From Our Sisters in Elected Leadership

Recently I saw a poster which read: “What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday.” This definitely captured my attention and reminded me of one of my favorite Meister Eckhart thoughts: “If the only prayer you said in your whole life was ‘thank you,’ that would suffice.”

The next weeks will be filled with celebrations and gratitude. We celebrate Tracy Kemme and Andrea Koverman as they make their first profession of vows on June 27. Their joyful commitment to the Charity charism invigorates us all, and we are so grateful.

As we look forward to the installation of our new Leadership Council we are filled with gratitude to our current council, especially Sisters Lois Goettke and Christine Rody. We thank them for their years of loving service as members of the Leadership Council. At the same time we welcome Sisters Marge Kloos and Mary Caroline Marchal as they take on their new roles as part of our Leadership Team. And then onward to the celebrations of our jubilarians.

Our recent Chapter direction reminds us that we journey together toward wholeness, infused by a spirituality of union with the Divine Mystery within and around us. Let’s lift our minds and hearts in gratitude and joy that God is the center of our lives, and that our times of celebration of our relationships, make this visible in special ways.

S. Mary Bookser

Information

Human Trafficking Presentation

Theresa Flores, survivor of human trafficking and founder of the SOAP project, will be speaking at the Freedom Center and will present a training program on Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Visit the End Slavery Cincinnati website for the official announcement.

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For additional information, and more important dates to remember, visit the Sisters of Charity website at www.srcharitycinti.org/news_events/events.htm.

Mary Magdalene Prayer Service

All are invited to a Mary Magdalene Prayer Service on Wednesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. at the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur motherhouse chapel (701 E. Columbia Ave., Cincinnati 45215). Refreshments will be served following the service. Please bring a canned food item to donate to the St. George Food Pantry.

Jubilee Help Needed

Anyone willing and able to help with the jubilees, please call S. Timothy Ann Schroeder at 513-347-1389 and leave a message. Please indicate whether you can work one or both celebrations. The Golden Jubilee will take place on Sunday, July 26 and the Diamond/Over 50 celebration will be Sunday, Sept. 6.
Calling All Artists

The St. Bernard Project is seeking a new T-shirt design for this November’s Nuns Build. The design must include 2015, Nuns Build, St. Bernard Project. Other creative suggestions include: hope, collaboration, service, communities; August marks the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina; 2015 is the Year of Consecrated Life. All designs must be original and submitted as a PDF or JPEG; they can be full color or single. Please submit designs by Sept. 1 to nunsbuild@yahoo.com. For questions contact Dulcie Shepherd at dulcie.shepherd@stbernardproject.org.

Ministry Opening

Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR!) is looking for a communications coordinator to assist with the development and implementation of the organization’s communications strategy. The individual will manage and grow SOAR!’s online presence, coordinate media relations and provide assistance with other communications initiatives. Interested candidates should send inquiries and/or their resume to S. Kathleen Lunsmann at klunsmann@soar-usa.org.

From SC Ministry Foundation

Sharing Our Resources - How Sisters Can Connect Nonprofits with Grants

The Sister of Charity mission calls us to “share our resources with those in need.” Many Sisters are actively involved with nonprofit organizations that are making a difference with those they serve.

Nonprofit organizations are challenged with limited resources while trying to meet the increased demand for services. Sisters have an opportunity to assist a nonprofit by connecting the organization with potential funding from SC Ministry Foundation. Priority funding consideration is given to nonprofit organizations where Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati serve as staff, board members, or regular volunteers.

To learn more, Sisters are invited to attend a brief meeting on Tuesday, June 30 from 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. ET in the Cedars Auditorium. Sisters may also participate during the event through a live-streamed webcast, or after the event through a recording of the webcast.

The June 30 discussion will help Sisters understand:
• the new, simplified application for requesting a Sister Elise Grant for the next fiscal year which begins July 1;
• how to request funding for an event sponsorship;
• how nonprofit leaders may apply for larger, program-related grants.

You’re Invited

Please join us on Sunday, July 26 to honor this year’s golden and silver jubilarians. The Eucharistic celebration will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel with a reception to follow in the Motherhouse dining room. This year’s golden jubilarians are: Sisters Rose Marie Burns, Barbara Busch, Kevin Patrice Daley, Margaret Renee Deneweth, Cheryl Ann Grenier, Lynn Heper, Franette Hyc, Pamela Jones, Delia Sizler and Anne Darlene Wojtowicz. S. Ramona Chisholm will be celebrating 25 years with the Community.

The next application cycle for program-related grants begins with a phone inquiry period on Monday, July 6. A detailed timeline and additional information is available at: www.scministryfdn.org/grants-overview/. For any questions regarding the meeting or the grant process, please contact Donna Jo Smiley at 513-347-1122, or email dsmiley@scministryfdn.org.

Congratulations

To S. Margarita Brewer, who received Northern Kentucky University’s 24th annual Lincoln Award on June 23 for her contributions to the community. The award is given annually to individuals who exemplify the qualities of outstanding citizenship, notable achievement and distinguished service in their professions. Sister’s honor was featured in the Northern Kentucky Tribune.

In the News

The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati were featured in the June 13 issue of The Cincinnati Enquirer advertising the Community’s Days of Mission and Service held June 13 and June 19. S. Winnie Brubach was pictured in the article.

S. Mary Gallagher was interviewed in the April issue of Our Catholic Community, a publication of the Diocese of Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica. The article featured Sister’s life before and after entering the SC Community.
Transitions

Let Us Remember

S. Dolores (formerly Marie Philip) Johnson died June 4, 2015, at the age of 87 in Mother Margaret Hall. She was a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati for 66 years, entering in 1949.

