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Peru leadership update



On May 1, the Peruvian Vice Provincial Leadership Team will be affirmed anew. (Left to Right) Sisters Maritza Jarro, Gloria Zapata and Zaida Pérez have generously

accepted re-election to leadership in order to serve the vice province and to shepherd the “path for transition” to a new governance relationship with the congregation. Let us hold them and the sisters of the Vice Province of Peru in our prayers.

CLT announces next round of open houses

Join sisters and ACOF from across the congregation for another round of open houses. See the schedule below. More information is forthcoming, but you can save the date and register now.

| Date | EDT & Chile | CDT & Peru | MDT | PDT | Hawai'i | Japan | Links |
|-------------|-------------|------------|---------|----------|----------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fri, June 4 | 8:00 pm | 7:00 pm | 6:00 pm | 5:00 pm | 2:00 pm | Sat, June 5 9:00 am | RSVP here |
| Sat, June 5 | 2:00 pm | 1:00 pm | noon | 11:00 am | 8:00 am | Sun, June 6 3:00 am | RSVP here |
| Sat, June 5 | 8:00 pm | 7:00 pm | 6:00 pm | 5:00 pm | 2:00 pm | Sun, June 6 9:00 am | RSVP here |
| Sun, June 6 | 4:00 pm | 3:00 pm | 2:00 pm | 1:00 pm | 10:00 am | Mon, June 7 5:00 am | RSVP here |

Calls for Justice

As part of our recognition of Earth Day, the Federation released [a corporate statement in support of Rise St. James.](#)



The Federation also released [a corporate voice statement in response to the conviction of Derek Chauvin](#) for the death of George Floyd.

The congregation signed on to a statement of the Joint Christian Churches prepared by the Center for Minority Issues and Mission [advocating for refugees and asylum seekers in Japan.](#)

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](#)



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

As we approach the celebration of St. Joseph the Worker...

A QUOTE: St. Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of eating bread that is the fruit of one's own labor.

([Patris Corde](#))

A QUESTION: What work do we do with our hands? Do we rejoice in the gifts that come to us through the work of the hands of others?

A BLESSING: Joseph, we ask your blessing on all those who provide for themselves and their families through the work of their hands and for those who suffer because they are not able to do this for their loved ones.



Why Do We Care When the UN Special Rapporteur Issues a Statement?

by Patty Johnson, CSJ

Recently, Special Rapporteurs working for the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights issued two statements that grabbed our attention. Our sisters in Japan called our attention to one, and the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St Joseph alerted us to the other. Both

are related to our 2019 Chapter direction to “*Deepening our awareness of our complicity and work towards dismantling interlocking systems of oppression.*”

Our Japanese sisters invited us to sign a statement issued by the Center for Minority Issues and Mission and alerted us to a letter sent by the special rapporteurs to the government of Japan. This led us to sign their statement, [issue our own statement](#) and engage the U.S. Federation and LCWR to sign the statement. The Special Rapporteurs called on Japan to consider the conflicts between more restrictive migration laws and the commitments they had signed at the UN. After the statement was issued in Japan, Sister Teresa Mitani shared, “Thank you very much...I think it will be a great help.”

For Earth Day, we had partnered with the Rise St James to address the intersection of systemic racism and climate change in Louisiana. We were encouraged to learn that a [Special Rapporteur Report on Cancer Alley](#) had been issued. It highlighted the environmental racism



CONGREGATIONS OF ST. JOSEPH

UN NGO in General Consultative Status
with ECOSOC

that permitting Formosa Plastics to

build a new plastics plant in St. James Parish signaled.

Since the 1970s, the Sisters of St. Joseph have had a presence at the United Nations. In 1999, we were granted General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which has given us the opportunity to express our views and make statements during official UN conferences and meetings on topics that we deem significant. Our representative at the UN, Sister Barbara Bozak, has recently held an exchange regarding the Special Rapporteur for the Cancer Alley statement. Sister Barbara's position is strengthened when she can speak about how we are using these reports issued by the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights and how we are acting to address the injustice on which they have reported.

Over the last five years, our [CSJ-UN-NGO](#) has had a small but meaningful presence at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. There, member states engage in a process every 4 1/2 years called the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). This unique process involves a review of the human rights records of all UN Member States. Japan's next review is in November 2022. The United

States had its most recent UPR in 2020. Peru had its last review in 2017. We are trying to engage our sisters in providing grassroots testimony, which is so essential to an honest and fair evaluation. Also, after a country has a review, it develops a plan. We can amplify our efforts that support that plan and encourage others to assist our country with implementing its commitments. Our voice and our actions can make a difference at the UN.



- **Albany:** [Remembering Associate Pat Race](#)
- **Los Angeles:** [Prayer for Vocations](#)
- **St. Paul:** [Statement after the Chauvin verdict](#)
- **St. Louis:** [Facebook posts from sisters at the border](#)
- **Federation:** [Recording of Earth Day presentation](#)

Recent Publications

- [Noticiero, Marzo 2021](#) (Peru)
- See all recent newsletters on the [Publications page](#) in the Members Only Section of the congregational website.



Rest in Peace

[Patricia Ann Hauser, CSJ](#)

August 4, 1939 - April 19, 2021

[Josephine Eva Winkeler, CSJ](#)

June 17, 1930 - April 26, 2021

Happy Birthday!

April 27

Sister Veronica Brutosky
Sister Mary Kraft
Consociate Jean Kunz
Stansbury
Sister Jean Miller

April 28

Sister Margaret Belanger
Familia Francisco Trujillo

April 29

Sister Mary Francesca
Carter
Sister Thelma Pranter
Associate Dominick
Scalise
Sister Donna Sklar

April 30

Sister Mary Joyce Bringer
Associate Ellen McCoy
Sister Bonnie Ann Murray
Sister Grace Saumur
Sister Louise Michele
Sommer

May 1

Associate Rachelle
Cotugno
Associate Becky Kitchen
Associate Marie Mangione
Sister Mary O'Brien
Sister Mary Vincent
Consociate Marilyn
Woolley

May 2

Sister Mary Anne
Bookman
Associate June Forrest
Sister Francis Anne
Gilchrist
Sister Catherine Roberta
Metsker

May 3

Sister Mary Alice Collar
Sister Joan Killoran
Sister Monica Lubitz
Sister Teresa Lynch
Sister Anita Rosco
Hermana Mary Luz
Salazar
Consociate Karen Woehler

May 4

Associate Theresa
Jeevanjee
Sister Joan Kaucher
Sister Madeline Marie
Nakatsu
Sister Linda Napier
Sister Roberta O'Rourke
Associate Paula Rieder

May 5

Associate Barbara Fonda
Consociate Carmen
Shaughnessy Johnson
Associate Colleen Kelly
Associate Sue Ellen
McCalley
Sister Diane Schoff

May 6

Sister Mary Rose Fox
Sister Mary Lang
Associate Laretta A.
McGuirk

May 7

Associate Mary Mertzluft
Associate Dennis Sullivan

May 8

Sister Lois Barton
Sister Joan Henehan
Consociate Ann Meissner
Sister Therese Martin
Merla
Sister Colleen O'Malley

May 9

Sister Mary Ann Fetcho
Associate Mary Ellen
Julien
Sister Ann Patricia
O'Connor
Sister Mary Socorro
Richey

May 10

Associate Sallie Grippo
Sister Rosemarie Montoya
Sister Helen Vincent
Oswald

*Download the full
necrology and birthday
lists on the Celebrations
page of the congregational
website. Please report any
mistakes to*

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