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Good Shepherd Sisters gathered at King's House Retreat Center in Belleville, Illinois, from October 16-20 to continue conversations that began last spring. More than 70 Sisters attended the 2017 Assembly.

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Green Corner

Sr. Glynis McManamon, RGS, and Fr. Mark Dean, OMI, conducted a seminar over the internet a few months ago about the spirituality of art. I listened to the webinar and was struck by something I had never heard of before, something called Visio Divina. Visio Divina invites us to experience the divine through images. It invites us to see at a more contemplative pace,

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Much work had been done since the six Spring Area Meetings took place throughout the Province in April and May.

The Province Integration Team had summarized the responses from the meetings and shared them at the Assembly in Belleville. This invited further conversation from the three core groups: Eco-Zeal for Mission, Community for Mission and Administration for Mission. Mission was at the heart of each core group's presentation. Sr. Madeleine Lane, SSND, facilitated the Assembly.

The Formation Conversation Design Committee, whose membership consists of Sisters from the Central

South, New York/Toronto and Mid-North America Provinces, began discussions concerning Vocation and Formation issues from the inter-Province of North America perspective. Sr. Lynn Jarrell, OSU, facilitated the conversation.

Presentation touches hearts

Sr. Frances Robinson, the Congregation's Link Councilor for Mid-North America and Sr. Hanan Youssef the Link Councilor for Montreal were present at the Assembly. They shared about the current situation in Lebanon/Syria.

Our Sisters in Syria are braving the constant bombings while caring for the many refugees from Iraq and

Iran. Lebanon is overwhelmed with more refugees than that small country is able to handle. Good Shepherd Sisters in Lebanon have had to suspend their regular

ministries to help care for these new refugees. All hearts were touched deeply by this presentation.

Sr. Olga Cristobal, who has returned from her missionary time in Albania, shared some of her experiences with us.

We have 19 cultures from 19 different countries in the Province. We celebrated our cultural diversity with Happy Hour, Angers Style, hosted by Monte Abbott, Province Operations Director. Many Sisters dressed in their country's native attire. In the evening, our Vietnamese Sisters entertained us with a beautiful dance to the music of "Hello Vietnam."

"While watching our Sisters from Vietnam dance, I was really touched by the grace and beauty of each of them," said Sr. Cathie Boerboom.

"Then I looked around the room. I was deeply awed in a new way by

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Conversations generated in small groups at Assembly continue into hallways during breaks.



Meals give Sisters from throughout the Province an opportunity to renew friendships, relax and catch up with one another.

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our diversity of facial structures, variation of skin colors, hair, and cultures and the beauty of this, the beauty of each person. I sensed within me a deep connection to each one — a oneness. Feeling this sense of oneness was powerful for me. For four days we had intense conversations and shared a vast array of differing points of view. And yet, through that simple and beautiful dance I witnessed how we



Sisters get settled into their rooms at King's House Retreat Center and prepare for the 2017 Assembly.

are unified as one in Good Shepherd and growing together as a Community," Sr. Cathie said.

Remembrance of Sisters

A very important highlight of the Assembly was the remembrance of the Sisters who have died since our last Assembly. Their pictures remained present in the chapel all through our liturgies. Sisters who were unable to be present at this Assembly were remembered by a handwritten card mailed to them. Province Leader Sr. Madeleine Munday greeted each Sister personally and gave a card of remembrance to each of us during the closing liturgy.

At the end of each day Sr. Joan Spiering sent the "Bellville Blurb" to the Sisters at home to provide news from the Assembly. Assembly 2017 closed with a promise that the conversations will continue with Spring Area meetings in 2018.

Submitted by Virginia Gordon, RGS



Sisters Beverly Hedgecoth (left) and Liz Schille reunite at Assembly.

FYI from Eco-Zeal for Mission core team

During the October Assembly in Belleville, Sisters compiled a list of possibilities for the Eco-Zeal for Mission core team to focus on province-wide in 2018. Sisters had made suggestions in earlier Eco-Zeal for Mission meetings that "We seek collective awareness and collective commitments;" that "We unite in one concrete and corporate action" and that "We educate ourselves on environmental issues."

