

E-VōC

evoke: 1. to call forth 2. to re-create imaginatively



Sisters of Charity

of Cincinnati

CALENDAR

Aug. 18, 2018

2018 Jubilee celebrations,
4 p.m., Motherhouse chapel

Aug. 21, 2018

Canonical Novitiate ends,
Apostolic Novitiate begins for
S. Whitney Schieltz

Sept. 22, 2018

S. Romina Sapinoso's First Vows,
4 p.m., Motherhouse chapel

Nov. 16-18, 2018

From Age to Age: Transition
in Two Keys Retreat, a retreat
for women alumni of volunteer
programs and Sisters in transition,
Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse



As part of her Canonical Novitiate, S. Whitney Schieltz and Novice Director S. Donna Steffen traveled to Guatemala in July to visit and minister with S. Sarah Mulligan. S. Sarah is the director of the Daniel Comboni Community Clinic, a clinic that provides valuable health and education services to the people of Mixco and surrounding areas.

A Life Commitment

By S. Janet Gildea

Sometimes there's nothing more irritating than sweeping statements like "This generation just can't make commitments." They are often used to explain the prevalence of cohabitation before marriage, the high divorce rate, the vocation crisis or even just frequent job changes. They carry connotations of disloyalty and "wishy-washy" attitudes. But last month a very diverse group of women and men gathered for a retreat focused on their desire to make a permanent commitment to the consecrated life as religious sisters, brothers and priests. Ranging in age from 30-something to 70-something and representing the continents of Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas, 16 women and six men spent 10 days considering their "Forever Yes" to the vowed life.



In July, Sisters of Charity Andrea Koverman and Tracy Kemme attended the Life Commitment Program sponsored by the Religious Formation Conference, a program designed for members of religious congregations who are approaching final profession, offering time to reflect in the company of their peers and with seasoned presenters.

Despite the obvious differences in age, culture, gender, race and even religious lifestyle within the Catholic Church, in small groups and one-on-one the participants found a synergy around God's call. They had all lived the vowed life for at least three years and some for as many as nine, based on their congregational requirements in order to request perpetual commitment. Many had extensive cross-cultural experience in mission, ministry and community life. All of this life experience was "grist for the mill" of deepening discernment. Each day offered an opportunity for reflection on the vows of poverty, consecrated celibacy, obedience, communal life and the ongoing evolution of religious life. Participants prepared prayer to frame their days together.

Making a life commitment as a religious sister, brother or priest today is a broader proposal than in the days of large entrance groups. For the future, the kinds of interconnections and networks that are developed during these formation programs and beyond will help support, sustain and grow congregations that are diverse, nimble and responsive to the needs of the Church and world. Making a commitment for life is not only possible and desirable but it is a reality!

Future of Charity Blog: A Different Kind of Fourth of July



What kind of a country do you want to live in? What are you doing to make it happen? Read S. Tracy Kemme's most recent post to the SC Federation Future of Charity Blog: <https://futureofcharity.blogspot.com/2018/07/a-different-kind-of-fourth-of-july.html?pref=fb>

"Anne With an E"

Looking for an end-of-the-summer binge-watch? Netflix is streaming seasons one and two of this new version of the classic "Anne of Green Gables" by Lucy Maud Montgomery (1908). The other "orphan Anne" transforms the lives of Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert on Prince Edward Island, even as she discovers her path in the world. The harsh realities of life do not crush the hopes and dreams of Anne who is such a compelling breath of fresh air in the perfectly organized cottage of the Cuthberts at Green Gables. Get your popcorn and a box of tissues!
<https://culturess.com/2018/07/28/anne-e-must-see-tv-new-generation/>



Traveling the Path



Each month, a new Sister of Charity spiritual director will be interviewed to learn more about the practice and the women called to companion others on their journey. This month's Q&A is with S. Betty Finn. Read more at <http://www.srcharitycinti.org/spirit/finn.htm>

Loving Our Neighbors



Sister of Charity Barbara Busch has been sharing the journey with community members in Cincinnati's low to moderate neighborhoods since 1978. Learn more about S. Barbara's ministry at Working In Neighborhoods. http://www.srcharitycinti.org/news_events/busch_WIN.htm

E-Vôc is the electronic newsletter from the Vocations Team of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati for single women wondering what new thing God is calling forth in their lives. To join the E-Vôc mailing list, contact Erin Reder at erin.reder@srcharitycinti.org. To unsubscribe, [click here](#).

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