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Congratulations to our 2021 jubilarians!

For the second year in a row, our celebration of sisters' jubilees will be a bit untraditional. In anticipation of the jubilee celebrations taking place on the upcoming Feast of St. Joseph, the congregational offices have compiled our annual list of all of the jubilarians throughout the congregation.

We especially congratulate our two sisters celebrating their 80th jubilees this year: Laurita Joseph Nemec, CSJ from St. Louis and Grace Saumur, CSJ from St. Paul!



Grace Saumur, CSJ

Laurita Joseph Nemec, CSJ

We also congratulate our 13 sisters celebrating their diamond 75th jubilees:

- Ann Albrecht (St. Louis)
- Ruth Baudhuin (St. Louis)
- Cecile Therese Beresford (Los Angeles)
- Ruth Marie Burkart (St. Louis)
- Margaret Patrice Devlin (Albany)
- Agatha Grossman (St. Paul)
- Jane Hurley (St. Paul)
- Ruth La Var (St. Louis)
- Ann William Leach (St. Paul)
- Christine Massman (St. Louis)
- Rita McDonald (St. Paul)
- Regina Clare Salazar (Los Angeles)
- Kathleen Stack (St. Louis)

[download the 2021 Jubilarian List](#)

Welcome, Sister Sumaira!

The Albany Province Leadership Team is pleased to announce that Sister Sumaira Sadaf has been formally accepted into the probationary period of the transfer process.

During this special time, Lin Neil, CSJ will continue to accompany Sumaira as she discerns God's calling to live religious life in our congregation. Thank you for your prayer for and support of Sumaira.

We hope to share more about her in an upcoming issue of this newsletter.

Dialogue between Peru and Albany

On January 29, the leadership teams from Peru and Albany met with the Congregational Leadership Team for a conversation about moving forward as we discern government structures. Each team wrote a letter to their sisters and ACOF, and they have asked to share those letters with the entire congregation as well. They wrote that "It was a hopeful and energetic meeting."

[read the letter from the Albany leadership team \(English\)](#)

[read the letter from the Peruvian leadership team \(Spanish\)](#)

Calls for Justice

We have two current calls to action related to our justice priorities. You can easily take action using the tools we've provided at the links below.

- **Care for Creation:** Leading up to Earth Day, the U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph is supporting Rise St. James in their campaign to stop construction of a plastics factory

in a vulnerable area of Louisiana.

We will share much more in the coming weeks. Right now, we invite you to write a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers asking them to revoke Formosa Plastics' building permit. [learn more about Rise St. James and the campaign](#)

[take action now](#)

- **Voting rights:** Last month, we asked our U.S. Representatives to support H.R.1, the For the People Act, which passed the House last week. Now we turn our attention to S.1, the Senate version of the bill. [take action now](#)



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
EL AÑO DE SAN JOSÉ
セントジョセフの年

A QUOTE:

The greatness of St. Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself... "at the service of the entire plan of salvation" (St. John Chrysostom). [Patris Corde](#)

A QUESTION:

The "yes" of Joseph mirrors the "yes" of Mary; the love of Joseph for Jesús mirrors the love of God the Father for his beloved

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son. Do our lives mirror this “yes” to love?

A BLESSING:

Joseph, we ask your blessing on all grandparents whose “yes” to bear children results in loving future generations with faithful caring and joy.



A report from last week's Congregational Leadership Group meeting

by Sean Peters, CSJ



The CLG met electronically from February 25 to March 1. Here are some highlights of the meeting.

- We enjoyed our **prayer**, which came from our chapter commitment to “journey farther” and called us to contemplate a guiding star. We also celebrated a lovely women-led liturgy together on Saturday.
- We discussed the importance of **interculturality** in religious life today and noted how newer members in

congregations come from diverse backgrounds.