The list that we generated at Assembly included the following suggestions:

- Focus on climate change concerns, clean air, sustainable energy;
- Be an advocate; follow and participate in the National Advocacy Center website;
- Seek to be informed about care-of-creation issues.

From this list the province chose water as our primary focus for the upcoming year. We feel that water is a devastating global problem caused by climate change.

The second highest category on the list emphasizes recognition and appreciation of God's gift of creation. For example, suggestions included taking time to connect with nature; taking meditative moments to appreciate life and God's gifts; and offering thanks to God each time we drink and use water.

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Memory of the heart: expressions of gratitude

Many people contact the Province of Mid-North America through our website for various reasons. Some are seeking blessings and prayers, archival data and information about the order that might help them discern a call to religious life. Others are looking for information about our ministries, inquiring about volunteer opportunities with Good Shepherd and asking how they can donate to Sisters. Still, others fill out our online forms for the simple reason of wanting to say thank you for the ways Sisters have influenced their lives. This month we begin something new in *Items of Interest*. We start a column called "Memory of the heart," where we publish letters that are lovely reminders that St. Mary Euphrasia had it right when she quoted the French proverb, "Gratitude is a memory of the heart."

From Katherine Anderson
(formerly Kelly Lee Ballou):

Many years ago as a teen I attended the Good Shepherd St. Euphrasia School in Batesburg, South Carolina. In the wee hours of today I woke up with this on my mind. When I attended I was part of Our Lady's group. Sister (or Mother as we called her) was Sister Deodata or Dorothea. We also had a Sister Miriam in the other half of the house where we had Saint Joseph's group. The Sister in the kitchen was Sister Dominic. There was a family who lived on the property by the name of Rivers. I believe they did all of the maintenance. We also had a priest who lived on the property. I think his name was Father John. We attended school on the property in a four-room schoolhouse. I remember a Sister Pius and a Sister Grace.



Loading the bus at St. Euphrasia School, Batesburg, South Carolina.

Sister Dorothea and I were fans of opposing teams. I was a Celtic fan and she was a Knicks fan. Sorry if I am rambling. I have wonderful memories and when I woke up with St. Euphrasia School on my mind I thought I should look into it. I am 66 years old and am a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. I have been a Vincentian since 2000 and have been married to my husband for 47 years. The love and understanding and discipline I received from my years at St. Euphrasia School have stood me in good stead. God Bless all of you and thank you for helping me to become the Catholic woman I am today.

Please submit your letter of gratitude for publication to jmcdermott@gspmna.org

The most pronounced climax in my life has been the increased awareness of those unfortunate people around us who need physical and spiritual help. Sisters of the Good Shepherd have inspired me to offer my prayers and assistance on behalf of those who would otherwise be relegated to a life of desperation.

~Bob A.

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From Lamb to Shepherd, a Good Shepherd Story

This abridged article, with details of the story submitted by Sr. Mary Joy Benson, RGS, demonstrates how the spirit of Good Shepherd lives in the heart of others. We hope to receive more stories like this so we can publish them in Items of Interest.

The story begins with the foundation of St. Peter Claver School, a school that was started in 1892 for African American and Native America girls in the Germantown area outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mother Katharine Drexel (founder of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II) purchased the land for the school and contributed to the Building Fund that helped pay for the school's construction.

In 1944 two young girls, biological sisters ages ten and twelve, came to live at the St. Peter Claver School. A Good Shepherd Sister named Mary Eulalia Bent (Ma Lalie) was in charge of the residential program of the school. She had a profound influence on these two young girls, who were named Jeanette Marie and Elizabeth. Jeanette entered the Oblates of Divine Providence but had to leave because of poor health. She died in her thirties. Elizabeth, the younger sibling, married and had four children. It is Elizabeth who is the main character in this Good Shepherd story.

In Sr. Mary Joy's words:
"One day last April, I had a lovely surprise encounter. As I entered the Thrift Store of the Whosoever Gospel Mission, an older woman at the counter asked if I was a Good Shepherd Sister. I was startled and said, 'How did you know I am a Good Shepherd Sister?'"

