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A governance decision from Albany



The Albany Province held their assembly virtually this past weekend. Their leadership team shares the following update with the congregation.

The Albany Province is very happy to share with you that at our province assembly this past Saturday, after a formal communal discernment, we voted to “relate directly to congregational leadership for governance and no longer operate as a province.” We were able to have our assembly by Zoom. It

was truly a time of joy and peace for our province.

*Blessing to all of you during these days of gratitude,
The Albany Province Leadership Team
Rose, Margie, Joan Mary, Kay and Diane*

Albany and Peru have now completed their governance discernment processes. St. Paul plans to have a final decision in June 2021, St. Louis in the fall of 2021, and Los Angeles in January 2022.

You are invited to the third session of Theological Insights

This series from the congregation features young scholars speaking on theological themes. For this third session, Ceara Curry Kilpatrick, St Joseph Worker 2018-19, will present. She is currently a second-year M.Div. student at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, with particular interests in interreligious dialogue and young adult ministry. The title of Ceara’s talk is “How to Find a Spiritual Horizon:

Understanding and Ministering to Young Adults in Our Stormy World.”



Thursday, December 10

8pm EST / 7pm CST / 6pm MST / 5pm PST

3pm Hawai'i

10pm Chile / 8pm Peru

December 11 at 10am Japan

[Be sure to register in order to get the Zoom link.](#)

Carondelet Consolidated Archive temporarily closed



Archive Director Catherine Lucy has let us know that the Carondelet Consolidated Archive is currently closed to the public

due to COVID-19 precautions. Additionally, operations may be delayed or suspended

due to limited staffing in the office. Please allow additional time for her to respond to messages. We appreciate your understanding and patience.

Calls for Justice

The Justice Department has just announced three more federal executions scheduled before Inauguration Day. The CLT invites the congregation to join in prayer with [Catholic Mobilizing Network](#) for all those who are condemned to death. Whether or not you can attend the virtual vigils listed below, please hold the prisoners, their victims, and their families in prayer.

Virtual Vigil for Richard Moore (South Carolina)

Friday, Dec. 4 | 2-3 p.m. EST

Virtual Vigil for Brandon Bernard (Federal)

Thursday, Dec. 10 | 2-3 p.m. EST

Virtual Vigil for Alfred Bourgeois (Federal)

Friday, Dec. 11 | 2-3 p.m. EST

Virtual Vigil for Lisa Montgomery (Federal)

Tuesday, Jan. 12 | 2-3 p.m. EST

Virtual Vigil for Corey Johnson (Federal)

Thursday, Jan. 14 | 2-3 p.m. EST

Virtual Vigil for Dustin Higgs (Federal)

Friday, Jan. 15 | 2-3 p.m. EST

[sign up to attend the virtual vigils](#)



An Interview with Mother St. John Fontbonne

by Sean Peters, CSJ

On November 22, we had the opportunity to celebrate Mother St. John Fontbonne's feast day. That reminded me that during a 30-day retreat the Ignatian director invites the retreatant to have a conversation or interview with someone who has meant a lot in the retreatant's life. On my retreat, I chose to interview Mother St. John Fontbonne. She certainly had the courage to face uncertain times, much more chaotic than even our current situation. She had some good advice for me that you might appreciate as well.

Sean: Mother St. John, thank you for talking with us. You had such zeal for the mission. Tell us about that.

Mother St. John: Pay attention to your heart. When you let God fill your heart with love, you have energy. Without it, you may get things done, but you will be anxious and tired. Zeal is nothing more than love made manifest.

S: You showed such courage – even when you were old.

M: Courage comes when you trust that God leads you. Let your heart be stirred and your inner vision enlightened by the Spirit. Don't forget joy. Even when you work hard, let others see your joy. It will attract their gifts as well.

And humility. If you are not afraid to fail miserably, it is a lot easier to try things that

might not work out as you planned.

S: What else do you want to tell us?

M: Life is a wonderful enterprise. Live it with gusto. Don't be timid about it. Be big-hearted, big-souled. Take giant steps whenever you can. And have fun. Don't get too solemn and serious. God made us to be happy as well as holy. Live with enthusiasm, filled with the Spirit of God.

S: And you were generous too. Talk about that.

M: Oh, just give it all away. Don't save anything. Be the prodigal mother, showering love and gifts and delight everywhere you go. Give it all away!

S: You are a joy to talk to. Thank you.

M: Come any time. I am here for all my precious daughters.





- **Albany:** [Sister Betsy Van Deusen thanks foodbank volunteers](#)
- **Los Angeles:** [Happy 107th birthday, Sister Constance!](#)
- **St. Paul:** [Sacred Sites Tour – A Joint Update of the St. Joseph Workers and the Justice Office](#)
- **St. Louis:** [The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe](#) by Mary McGlone, CSJ
- **Federation:** [“By the Grace of God We Will Rise”](#) by Diane Couture, CSJ

Recent Publications:

- See all recent newsletters on the [Publications page](#) in the Members Only Section of the congregational website.



Rest in Peace

[Joyce M. Landreman, CSJ](#)

October 21, 1928 - November 17, 2020

[Annette Bower, CSJ](#)

May 18, 1933 - November 19, 2020

Happy Birthday!

November 24

Sister Rita McGovern
Associate Mary Sullivan

November 25

Sister Kathleen Holmberg
Associate Judy Russell
Associate Janne Shirley
Associate Carol Vizzier
Sister Charla Whimple

November 26

Associate Paula Holmquist
Associate Siabhan May-Washington
Sister Paula Patrice Michaud
Sister Elizabeth Michele Newell

November 27

Associate Michelle Becker
Sister Patty Clune
Sister Kathleen Connor
Associate Connie Dorko

November 28

Associate Marilyn Clinton
Sister Mary Carmen Paas
Associate Jean Simmons

November 29

Sister Joy Giovannoni
'Ohana Mary Hamilton
Sister Kathleen Mary McCarthy
Associate Rafael Ramirez
Sister Maura Rhode

November 30

Consociate Carla Nitti
Consociate Nancy Parlin

December 1

Familia María Elena Baeza
Sister Susan Hames
Consociate Beryl Theresa McHale
Consociate Margaret McRaith
Familia Anita Morales
Associate Jennifer Petree
Familia Margarita Tobar

December 2

Associate Vandetta Farrington
Sister Cristine Robertson
Sister Teresa Scottino

December 3

Consociate Anita S. Duckor
Associate Steve Helmich
Associate Vikki Kocar
Associate Onie Mision-Reed
Sister Chris Partisano
Consociate Linda Marie Villegas
Consociate Martha West
Sister Diane Zigo

December 4

Associate Nancy Broach
Sister Patty Chang
Sister Kathleen Elliott
Sister Mary Catherine Ryan
Associate Sharon Stockwell

December 5

Sister Joan Casey
Associate Kim Crosson
Sister Frances Dillman

December 6

Sister Rosalie Callen
Sister Sharon Howell
Associate Karen King
Sister Sharon Margaret Ninteman

December 7

Associate Mary Jane Astur
Associate Kathleen Delgado
Sister Teresa Maria Eagan
Sister Arline Eveld
Consociate Christine Furlong
Associate Sherrill Joseph
Sister Mary Ann Nestel
Sister Carolyn Puccio
Associate Jim Sustman
Associate Vicki Therriault
Familia Margarita Villena
Sister Michaela Zahner

Download the full necrology and birthday lists on the Celebrations page of the congregational website.

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Happy Thanksgiving!