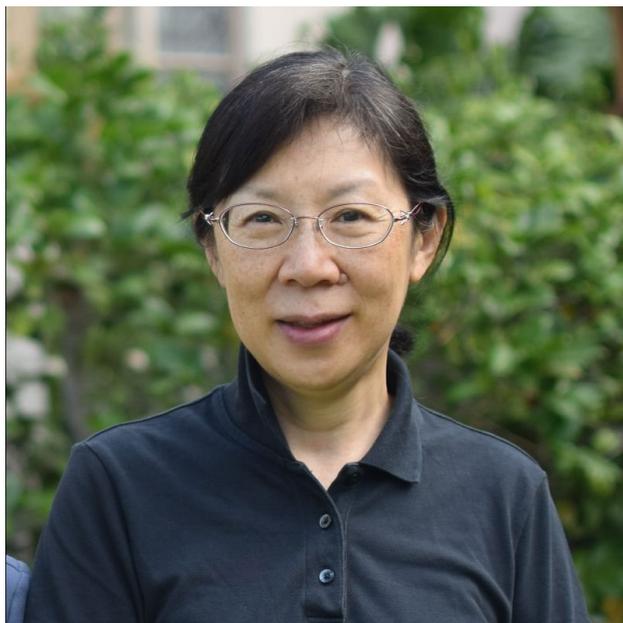




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Welcome, Noriko!



On November 29, Candidate Noriko Kuroki arrived in Los Angeles from her native Japan to continue her formation. She will share community with the sisters at El Pequeno Diseno Community and participate in Zoom classes with our other candidates: Lupe and Iffat as well

as Sumaira Sadaf, a sister in the process of transfer in Albany.

We asked Noriko a few questions so we could get to know her better. Please keep Noriko in prayer as she continues her journey!

Hometown: I was born in Tokyo in a Buddhist family with two younger sisters. We went to a Catholic elementary school in Tokyo, and only I was baptized among us.

Tell us about your educational background. I graduated from Gakusyuin University in Tokyo and majored in philosophy, especially Japanese Buddhism. I worked at the university and language academy as a Japanese language instructor. Most of my students were from Korea, China, Vietnam, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. I loved them very much and still keep in touch with some of them.

What attracted you to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet? I was attracted to the life of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet first. They seemed to be very active and sensitive to the needs of the present day. And then I started to learn the

charism and the history of the congregation. The more I learn, the more they attract me.

What is your favorite movie? My favorite movie is Life is Beautiful. And I watched the new movie Just Mercy on the airplane. It touched me a lot!

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself. I have lived in Sudan and Bali in Indonesia. One is a Muslim country and the other is a Hindu island. And I have met students from many countries. Each one had a different culture. I am very familiar with Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and other religious or non-religious people. I like to go to new places to meet people and learn about different cultures.

What are you reflecting on this Advent? I arrived here on the first Sunday of Advent. I am reflecting on the LIGHT which is always guiding me.

Life would not be as fun without what? Adventure. It doesn't need to be the type like Indiana Jones. To meet new people, to learn new things, to eat new foods, to read new books, everything is an adventure for me.

A common prayer for the Third Sunday in Advent

The CLT hopes you have time to engage in this communal prayer for Advent. Mary Luz Salazar Leon, CSJ in Peru created it for an upcoming Kakehashi meeting, and she invites us to share a custom among the people of Cusco as part of this prayer. The congregational staff assisted in preparing a video and corresponding prayer handout, available in three languages.

Download the handout [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Japanese](#)

Watch the video [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Japanese](#)

We encourage you to pray in a small group and share with each other on the question, "What Advent joy are you experiencing?"

Sister Jeanne Marie Gocha named Federation's Assistant Novice Director



Jeanne Marie Gocha, CSJ has been named the Assistant Novice Director for the U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph. [Michelle Leshner, SSJ](#) of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia will serve as the Novice Director.

"It is an honor to serve as the assistant director having been a participant in the program from 2001-2002 in Framingham, Massachusetts," said Sister Jeanne Marie. "I have always valued the solid foundation that being part of the program provided for

me and the multitude of relationships throughout the Federation that have developed because of it. I look forward to working with Michelle to continue the quality programming that will assist your women discerning their place within religious life as a Sister of St. Joseph."

For the last two and a half years, Sister Jeanne Marie served as the Congregational Novice Director. We send her blessings as she takes on this new ministry!

Last chance to register for 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.](#)

Albany Peace Retreat

The Albany Province invites you to join them on their Annual Peace Retreat on Saturday, January 16 from 1-4pm Eastern. This year, of course, it will be held virtually. This program is free but you need to register by January 8 in order to receive the link to join the retreat.

[read more](#)



Advent Disquiet

by Mary McGlone, CSJ

How many times have we been through it, talking about waiting and hope? John the Baptist in the desert, Isaiah and Handel filling in the valleys of sadness, lowering the mountains of arrogance. In the middle weeks of Advent, we get two Sundays of John and two feasts of Mary with the same Gospel. Something here calls for our

attention.