People at the Mission had been talking excitedly about a Good Shepherd Sister who had come to volunteer to help organize a linen closet for the Mission. Miss Elizabeth had been looking forward to meeting the Sister so she could tell her about her youthful experience of living for six years at the St. Peter Claver School on Chew Avenue.

Heart of the Shepherd

Sr. Mary Joy and Miss Elizabeth finally met in April while Sr. Mary Joy was volunteering at the Mission. Sr. Mary Joy knew in an instant that Miss Elizabeth had carried within her throughout life the spirit of Good Shepherd.

Miss Elizabeth is a poor woman who lives in government subsidized housing, yet she always gives to others at the Mission to help brighten their day, whether it's giving someone pocket money or bringing items to the Thrift Store to help men get back on their feet. She reaches out in a loving and caring way to help meet the needs of many people in the area.

Again, in Sr. Mary Joy's words:

"During our encounter, Miss Elizabeth asked me if I knew Mother Eulalia. I assured her that I did and that she was a lovely person and a great musician. Miss Elizabeth asked for a picture of Mother Eulalia. She could not have been happier when the Province archivist in St. Louis provided one for her."



This is the photograph the Province archivist gave to Miss Elizabeth. From left: Sisters Eulalia Bent, John of the Cross Lawless and Clara Hynes.

Sr. Mary Joy has gone on to develop a personal relationship with Miss Elizabeth. She has heard colorful stories about the 83-year-old woman's family tree, learned about her 40-year career as a Licensed Practical Nurse and discovered that Miss Elizabeth lives just two blocks from her on the same street.

The Whosoever Gospel Mission

is a residential program for homeless men seeking to better their lives as they recover from addictions and other problems. The Mission is a career oriented program that helps the men it serves find jobs. To aid in this process the men are required to work in the Thrift Store in order to learn work skills. Sr. Mary Joy volunteered for a year at the Mission while organizing its linen closet. She said that working there and relating to the men and customers became a family experience.

Good Shepherd Programs may close and buildings come down, but the spirit of Good Shepherd lives on in the Philadelphia area through Miss Elizabeth and Sr. Mary Joy Benson.

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Artist Tom Hunt discusses his work of the Meramec River.



A crowd gathers for the exhibit's opening reception.

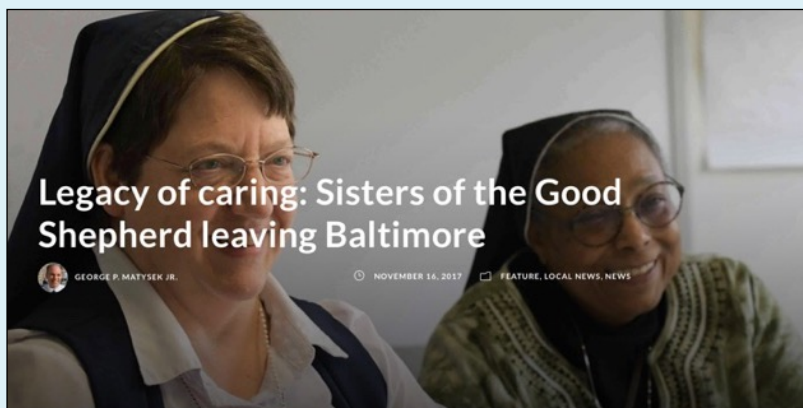
Art exhibit at Good Shepherd Gallery features works of Catholic teachers

That old maxim, "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach," is being challenged through an exhibit at Good Shepherd Gallery titled, "Those Who Teach CAN!" The art show opened on Saturday, November 25 at Good Shepherd Gallery in Ferguson, Missouri. It runs through December 16. Seventeen art teachers from St. Louis Catholic

Schools are exhibiting their own works in the show. The mixed media exhibit allows viewers to experience a full range of emotion. The artwork wakes us up to beauty, challenges us to venture beyond our comfort zone, gives a promise of hope for environmental healing, and lets us use our own imaginations to interpret the meaning of whimsy.



