

E-VOC

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



Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati

CALENDAR

June 12, 2011

Pentecost Sunday

June 24-26, 2011

Sisters of Charity Federation
Discernment Weekend
Emmitsburg, Md.

July 2, 2011

Installation of new leadership
of Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati

Aug. 9-13, 2011

Catholics on Call summer conference
Chicago, Ill.

Sept 2-5, 2011

Sisters of Charity Federation
“Come and See and Serve”
New Orleans, La.

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events, contact S. Janet Gildea at
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S. Florence Cremering visits with Alejandra (left) and Conchita (right) at the Santo Niño Project in Anapra, Mexico, during a recent stay with the Sisters and Associates living at Casa de Caridad in Anthony, N.M.

“What must be done?”

By S. Janet Gildea



(From top) Saints Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac and Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The four words in the title above were the catalyst for the discernment of the 17th century French priest, Vincent de Paul. He was serving as a chaplain to a wealthy family, touring their estates, and he found himself shaken by the physical and spiritual poverty of the people of the countryside. His patroness, Madame de Gondi, listened to his concerns and then spoke the words that have become known as the Vincentian question: “What must be done?” It burns in hearts of all who are sparked by the flame of the Charity charism.

For Vincent de Paul the answer to this question was both simple and complex. Simple: what must be done in every situation is the will of God, which we know through the words and example of Jesus. Complex: taking into consideration our own resources, availability and capability to respond in a particular situation. Vincent’s response was to motivate others to seek and serve Christ in the person of the poor.

Timing is everything and waiting on God’s timing is critical in Vincentian discernment. The providence of God will reveal the moment to take action, to make the decision, to get out of the boat and walk on the waters. Vincent cautioned that we should never run ahead of providence. Louise de Marillac, his co-worker, found this exasperating at times. She was a woman of action. Anyone in a process of discernment can appreciate how challenging it is to live in the tension between patient listening and practical response. When is there enough information?

To ever have complete certainty in discernment is impossible. Vincent’s counsel was to be reasonable in gathering data and advice from a few trustworthy persons. Then we must make the best decision we can in light of our ultimate desire to do God’s will. At that moment it is okay to lack some of the details.

In 1809 Elizabeth Seton struggled with the same question when faced with the needs of the poor in the early years of the United States: “What must be done?” Her response can be summarized in these reassuring words to the Sisters of Charity: “Only do your best and leave the rest to our dear God.”

Where Are the Sisters Today? Sister Brenda Busch



After 44 years in education, most recently as principal of Holy Family School in Cincinnati, Ohio, S. Brenda Busch (left) said her heart told her it was time to serve God in a new way. To learn more about S. Brenda's current ministry at Working In Neighborhoods in Cincinnati, Ohio, [click here](#).

Faith in Film

Here are two movies worth seeing this month:



“Of Gods and Men”

In 1996 eight French Trappist monks in Algeria must decide whether to stay or to flee in the midst of increasing threats by Islamic fundamentalists. This is a powerful story of commitment, courage and community. French with English subtitles and beautiful chant!

“There Be Dragons”

Written, directed and produced by Academy Award winner Roland Jaffe (“The Mission” and “The Killing Fields”), this is a story of faith, forgiveness and transformation. A young journalist investigating the cause for canonization of Opus Dei founder (now Saint) Josemaria Escriva discovers the complicated friendship of his father with the saint. Jaffe who describes himself as a “wobbly agnostic,” hopes that viewers come to the conclusion that “reconciliation matters.”



A Day in the Life... S. Montiel Rosenthal



Where do you live and minister?

Cincinnati, Ohio. We started a new house, Holy Family House, in Price Hill. There are three of us living together – S. Sandy Howe, S. Pat Dittmeier and myself.

Please give a brief description of your ministry.

I am a family physician employed with University Family Physicians at Forest Park [a nonprofit corporation affiliated with the University of Cincinnati Department of Family and Community Medicine]. I also teach family medicine to medical students and young doctors.

How long have you been in this ministry?

I've been in this particular job for almost eight years.

When does your day begin, and what is your morning ritual?

I wake up between 5:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. and get dressed for work. We meet for prayer at 6:15 a.m. We usually have a more contemplative/quiet reflection on one of the readings of the day. I have breakfast – sometimes together, pack my lunch and leave for work. I try to make it there by 7 a.m.

To read S. Montiel's entire interview, [click here](#).



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