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Two updates from Albany

Sister Sumaira Sadaf is currently in the process to transfer to our congregation. She wanted to share a few words with you all.



Greetings to all, I am Sumaira Sadaf. By birth I am Pakistani, and my whole family lives back home. Out of 10

brothers and sisters, I am the youngest one. I have been living at the Albany Provincial House since last February. I have finished my "live in" phase in the last month and started my "probationary period" on February 21, 2021, by the grace of

Almighty God. I am delighted to have Sister Lin Neil accompanying me in this journey of life as transfer coordinator. I am enjoying working with the Community Life Team. At present, I am residing on 4C. I am having a great experience with my 4C community; it's a very supportive community. I request you to keep me in your prayers for my perseverance during this time.

Iffat Naz Peter

is a candidate for the congregation living in Albany. As a citizen of Pakistan, she has been facing a long delay in the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service's processing of her immigration petition. As she waits, she and the Albany Leadership Team have made a plan with The



Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, whose motherhouse is in London, Ontario, for Iffat to move there if necessary and work with their senior sisters. Iffat asks you to flood heaven with your prayers that U.S. immigration will process her paperwork in the meantime.

[Read Iffat's Q&A from June 2020](#)

Prayers needed for the country of Peru

by Maritza Jarro, CSJ



On Sunday, June 6, we had our second round of elections for the presidency. The voting was tranquil and orderly, but approximately 20% of those eligible did not vote.

As we write on Monday morning, the results favor Keiko Fujimori, who represents the economically powerful, but approximately 20% of

the vote is yet to be counted. These results demonstrate the polarization, fragmentation and division of the country between the center and the majority of the provinces (like states) in the country. These results illustrate the urgent need for change to respond to the crisis the country is living through.

We, the sisters, trust and hope that the most forgotten and excluded will be heard and that their many needs will be cared for as they deal with extreme poverty. As women and men religious, we continue to support initiatives for change that will move us toward unity in the country.

Update: [Last night, Pedro Castillo gained the lead by 0.1 percentage point.](#) *The count continues.*

Amigas will be new associate group in Peru

Recently the sisters in the Vice Province of Peru met to formally recognize as associates a group of women who began to meet together several years ago. These are women who had been initiated into the charism in their younger years and had a strong desire to join with others in mutual support for living out

unifying love in their everyday lives. With the accompaniment of Sister Ruth Matos, they will begin a time of prayer and study to deepen their call.

Sharing across the congregation via Zoom



Last Thursday evening, the congregation, with much help from the St. Paul Justice Office, held a **panel about our sisters' experiences serving at the U.S./Mexico border** in recent weeks. Associate Jessica Mayo from St. Louis also shared about her work as an immigration attorney. If you missed the panel, you can [watch the recording on YouTube](#).



Over the weekend, the CLT hosted four **open houses** via Zoom. Sisters and ACOF from Chile to Minnesota, Japan to New York and every area in between spent the time sharing on the question “How have you and the congregation been stretched to greater depth and breadth during this time of the pandemic?”

A variety of themes emerged including greater awareness of the inequalities in the world, racism and the needs of the dear neighbors both near and far; gratitude for more time for prayer; getting to know the sisters with whom they share community; and time for new learning through reading, discussion and participation in various webinars. Though many found the loneliness and isolation caused by the pandemic almost unbearable, they appreciated the online gatherings offered by provinces and the congregation, especially the call to Sharing of the Heart. A number also mentioned how much they liked the online

opportunity to get to know sisters and ACOF across the congregation, noting that some whom they greeted online they had not seen in decades!



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
EL AÑO DE SAN JOSÉ
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A QUOTE: In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love, who is good to all, whose “compassion is over all that God has made” (Ps 145: 9). ([Patris Corde](#))

A QUESTION: Our mission as Christians is to reflect, radiate God’s tender love, but sometimes that is difficult to do with people who are incapable of responding. What is one way that I can offer tender love in the coming week?

A BLESSING: St. Joseph, we ask your blessing on people who work with the people who suffer from mental illness or some form of dementia.