Meet Gurgle



Catholic Review reports on Baltimore move

The Archdiocese of Baltimore published a story in the Catholic Review about Sisters of the Good Shepherd leaving Baltimore "after serving in Baltimore for 153 years and touching the lives of countless young people who could often not find help elsewhere." Here's the link to the news article: <http://bit.ly/2hNHdv0>

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Hamming it up at Assembly

Sisters Gayle Lwanga Crumbley (left) and Jean Marie Fernandez got into the lively spirit of fellowship and fun while hamming it up during a social gathering at the Central South Province Assembly in Ohio this fall. Assemblies provide an opportunity for Sisters to reunite, rekindle friendships and hunker down to do the important work of planning for the future of the provinces. There are three Good Shepherd Provinces in North America: Central South, Mid-North America and Toronto/New York.

Central South Province invited representatives to its Assembly from Province of Mid-North America and Toronto/New York. The Province of Mid-North America also invited representatives from the other two provinces in North America to its Assembly at Kings House in October. *See story on page 1.*

CORA news

CORA held its annual Champions for Children celebration at the Union League of Philadelphia on November 16. Each year at the event CORA honors someone in each of three categories: Corporate Champion, Civic Champion and Classroom Champion.

CORA honored longtime board member Herbert Bass as its Corporate Champion for his dedicated commitment to bringing much-needed resources to CORA to further the mission that Sr. Charity envisioned years ago when she founded the Good Shepherd agency. CORA recognized Dr. Arthur Evans as its Civic Champion for his meaningful work around mental health and recovery as Philadelphia's former Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services. Dr. Evans now serves as Chief Executive Officer of the American Psychological Association. He is a partner to CORA, and recently led the Mayor's Task Force to Combat the Opioid Epidemic in Philadelphia. CORA's scholarship committee named Nichole Bernstein as this year's James J. Harron Classroom Champion for having excelled academically despite facing significant hardship.

We congratulate CORA Services for receiving a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. The grant supports the creation of centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools.

Good time gala



Good Shepherd Shelter held its 40th anniversary gala on October 29 with music, dancing and a whole lot of fun. The shelter honored long-time Board member Ray Hernandez and nonprofit partner [School on Wheels, Inc.](#) for its unwavering support over the course of many years.

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Oh beautiful tree of Good Shepherd

The Mission Effectiveness team has wrapped up its year of Province trainings. The final locations to receive training over the past few months were Atlanta, Dearborn Heights and St. Louis. This year's theme was "Oh Beautiful Tree of Good Shepherd." Training focused on how Sisters and Laity all share in partnering in the Good Shepherd mission. Melinda Stricklen said, "Sr.

Barbara, Lizzie and I are always inspired by those who serve the mission. Together we deepen our understanding of what it means to be a Mission Partner seeking to be a reconciling presence of the heart of our Shepherd-God by empowering lives, restoring rights and upholding dignity." Next year's training begins in January.



Good Shepherd Services, Atlanta



Vista Maria, Dearborn Heights



Province Center, St. Louis

Mystery photo ... guess who?



Last issue's mystery photo stumped most folks, partly because the photo is blurry and partly because the novice's face is turned away from the camera. But Sr. Kathleen Moore guessed it right — Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid! Sr. Kathleen said, "Her tall slender build was easy to identify."

The photograph was taken during Sr. Mary Carolyn's novitiate in Los Angeles. She and her biological sister

Loretta are playing with the

convent lamb Alleluia. The Los Angeles convent had a farm with animals that the Sisters raised in preparation for serving in rural missions, particularly in the Philippines. As for Sr. Kathleen, she made her novitiate in St. Louis and missed out on any farm animal experience.

What about this month's mystery photo to the right? Who are these Sisters standing with public figure Rose Kennedy? Where was this photo taken? In what year? What's going on in this picture? Please tell us what you can to help flesh out our province archives.



COMMUNITY LIFE



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A personal reflection of my visit to Contemplative Sisters in St. Louis

By Sr. Ann Joseph Dye, CGS

I arrived in St. Louis on a Friday. Our Province Leader Sr. Madeleine Munday suggested that I come to Maria Droste Contemplative Community to get acquainted with the Sisters there, whom I had never met before. I also was going to attend the Province Assembly for the first time in many years.

