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Ministry at the border



A number of our sisters have responded to the request for people to come to the U.S.-Mexico border to help receive our brothers and sisters who are arriving in search of a better life. During the months of April and May, the following sisters will be traveling south to El Paso or San Diego: Danielle Bonetti, Patrice Coolick, Maureen Freeman, Jo Ann

Geary, Doreen Glynn, Theresa Kvale, Sandra Straub and Pat VandenBergh. Other sisters are waiting to finalize their plans. Thank you, sisters, for your generosity, and may God be with you!

Theological Insights series resumes

We will hold the fourth session of our congregational series featuring young scholars speaking on theological themes on Thursday, May 13. Kiki Sykes Burgdorf will present on the topic: "I Can't Go On, I'll Go On": Trauma-Informed Theology as a Resource for Healing." Kiki served as a St. Joseph Worker in 2016-2017 in Minneapolis/St. Paul. She received a Master of Theological Studies from

Harvard Divinity School, with an emphasis on feminist theology and narrative theory. She now works as a Hospital Chaplain at United Hospital in St. Paul.

Thursday, May 13

8pm EDT / 7pm CDT /

6pm MDT / 5pm PDT

2pm Hawai'i / Fri May 14

9am in Japan

8pm in Chile / 7pm Peru

[Register](#)

Save the date for session five with St. Joseph Worker Community member and Graduate Theological Union graduate Lisa Cathelyn on Thursday, June 10. More information coming soon.

Calls for Justice

On March 24, the U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph released a statement echoing LCWR's condemnation of racism and misogyny in the wake of the mass shooting in Atlanta last month.

[read the statement](#)



The Federation also released a corporate voice statement standing with Rise St. James as part of our Earth Day campaign. Federation staff worked closely with our congregation in developing the statement and all the materials for Earth Day (see the From the Leadership Team section below).

[read the statement](#)



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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A QUOTE: Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. ([Patris Corde](#))

A QUESTION: In most churches that we attend or visit there is a statue of St. Joseph, quietly offering fatherly protection to all who gather. What is one way that we offer protection to people who are vulnerable?

A BLESSING: Joseph, we ask your blessing on the crossing guards at schools and the security personnel in hospitals and stores who offer protection.



A prayer for Earth Day

by Patty Johnson, CSJ

As we approach next week's Earth Day, I wanted to share with you an excerpt of a prayer prepared by some of the Federation's JPIC directors. The full prayer, including a beautiful video version, will be available in English, Spanish and Japanese next week.



Ground yourself in the Earth beneath you, in gratitude that you may stand on the ancestral lands of another. Plant yourself there until you spring roots, and hold yourself with strength like the defiant stumps of the trees that remain after the forest has been destroyed by heavy machinery and greed.

Where is your heart?

Seek the presence of God, and let the energy of The Universe and all its being course through your veins. Can you feel the vibrations of the many hearts around you, of all that lives and breathes in communion with you?

Gather your heart energy and offer it up in support of the oppressed, of those who are collectively traumatized on a daily basis by the sin of racism.

Ask God to guide you in your pursuit of justice, in prayer for those who are tangled in the web of interlocking oppressive systems, of Black, Indigenous and People of Color who must withstand the greatest pain and burden of climate change, and the loss of the homelands of their ancestors.

Reach out to the heart energy of those around you, and allow yourself to cry out to God in lament for those who must leave their homes, their cultures, their lives behind as they seek safety and security in lands where they are unwelcome and exploited.

I hope you have had a chance to participate in our celebration of Earth Day by reading the materials we've collaborated on with the Federation, including a reflection on Ecological Conversion, a Prayer Journal,

corporate statement, and an interview with Sharon Lavigne with Rise St. James. [You can find all of these materials on the Federation website.](#) Speaking of Sharon, you won't want to miss our Earth Day webinar next week, when she will speak about her work to stop another plastics plant being built near her home. [Register here.](#)



- **Albany:** [The chair and the window](#) by Joan Sauro, CSJ
- **Los Angeles:** [Dolores Anchondo, CSJ shares her vocation story](#)
- **St. Paul:** [Province statement on recent violence](#)
- **St. Louis:** [Members commissioned to St. Joseph Educational Ministries](#)
- **St. Louis:** [Hope in a needy world: St. Joseph the Worker](#) by Ida Berresheim, CSJ

Recent Publications

- [e-designs, April 2021](#) (Los Angeles)
- [Province News Notes, March-April 2021](#) (St. Louis)
- [CSJ St. Paul April News](#)

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



Rest in Peace

[Associate Patricia Race](#)

May 18, 1936 - March 19, 2021

[Ruth Cecilia Dowd, CSJ](#)

March 29, 1935 - March 24, 2021

[Marjorie Quin, CSJ](#)

September 10, 1925 - March 25, 2021

'Ohana Carole Mohan

April 10, 2021

Happy Birthday!

April 13

Sister Noreen Driscoll
Associate Estala Garcia
Associate Barbara Leveque
Sister Irene Evangelina Najera

April 14

Associate Mary Frances Armbrust
Associate Mari Ann Finlayson
Associate Darcy Johnson
Associate Margaret Ann Roser
Associate Alice Schmitt

April 15

Sister Genevieve Joseph Cizek
Consociate Carol Geisler
Sister Julie Guillot
Associate Paige Illum

Associate Laura Impastato

April 16

Sister Mary Lamski
Sister Betty Leiwe
Sister Susan Streff

April 17

Hermana Robertina Espinoza
Sister Anna Marie Gillet
Associate JoAnne Horoschak
Associate Margaret Larson
Associate Katherine M. Poupart
Sister Jean Paul Selissen

April 18

Sister Margaret Brown
Associate Elaine Holtzer
Associate Grace Pugliese
Consociate Karen Zeleznak

April 19

Sister Ann Faber Chang
Associate Kevin Kelly
Sister Mary Clare Korb
Sister Joan Lampton
Sister Dolores Stevens
Sister Ann L. Strizek
Associate Kathleen Tait

April 20

Sister Mary Rose Boito
Sister Char Madigan
Sister Judith Madigan
Sister Suzanne David Petronis
Sister Jean Wincek

April 21

Hermana María Inés Gutiérrez
Sister Elizabeth Kerwin
Sister Toni Nash

April 22

Sister Regina Bartman
Sister Rebecca Campbell
Consociate Mary Kay Fortier-
Spalding
'Ohana Valery O'Brien
Sister Kathleen Ryan
Sister Marie Bernadette Walsh

April 23

Sister Teresa Walsh

April 24

Associate Julia Berardi
Associate Eileen Davenport
Sister Marguerite Edward Donovan
Associate Martha Therese Howard
Sister Mary Nicholas Inoue
Associate Carol Liuzzi
Sister Linda Maser
Sister Joanne St. Hilaire

April 25

Sister Marcia Blair
Associate Philip Braasch
Sister Mary Sharon Jones
Sister Noelle O'Shea
Associate Kathleen Schwartin
Associate S. Aurora Sollano, CHS
Sister Chizuru Yamada
Associate Kathleen M. Young

April 26

Consociate Jill Garcia
Associate Mary Ellen Lawrence
Sister Katherine Rossini
Associate Genevieve Taylor

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