister Robert Rita Graham
Sister Amy Hereford
Sister Mary Agnes Nance
Familia Jorge Valdés

January 20
Sister Annette Debs
Associate Debra Miller
Sister Vincentia Myung
Associate David Novak
Consociate Irene Poepping Eiden

January 21
Sister Louise Bernstein

Rest in Peace
Carmel Therese Gutierrez, CSJ
May 3, 1929 - December 22, 2019

Margaret Ellen McGraw, CSJ
June 15, 1929 - December 22, 2019

Marguerite Corcorcan, CSJ
January 24, 1929 - December 26, 2019

Janet Mary Feager, CSJ
February 13, 1936 - December 30, 2019

Agnes Iten, CSJ
March 4, 1926 - January 6, 2020
January 22
Sister Catherine Sean Croghan
Sister Francine Dempsey
Sister Mary Ann Fisher
Sister Josefa Therese Lee
Associate Nicole Nicoll
Associate Katherine Smith

January 23
Sister Winifred Adelsberger
Associate Sara Eliasen
Associate Lynn Fearis
Sister Sister Alma Colette Jones
Margaret Ann Kedell
Sister Rita Moriarty

January 24
Consociate Patricia Gries
Sister Katie Hoegeman
Associate Marie Iobst
Familia Marta Oliva
Sister Donna Shanahan
Associate Ellen Carlin Wyatt

January 25
Sister Karen Theresa Gaube
Associate Lori Lessmiller
Sister Maureen Petrone
Associate Catherine Schodrowski

January 26
Associate Barbara Beads
Consociate Lois Berns
Sister Madalene Pallotta
Associate Lucy Sigmun
Associate Joan Waeckerle

January 27
Associate Kathleen Barry
Associate Kristen Franke
Sister Mary Alfred Holdredge
Sister Joan Mary O'Dwyer

Download the full necrology and birthday lists on the Celebrations page of the congregational website. Please report any mistakes to csjcommunications@csjcarondelet.org.

Left to right: 2014-2020 CLT members Miriam Ukeritis, Mary Ann Leininger, Barbara Dreher, Mary McKay, Danielle Bonetti and 2020-2026 CLT members Sally Harper, Therese Sherlock, Sean Peters, Patty Johnson, and Mary McGlone.