Sisters Beth Garciano and Sharon Rose Authorson welcomed Beverly Hedgecoth and me at the airport. When we arrived at the Maria Droste Convent, Srs. Agnes Yamamoto and Madge Oliva were at the door waiting to welcome us.

The convent chapel is spacious and beautiful, and during prayer times we see out the windows to the beauty of creation surrounding us. We celebrated Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Mass with our Sisters at Immaculate Heart Convent. Each

Community has its own rhythm of prayer, work and recreation. Afternoons are for our spiritual exercises, when there is an atmosphere of silence, peace and harmony. Our Sisters truly have love for our call of zeal and they are women of prayer, faith and compassion.

My heart breaks as we watch the world news. So many murders, disasters, refugees and more. Thank God our prayers and sacrifices can go anywhere in the whole world. Our founder St. Mary Euphrasia said, "We can go anywhere where there are souls to save."

I left the St. Louis Contemplative Community with a heart full of gratitude and thanksgiving that our "little Bethany" here gives our Shepherd God glory, praise, love and compassion as we give Him our All.



Sr. Ann Joseph Dye, CGS, is part of the Boutwells Contemplative Community. She spent a week with the Contemplative Sisters in St. Louis following Assembly.



Sr. Elizabeth Garciano makes a rosary.

Adding strength to the power of prayer

When the Office of Consecrated Life of the St. Louis Archdiocese asked Communities of Sisters to make rosaries for a special occasion in October, the Maria Droste Contemplative Community didn't hesitate to say, "Yes."

The rosaries were given to a group of laity who come monthly to the Cardinal Rigali Center in St. Louis for formation in the faith. They are a group of 150 people from throughout the Archdiocese. Their gathering in October was on the 7th of the month, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary.

Sister Mary Kathleen Ronan, RSM, is the Coordinator of the Lay Formation Program for the St. Louis Archdiocese. Sr. Kathleen asked Contemplative Sisters in St. Louis if they would be able to make rosaries that the Sisters of Mercy could offer the lay people as a gift on that special Feast Day.

"We are in union with the Sisters of Mercy and were happy to make rosaries for the lay people who participate in formation. Our intention for making the rosaries was that they add strength to each lay person's power of prayer," said Sr. Elizabeth Garciano, Local Leader of the Maria Droste Community.

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Baltimore Sisters move to Immaculate Heart Convent



Left: Sisters Holy Family Karl and Veronica Ferrao arrive at the St. Louis airport with Baltimore Certified Nursing Assistant Lillie Addison. Right: Among the most recent arrivals to Immaculate Heart is Sr. Susanne Hughes, assisted by Sr. Anita Kristofco. Six Sisters have been missioned to Immaculate Heart Convent since October. Ten Sisters moved in November to the personal care and independent living facility of Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania. Six Sisters are still in Baltimore and will move when beds become available in Danville. According to Local Leaders Pauline Bilbrough (Immaculate Heart) and Mary Carol McClenon (Baltimore), the moves have gone smoothly and Sisters are starting to feel settled in their new homes. See page 15 for the Sisters' address changes.

Sr. Rosalie on sabbatical in St. Louis

Sr. Rosalie Nguyen arrived in St. Louis on November 16, 2017. She is at the Province Center on a self-guided sabbatical for one year. Sr. Rosalie is from Vietnam and is a member of the Province of East Asia. *Items of Interest* will interview her for an article in the January issue about the Good Shepherd ministries where she has served in Vietnam.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE **ZEAL**

Sister Eileen Veronica Carey

October 1, 1923 - October 16, 2017

Eileen Frances Carey was born October 1, 1923. She was one of eight children: four boys and four girls, born to Charles Martin Carey and Mathilda Loubert Carey. She was Baptized in St. John the Baptist Church and made her First Communion and Confirmation in St. James Church, both in Duluth, Minnesota.