- We reviewed **data about congregations** from the [Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate](#) and considered implications for our congregation.
- We accepted a report from the **Vocation Working Group** and affirmed the idea of finding a congregational vocation promoter who will assist units to foster the call of new vowed members, ACOF and agrégées.
- Each vice/province reported on its **governance discernment process**, noting its current timeline for decision making and its efforts at simplification.
- We heard the report of the **Congregational Novitiate Evaluation Committee** and agreed to their recommendations, [which were recently published](#).
- We agreed to continue to work together on our congregational statement of future direction to implement **Laudato Si'** by pursuing acceptance into the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#).
- We heard a report from **ACOF** and viewed a video presentation from the **agrégée companions**.
- We delighted in a session hearing **what is most dear to the sisters** in each unit.
- Though we were meeting on Zoom, we attempted to create some **social time** both at the end of some days and by leaving the Zoom “open” for attendees to converse informally during breaks.



- **Albany:** [U.S. foreign policy must be defined by nonviolence](#) letter to the editor by Doreen Glynn, CSJ
- **Los Angeles:** [Challenge to End Hunger](#)
- **St. Paul:** [Former St. Paul convent to be leased for family shelter](#)
- **St. Louis:** [Catholic Sisters Week gives pause for discussion of important topics affecting the community](#)
- **Federation:** ['It's Timeout!' — Rise St. James Fights Formosa Plastics](#)

Recent Publications

- [e-designs, March 2021](#) (Los Angeles)
- See all recent newsletters on the [Publications page](#) in the Members Only Section of the congregational website.



Rest in Peace

[Claudia Marie Amrod, CSJ](#)
February 23, 2021

[Kathleen Thomas Vail, CSJ](#)
August 13, 1929 - February 24, 2021

[Associate Marie \(Mary\) Robillard](#)
October 12, 1921 - February 28, 2021

[Estelle Marie Kroger, CSJ](#)
May 7, 1936 - March 4, 2021

Happy Birthday!

March 9

Sister Mary Angela Abood
'Ohana Lynda Asato
Sister Patrice Coolick
Associate Martha Doyle
Sister Mary Kay Liston
Consociate Mary Reinhardt
Associate Kathleen Saari
Associate Sharon Sassenrath

March 10

Sister Margaret Patrick McPeak

March 11

Sister Mary Bartholomew Biviano
Sister Ann Diehl
Associate Kathleen Kelley Harris
Consociate Donna Hauer

March 12

Sister Joy Elaine Gilder
Associate Terrie Higel
Sister Jean Ann Keating
Associate Tracy Koehler
Sister Katherine McPeak

March 13

Associate Mary Hill
Hermana Maritza Jarro
Associate Annie McRobert
Sister Peggy O'Leary
Sister Sandra Schmid
'Ohana Albert Yuen

March 14

Associate Roberta Gumbel
Associate Pat Holt
Associate Abby Jelavich
'Ohana Star Lum Kee
Sister Kathleen Niska
Sister Annabelle Raiche

March 15

Sister Anne Davis
Familia Elsa Ibarra
Sister Michele Marie Morris
Consociate Dot Wolking

March 16

Consociate Joseph Boyle
Sister Joan Elizabeth Cadden
Associate Suzanne Faletti
Sister Donna Gibbs
Sister Patricia Houlihan
Consociate Bonnie Steele

March 17

Sister Rita Louise Huebner

March 18

Associate Isiah Black
Sister Audrey Goebel
Sister Louise McDonald
Associate Bill Nelson
Sister Kathleen O'Malley

March 19

Consociate Mary Joe Dolan
Sister Laura Ann Grady
Sister Patricia Grasso
Associate Peggy Maguire
'Ohana Maile Nakamura

Consociate Suzanne Reedy
Sister Mary Sarto Revier
Associate Josi Sandoval

March 20

Sister Michael Therese Bauer
Associate Maria Beck
Sister Paul Bernadette Bounk
Associate Peg Connolly
Associate Nancy Drews
Associate John Stapleton

March 21

Sister Sarah McMahon

March 22

Sister Marjorie Craig
Sister Mary Fowler
Sister Betty Gits
Sister Helen Dolores Hart
Associate Frankie Rachell-Bruce

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on the Celebrations page of the congregational
website. Please report any mistakes to
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