Moving through (and hopefully beyond) the pandemic

by Mary M. McGlone, CSJ

The world has now been through nearly a year and a half of pandemic. We have suffered tragic losses of beloved people: some elderly who were already preparing to move into the realm of God’s eternal love, others who left us in what felt far too soon, leaving heartbreaking vacuums in our lives and empty places at our tables. The pandemic reminded us that like fine crystal, all our well-thought-out plans and schemes are fragile and our pretensions to control transparently foolish.

In *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis commented on this saying that COVID-19 erupted unexpectedly,

exposing our false securities and our inability to work together (7). He reminded us that “The best way to dominate and gain control over people is to spread despair and discouragement” (15). As we look at our world, how could we avoid recognizing how desperately our charism is needed?

As we shared in our open house sessions last weekend, this has been a time of learning and growth for all of us. Perhaps, in line with Pope Francis’ call, we could envision our time, marked by COVID and increasing division throughout our world, as a time very similar to 1650. Francis tells us that the need to transcend our own limitations and the ever-increasing number of interconnections in today’s world makes us powerfully aware of [our] unity and common destiny. (96) Does this not call us to work toward new expressions of unity from home to globe?

Even as we long to leave COVID behind, let us take advantage of our still restricted activity to be deeply in touch with the inner and outer changes our times call for. Francis invites us to allow ourselves to become more susceptible to feeling the “yearning for goodness” that is planted deep within. That will revivify what he calls “an inclination towards all that is fine and excellent, [our]

desire to fill the lives of others with what is beautiful.” (112) Just as the blood of martyrs has been the seed of Christianity, let us strive together so that this time of tragedy will also be remembered as a time of grace and new union of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God.



- **Los Angeles:** [Teresa Harpin, CSJ named Congressional Woman of the Year](#)
- **St. Louis:** [Kristina DeNeve temporary vows ceremony on June 15](#)
- **U.S. Federation:** [Facebook series on Black Catholic leaders](#)

Recent Publications

- [e-designs, June 2021](#) (Los Angeles)
- [Together, June 2021](#) (St. Paul)
- [St. Paul June News](#)
- [Province News Notes, May-June 2021](#) (St. Louis)
- See all recent newsletters on the [Publications page](#) in the Members Only Section of the congregational website.



Rest in Peace

**Mary Nicholas Vincelli,
CSJ**

June 1, 2021

Teresa Walsh, CSJ

April 23, 1942 - June 2,
2021

Happy Birthday!

June 8

Associate Julie Broyle
Sister Lynn Levo
Sister Suzanne Wesley

June 9

Associate Donald
Benson

June 10

Sister Pam Harding
Sister Katherine
McLaughlin
Sister Peg Murphy

June 12

Associate Celestine
Joseph Bachman
Associate Cindy Costello
Consociate Herb Frey
Sister Carmel Garcia
Associate Angie Heer
Sister Brenda Lau
Associate Betty Lauri

June 13

Sister Maureen Brown
Associate Sharon
Dibella
Associate Anne Lubecki
Associate Dolores
Muselbeck
Sister Margaret Mary
Schulz

June 14

Associate Ann Dickson
Sister Suzanne Giblin
Sister Eva Mesina

June 15

Sister Maureen
Kottenstette
'Ohana Frances Souki

June 16

Associate Bill Bailey
Associate Anissa
Martinez
Associate Gigi Parker

June 17

Sister Marcelina Felipe
Sister Anne Gertrude
Fitzgerald
Sister Michelle Humke
Associate Mickey Kelley
Sister Ruth La Var
Sister Marie Shaun
Walter

June 18

Associate Debra Davis
Associate Susan Fetsch
Sister Teresa Horn-
Bostel
Sister Adele O'Sullivan

June 19

Sister Catherine
Anthony Acain
Associate Lee Fitzgerald
Sister Rebecca Holley
Associate Cathy
Luebbering
Sister Mary Pauline
Oetgen
Sister Carol Jean
Peterson

June 20

'Ohana Maki Gallagher
Associate Craig Hannick
Sister Mary McKay

June 21

Associate Cheryl
Archibald
Consociate Marsha
Berry
Associate Sharon
Brabson
Sister Elizabeth Ann
Emery
Associate Kate Mennes
Sister Linda Nicholson
Sister Eleanor O'Hearn
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