Mary's expectation for a coming Messiah was probably as much on her mind as is our hope for the Parousia – that is to say, hardly daily thought. Yet somehow, she heard the angel's announcement of God's petition-cum-offer. What kind of attitude and contemplation prepared her to receive the message?

Surely, Mary felt the anxieties and disillusionments of her time – leaders who reaped advantage from compliance to Roman rule, rebels' dangerous discontent, the plight of the powerless robbed of their lands, widows and orphans unattended by people of means.... Added to all that, the impotence of a single woman in her society.



What was she to do? Perhaps her only option came down to a choice between conforming and suffering a holy disquiet.

Holy disquiet is a suffering. It prevents one from accepting the trite, dead-end verdict, "What is, is." Holy disquiet leads one to see societal problems and face her own complicity in them. Holy disquiet works like a tiny seed of freedom, gradually liberating one from being trapped by predictable and familiar comforts. Thus, holy disquiet reflects the suffering of labor, moving from wrenching pain to an explosion of new life.

The freedom engendered by holy disquiet gave Mary of Nazareth the courage to say, "Let it be done through me, according to God's plan." Fifteen centuries later, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she invited the people of the Americas to believe that the Gospel, once trapped in European culture, could find new expressions, be preached in every human language and that the Word longed to take flesh everywhere in the world, in every age.

Now, in the middle of December, as Mary and John the Baptist fill our liturgical imaginations, let us make space in our hearts and minds for the holy disquiet that says God has bigger plans for us and our world. We can't wait. It is going to hurt and be frightening. But it will lead us beyond our hopes into the future that can only be born of God.



- **Albany:** [A rainbow over the Provincial House](#)
- **St. Paul:** [Panel of local Indigenous people discuss Native American Food Sovereignty](#)
- **St. Louis:** [Denver associates make ongoing commitments](#)
- **Federation:** [Remembering the 40th Anniversary of the American Churchwomen Martyred in El Salvador](#)

Recent Publications:

- [Carondelet East, December 2020](#) (Albany)

- [Province News Notes, November-December 2020](#) (St. Louis)
- [Together, December 2020](#) (St. Paul)
- [e-designs, December 2020](#) (Los Angeles)
- See all recent newsletters on the [Publications page](#) in the Members Only Section of the congregational website.



Rest in Peace

[Associate Judy Hereford](#)

March 14, 1930 - November 7, 2020

[Sara Ann Cannon, CSJ](#)

September 17, 1934 - November 25, 2020

[Associate Steve Helmich](#)

December 31, 1951 - November 26, 2020

[Mary Alfred Holdredge, CSJ](#)

January 27, 1922 - November 30, 2020

[Susan Marie O'Connor, CSJ](#)

April 10, 1934 - December 1, 2020

[Arline Eveld, CSJ](#)

December 7, 1930 - December 3, 2020

Maria Joseph Cokely, CSJ

December 5, 2020

Lamese Farhart, CSJ

December 7, 2020

Anne Lawrence Clark, CSJ

December 7, 2020

Happy Birthday!

December 8

Associate Patricia Hicks
Associate Catherine Sullivan
Hermana María Vásquez

December 9

Sister Sharon Gondek
Associate Julaine Preston
'Ohana Luz Ramil
Associate Shawn Tucker

December 10

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

December 11

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
Candidate Guadalupe Moore
Sister Bernadette Newton
Sister Gabrielle Smits
Consociate Jeanne Ellen Steinhagen

December 15

Associate Michelle Atkinson
Associate Suellyn Fahey
Sister Ursula Foley
Associate Carol A. Hall
Associate Cathy Hudspeth
Sister Lois Anne Linenberger

December 16

Associate Toni Christman
 Associate Patrick McDowell
 Associate Carolyn Mucelli

December 17

Associate Margie Booth
 Consociate Cindy Kennedy
 Associate Hannah Pingleton
 Sister Ellen Roach

December 18

Sister Donna Anne Bachman
 Sister Carlotta Dilorenzo

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
 Hermana Zaida Pérez
 Associate Tina Saputo

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

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*We are in need of your immaculate gaze,
 To rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things
 With respect and awareness,
 Without egotistical or hypocritical interests.
 We are in need of your immaculate heart,
 To love freely,
 Without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other,
 With simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and tricks.
 We are in need of your immaculate hands,
 To caress with tenderness,
 To touch the flesh of Jesus
 In our poor, sick, or despised brethren,
 To raise up those who have fallen and support those who
 waver.
 We are in need of your immaculate feet,
 To go toward those who know not how to make the first
 step,
 To walk on the paths of those who are lost,
 To find those who feel alone.*

- From Pope Francis, [Act of Veneration to the Immaculate Conception at the Spanish Steps](#), December 8, 2016