S. Dolores taught music in schools in Colorado, Ohio, Illinois and New Mexico, at the elementary, secondary and college level for 26 years. She began her teaching in 1950 at Seton High School, Cincinnati.

From 1957-’59, S. Dolores was missioned to Villa Nazareth, a school for boys, operated by the SC Congregation in Rome, Italy. In 1972 she was asked to join the music faculty at the College of Mount St. Joseph where she remained for four years.

From there her ministry took a new direction as she helped care for her ill mother in her hometown of Omaha, Nebraska, until her death. This helped Sister to recognize newfound gifts; she sought ministry at the Motherhouse as a driver, accompanying Sisters to medical appointments. In 1983 she became sacristan at the Motherhouse’s Immaculate Conception Chapel, which was, for her, a labor of love; she gave more than 30 years to this ministry.

For Sisters and Associates in Need of Prayers

S. Louise Akers, S. Nancy Crofton, S. Cheryl Ann Grenier, Associate Catherine Herzog, Associate Mary Ann Hogan, Associate Jacquie Jones, Associate Ethel O’Connor, pre-entrant Romina Sapinoso, S. Marie Josetta Wethington

For Others in Need of Prayers

S. Margaret Marie Anthony’s family; Associate Sandy Cavolo’s niece, Jennifer; S. Victoria Marie Forde’s cousin, Regina; S. Juanita Marie Gonzales’ brothers Luis and Javier; S. Joan Groff and Associate Elaine Temming’s sister-in-law, Helen; S. Roslyn Hafertepe’s sister-in-law, Alice; S. Marge Kloos’ nephew, George; Associate Barry Mersmann’s brother, Jack; S. Mary Ellen Murphy’s brother, Bill; Sisters Christine and Ruth Ann Rody’s brother, Bill; Associate Gloria Santoro’s niece, Vivienne; S. Delia Sizler’s cousin, Mary Kaye; S. JoAnne Termini’s sister-in-law, Rose, and brother, Marlo; Associate Vicki Welsh’s daughter, Elizabeth, and son-in-law, Eric

For Those Who Have Died

S. Lucien Marie Davis’ brother, Paul; S. Dolores Johnson; Associate Gloria Santoro’s nephew, Alex

Dear Sisters and Associates

Thank you so much for your gifts, prayers, cards, well wishes and celebration on June 14 when I made my lifetime commitment as an Associate. As a good friend/Sister of Charity once said to me, “We ‘Charities’ know how to celebrate.” She was right! I feel totally blessed to be an Associate with the Charity Community.

~ Associate Jan Metz

Thank you, Sisters and Associates, for your presence at my retirement reception, your cards of affirmation and well wishes. I am truly grateful. I have journeyed with so many of you throughout these 11 years. Working around the Motherhouse and with so many people in various departments who help us all be able to do what our ministry calls for, has been a blessing. I will miss those daily contacts, but I certainly don’t intend to disappear. God love you.

~ S. Annette Paveglio
Reflection Questions for Sisters and Associates from Pope Francis:

“I want to say one word to you and this word is ‘joy.’ Wherever there are consecrated people, seminarians, men and women religious, young people - there is joy, there is always joy! It is the joy of freshness, the joy of following Jesus; the joy that the Holy Spirit gives us, not the joy of the world. There is joy! But where is joy born in your lives?”

“We are victims of the culture of the temporary. I would like you to think about this: how can I be free; how can I break free of this ‘culture of the temporary?’”

“The restlessness of love is always an incentive to go toward the other, without waiting for the other to manifest his or her need. The restlessness of love gives us the gift of pastoral fruitfulness, and we must ask ourselves, each one of us: ‘Is my spiritual effectiveness healthy, is my apostolate fruitful?’”

(“Rejoice in Your Vocation” Horizon Magazine, Spring 2015, p. 9)

S. Patricia Wittberg

There are more individuals in slavery today than at the height of the transatlantic slave trade. – Polaris, committed to ending human trafficking and modern-day slavery, and to strengthening the anti-trafficking movement through a comprehensive approach.

“The Catholic Church’s vehement opposition to human trafficking is rooted in principles of Catholic Social Teaching, central to which is the sacredness and dignity of human life, and in the catechism of the Catholic Church which ‘forbids acts or enterprises that, for any reason, lead to the enslavement of human beings – to their being bought, sold, and exchanged like merchandise, in disregard for their personal dignity.’” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

If you are interested in a thought-provoking and enlightening evening where you can learn more about human trafficking, consider attending OPJCC’s Human Trafficking Symposium. Keynote speakers will be Edwina Gateley: poet, theologian, artist, writer, lay minister and prophet; Brenda Myers-Powell: executive director of The Dreamcatcher Foundation; and Pam Matson: retired FBI special agent.

Join us for advocacy and action opportunities, a book signing by Edwina Gateley, fair trade vendors, displays, artwork and more!

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Xavier University, Cintas Banquet Center
1624 Herald Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45207

Registration is open and seating is limited.
Tickets: $15, $10 for students with ID.
A percentage of ticket sales will go to assist trafficking survivors.

To register:
- Visit www.srcharitycinti.org/opjic/vaw.htm
- Send a check made out to Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. Mail to Sisters of Charity/OPJCC, 5900 Delhi Road, Mt. St. Joseph, OH, 45051
- Call 513-347-5313.

Debbie Weber, OPJCC director