On July 8, 1949, Eileen entered the Magdalen Community of Good Shepherd as a candidate. It soon became evident to the Sisters that she was of the band of souls who had come to the Good Shepherd and St. Mary Euphrasia through the gift and favor of Our Blessed Mother. Indeed, devotion to Mary had been with Sr. Eileen for many years and she could name significant happenings of her life and link them with a particular Feast of Our Lady. This continued throughout her life.

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One of Sr. Eileen's natural gifts was that of a beautifully rich soprano singing voice. She used this gift generously in the choir, at Congregational Feasts and at the Divine Office. Another of her specialties was that of creative cookery. Her times in the kitchen were of special enjoyment to her and the Community that "finished off" the delicacies she had created.

A knitting wizard, her needles were seldom idle, except when she was engaged in another of her numerous crafts. One year she needed a new sweater and for her Feast Day gift she asked for yarn. She completed the sweater before the winter weather set in.

A less compact and portable craft companion was the sewing machine on which she sewed the wardrobes for the many fancy dolls and beguiling circus clowns she made. She made many of these from scratch, with plastic bottles prettily disguised. She also turned out beautiful and practical items made with plastic canvas.



Sr. Eileen Veronica Carey, CGS

When the Sisters moved from St. Paul to Boutwells' Landing, Sister Eileen came to join the Community at Immaculate Heart in St. Louis, where she became an example to all with her gentle spirit, quiet manner of fidelity to prayer, and joyful sharing of her craft skills. She made a few beautiful dolls and little by little turned her attention to admiring and enjoying the beauty of nature around her.

Sister Eileen treasured her contemplative vocation and strove to live it fully. We lovingly give Sister back to God and count on her intercession for us, her family and friends and the works of the Good Shepherd. May she rest in peace.

Submitted by Sr. Pauline Bilbrough

CELEBRATION OF LIFE **ZEAL**

Sister Magdalen of St. Jerome Clark

September 2, 1921 - October 13, 2017

Margaret Henrietta Clark's parents, John Grover Clark and Adeline Schellenburg Clark, were both from Indiana. Margaret was the middle child between two brothers and two sisters, all of whom predeceased her. Sister was baptized and made her First Communion as a child. Margaret came to the Good Shepherd class as a teenager. She was very happy and stayed to graduate from high school in 1942.

The seed of her vocation began to grow at age 18. She wanted to remain close to God and have time for prayer. She came to Good Shepherd on Gravois Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1948. She made her First Commitment in 1950 and received the name Sister Magdalen of St. Jerome.

The seed of Sister's vocation began to grow at age 18. She wanted to remain close to God and have time for prayer.

Sister's Final Commitment date was July 22, 1958. Her entire religious life and ministry of prayer had been in St. Louis and Florissant, Missouri. Sister had worked for many years in the making and distribution of altar breads. She served her Contemplative Community as Local Superior from 1995 – 1998.

Known as a hard worker, Sr. Magdalen cultivated gardens on the grounds and terrace at Marygrove and did a good bit of crochet needle work. One of Sister's most interesting jobs was working with Dr. Volk who provided the electrical work for the Contemplative Sisters' altar bread stoves. He taught Sister Magdalen and gave certificates of completion to her for completing a course in electricity.

For years Sr. Magdalen had charge of donations at Marygrove. She sorted food for the poor from Dierbergs Markets and St. Louis Bread Company and also used the food to feed the many animals on the convent's large grounds. Sister and Sister Dorothy Vogel, who were in religious life together for many years, were always ready to lend a working hand to whatever needed to be done.

In 2009 Sister developed a serious infection in her leg, which could have necessitated amputation. Sister went to



Sr. Magdalen of St. Jerome Clark, CGS

Immaculate Heart in 2010 after convalescing for a time through in-patient care. She suffered not being able to continue her work at Marygrove; however, since her Golden Jubilee she had been at peace in accepting God's will for a well deserved rest.

In addition to crocheting, Sister Magdalen had always been an avid reader and continued both activities almost up to the end of her life. She was a model of fidelity to prayer, for the Church, our Holy Congregation, her beloved family and friends, and all the special intentions we receive on our prayer board. We thank God for the gift Sister Magdalen had been to all of us, and we pray that she may rest in peace.

