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Exploring Intersections series to debut in March



LCWR Region X, which includes the St. Louis Province and the Congregational Offices, has created a monthly yearlong conversation series "Exploring Intersections: Catholic Sisters On Racism, Migration and Climate. Each month the series will focus on a different social issue in a thought-provoking and engaging conversation. Three panelists, including Catholic Sisters, will bring unique perspectives to each session.

The first session will focus on gender equity with panelists including our Joan Mitchell, CSJ from St. Paul.

Each episode will be held as a free, public Zoom webinar and streamed on YouTube at 3 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month, beginning March 10. For those who want to watch or listen on their own schedule, the recordings of the episodes will be available on YouTube and as a podcast. Register at www.exploringintersections.org.

Communicators Jenny Beatrice and Kim Westerman and the CLT's Sally Harper, CSJ have all been part of the group planning the series, involving the collaboration of 24 congregations in Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Introducing Carondelet Calendar

On Friday, you should have received a new email from the Congregational Offices: Carondelet Calendar. These weekly emails will help you keep track of upcoming events that are sponsored by the congregation or vice/provinces. This will allow us to keep this newsletter focused on news rather than

event announcements while providing even more space for sharing events in the dedicated event email.



You can also find a listing of upcoming events for the year on the [Congregational Calendar page](#) in the Members Only section of the congregational website.

Calls for Justice

Last week, the CLT issued a call to action for support of **H.R.1 the For the People Act**. This bill addresses election reform, making it easier, not harder to vote; ending the dominance of big money in our politics, and ensuring public officials work for the public interest.

This action is also the debut of our new software that enables recipients to quickly send letters to elected officials, compose letters to the editor and more. It also helps us track the number of actions taken and thus measure the impact of our advocacy.

[download two-page H.R. 1 position paper take action](#)

The U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph signed on to [God Is On Your Side:](#)

[A Statement from Catholic Bishops on Protecting LGBT Youth](#). A growing number of Catholic religious orders and institutions are adding their support, including LCWR.



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"Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." [Patris Corde](#)

When have I been a “discreet support in times of trouble”?

Joseph, we ask your blessing on receptionists in medical offices and hospitals who quietly offer support to people when they come in fear for their health.



Looking forward to Women's History Month

by *Therese Sherlock, CSJ*

One way to celebrate March as Women's History Month is to read our CSSJ history in Mary McGlone's new book, *Called Forth* by the Dear Neighbor (available by contacting her at marymcgcsj@yahoo.com). We often

think our provinces and congregations are very different from one another. Mary's book shows how alike and connected we are. I think the women theologians of our time have also shown how alike and connected women are in our experience of God and the Church. I want to honor them.



My favorite is our own sister Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ from the Brentwood congregation. When I lose my focus amid discouraging news, competing agendas, and outbursts of anger, spending an hour to reread chapter one of [She Who Is](#) (1992) helps me trust my own understanding of God and find the peace to stay with the present.

Another of my heroines is Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza. She suggests biblical interpretation practices useful to women. One is to suspect. For instance, if the biblical text doesn't say specifically that women were not there, we can suspect they were there—in the band of disciples, at the Last Supper, in the Upper Room on Easter night. Try suspecting. It can make all the difference.

M. Shawn Copeland shows me how the bodies of enslaved people are the crucified body of Christ. Jeanette Rodriguez lets me hear Mexican-American women's experience of Our Lady of Guadalupe as the face of God. Elizabeth Johnson, in her most recent books, places us in the creative womb of the universe.

What women have changed your idea of God? Your hope for the church? Your love and awe of creation? Share their names with each other. Pass your copy of their book or article on to someone else so the message travels. Honor our women theologians this month.



- **Albany:** [A hole in the roof by Joan Sauro, CSJ](#)
- **Los Angeles:** [Remembering Sister Constance Fitzgerald](#)
- **St. Paul:** [Interfaith Action/Project Home Update](#)
- **St. Louis:** [Meet the new director of association: Mary Armbrust](#)
- **Federation:** [Mission Haiti 2021 Lenten Journey: Rebuilding Haiti through the Empowerment of Girls](#)

Recent Publications

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



Rest in Peace

[Associate Dorothy Self](#)

September 24, 1930 - January 23, 2021

[Rita Moriarty, CSJ](#)

January 23, 1944 - February 18, 2021

Happy Birthday!

February 22

Associate Karen Ann Dey
Sister Rita Scherrei

February 23

Associate Alan Haasch
Hermana Ruth Matos
Consociate Joan Spence Wittman

February 24

Associate Lorraine Allore
Associate Lytle D. Clough
Associate Dennis Golden
Sister Anne Tranelli
Sister Mary Ellen Ward

February 25

Associate Ann Demaria
Associate Sally Wheat

February 26

Sister Marta Ann Cota
Associate Jane Domingue
Sister Lisa Lazio
Associate Ron McCleary
Associate Patricia McGovern

February 27

Associate Regan Baker

February 28

Sister Mary Anne Heenan
Associate Terence Norton
Sister Gretchen Wagner

March 1

Associate Kelly Armstrong
Sister Cathy Bundon
Sister Anna Marie DeVos
Sister Mary Rebecca Eichhorn
Consociate Mary Syfax Noble
Associate Joanne Welcher

March 2

Sister Marlene Therese Castle
Associate Kathleen Girzone

Associate Carole Hillestad
Sister Jean Larm
Sister Rita McCormick
Sister Eileen Mitchell

March 3

Sister Chris Pologa
'Ohana Dorothy Purdy
Sister Mary Ellen Schopfer
Sister Maryellen Tierney
Associate Glenn Waeckerle
Sister Frances Watte

March 4

Associate Mary Lou Donohue
Associate Mary Ellen Flanigan
Sister Rosemary Hock
Sister Ellen James Spellman

March 5

Sister Sara Kirsch
Familia Josefina Peredo
Associate Elizabeth Quinn

March 6

Associate Linda Licata
Sister Patricia Ann Lorenz
Associate Rose Mattia
Sister Mary Veronica Murata
Associate Laura O'Hara
Sister Carol Rohloff
Associate Patricia Ryan

March 7

'Ohana Evelyn Char
Associate Liz Johnson
Associate Nancy Merz
Associate Marnee Torchia

March 8

Sister Pamela Flaherty
Associate Marcos J. Harders
Sister Mary Murphy
Associate Jean Reeve

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