Submitted by Sr. Pauline Bilbrough

SPOTLIGHT **ZEAL**

Q&A

Lisa Camp is part-time receptionist at Immaculate Heart Convent in St. Louis and full-time student at Webster University. Earlier this year Lisa was selected by Webster University to attend the Global Student Leadership Summit in Vienna. She was one of 25 students chosen from a pool of 65 global applicants. The Sisters at Immaculate Heart adore Lisa and thought her story would inspire readers of Items of Interest.

What qualifications made you a viable candidate to attend the Global Student Leadership Summit in Vienna?

I am enrolled full-time at Webster University and am in good academic and judicial standing. I am also on the Dean's List and am an Ambassador at the University. I am the Student Supervisor of Campus Activities. In this role I coordinate events on campus and manage a team of six students who also coordinate events on campus. I believe I was selected because I'm very involved at Webster. My enthusiasm to help make Webster University a better institution for everyone was evident in my interview process. I feel very honored to have been selected to go on this trip.

What was the purpose of the Summit?

The purpose of the Summit is to provide student leaders with a unique opportunity to gain knowledge and skills in a global environment. Making friends with peers from throughout the world



Lisa works with diverse people and cultures in her role as Webster University's Student Supervisor of Campus Activities.

helps us become better student leaders and gives Webster University a better understanding of how student involvement impacts learning on their campuses.

What activities did you engage in at the Summit?

We had interactive sessions that focused on leadership development, communication, intercultural competency and social responsibility. We had learning outcomes and worked in small groups with assigned mentors to achieve those outcomes. This included developing action plans to increase student involvement and strengthen connections between student leaders at the campuses that were represented at the Summit. All participants completed an online non-credit course from March-May, 2017, to prepare for the Summit. We also took a trip to see the sites of Vienna and had outstanding networking opportunities with

fellow students from around the world.

What is expected of you as a graduate of the Summit?

Participants chosen for the Summit serve in leadership roles on Webster campuses. The Summit is meant to further develop our sense of mission and purpose. As a result of attending the 2017 Summit, each of us is expected to meet with the Student Life staff at our home campus to implement the action plans we developed in Vienna. This includes working collaboratively with fellow students on campus to increase leadership involvement. And it includes enhancing connections with students from throughout Webster's global network. I felt fortunate to have met and made friends with other student leaders. We represented 15 nationalities and came from Austria, Botswana, Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Mozambique, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United States and Yemen.



Lisa said that touring Budapest, Hungary, on a bicycle after the Summit was a highlight of her international experience.

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Q&A *Cont'd from p. 13****Did you want to achieve any personal goals while on the trip?***

I wanted to learn about the other Webster campuses, as students came to the Summit from across the world. Webster has six international locations on four continents. I can't visit them all, so it was fun to meet people from each campus.

Tell us about Webster University. What makes it unique and a good learning environment for you?

The Sisters of Loretto founded Webster University. It is diverse and one of the most global universities in the world. I like that Webster is also student-focused and provides students with career-building opportunities. Webster has provided me with a plethora of opportunities that I wouldn't have had otherwise. I was asked to host our Annual 2017 Leadership Awards, serve on our sexual assault hearing board and our school's Leadership Council Board. I am Commuter Council President, Student Government Association Election Commissioner, Orientation Leader, and I represent



Lisa is often invited to speak before audiences at Webster University and enjoys making presentations.



Lisa stands before the Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, whose history dates to the 14th century.

the President's Office as a Student Ambassador. This means I attend events with dignitaries, donors and alumni, serving as the bridge of communication between current students and important Webster affiliates. I had my first paid speaking engagement to introduce Soledad O'Brien earlier this year.

What degree are you working toward at Webster?

I am currently pursuing a Media Communications degree with an emphasis in Public Relations and minor in Advertising/Marketing and digital media. Communication is important in everything we do. Having gone on the trip I was able to see how different cultures communicate and interact, which is important to learn about in my field of studies.

What will you do after you graduate from Webster?

I have two potential plans that I will pursue after graduating from

Webster University this May. One of those plans is to continue on and get my Masters Degree at Webster. The other plan is to pursue a full-time job in my chosen career field. I haven't yet chosen the actual plan that I will pursue.

How does working at Immaculate Heart Convent help you achieve your academic or personal goals?

Working as receptionist on weekends at Immaculate Heart allows me to improve my communication skills. What I like most about working there is greeting all of the Sisters as they come to Mass. I also like listening to the Sisters sing as their voices travel down the hall to my office. All of the Sisters and other staff feel like family to me. It's also always fun for me to meet people who know my mom Yolanda Camp, who also works for Sisters of the Good Shepherd. People are always saying how much my mom and I look alike.

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Sr. Dorothy Doyle honored for dedicated service to Vista Maria

Vista Maria's Mission Partners, Board members and benefactors honored Sr. Dorothy Doyle in September for her nearly 20 years of leadership and service to the Good Shepherd ministry. The elegant dinner celebration took place in the Detroit Athletic Club, located in the heart of Detroit's theater, sports and entertainment district. Sr. Dorothy said she was humbled to receive the lavish attention and fanfare.

Announcements and News Tidbits

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Long, Kathleen Moore, Grace Rhoads, Mary Carol McClenon, Marie Dolores Beck, Pat Connelly, Caroline DeAngelus and, eventually, Mary Becker is: Maria Hall
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The new mailing address for Sisters Marita Aumiller, Clare Marie Doyle and, eventually, Anne Marie Solomon, Joanne Getzendanner, Jane Elligan, Teresa Floyd and Patricia Toussaint is: Emmanuel Center
 11 School House Road
 Danville, PA 17821

The new mailing address for Sisters Veronica Ferrao, Maxi

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The October issue of *Items of Interest* published the wrong initials for the priests who attended the Jubilee Mass for Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid. The priests who participated in the Jubilee are from the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (CJM).

DeNeuille Learning Center will hold its next graduation ceremony in December. Look for a story about it in the January issue.

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seeing deeply, below initial ideas, judgements or understandings. Visio Divino invites us to open our eyes, heart and mind so that we can be transformed by God.

As a photographer and appreciator of fine art, this sparked my imagination and alerted me to a new way of praying. I began to experiment with it. Then, in October the Oblates of Mary Immaculate made it known that Fr. Mark would conduct a Visio Divina at their monastery in Godfrey, Illinois. The Visio Divina would be outdoors, in nature, on 300,000 year-old bluffs overlooking the confluence of three rivers. We would be using our eyes to encounter God there. This was the absolute perfect scenario for me. I signed up to attend.

The day arrived. Participants met one another and Fr. Mark reviewed the steps involved in Visio Divina. I took a pen and journal with me as I strolled from the monastery out into nature. I took my camera too.

In silence I observed the details in creation without critique. I allowed unfiltered thoughts and feelings to arise within me, and I began to ask myself questions: How do these feelings connect with my life? What

is stirring within me? How am I being drawn to respond? Has my own experience been similar to what I am seeing in nature? Where in my life does the power of the resurrection work in me?

Here is a sampling of my reflections:



Water

Three rivers ever flowing, renewing life as they draw in fresh deposits while whisking away that which is stagnant. Sedges and wildflowers dance with the breeze along the river's edge and insects, mammals and birds rustle in the underbrush. Dried leaves crumple as they let go of limbs and fall to rest beside blooms that have turned to seed. Fragile cicada skins cling to rugged bark and Mother Nature ends one

cycle to begin another. Change is the only thing consistent in life.

Barriers

Pathways beckon and call out, urging me to trust that all will be well when I step beyond the gate and private property sign that says, "No Trespassing." If I let barriers shield me from the unknown then I will never experience what lies ahead for me.



Written by Jeanette McDermott



An unexpected gift

By Sr. Joan Spiering, RGS

Three of us Good Shepherd Mission Partners attended Webster University's annual Human Rights Conference in St. Louis in October. We were drawn to this year's theme: *Environmental Justice and Human Rights*. I have long wondered why people who are passionate about human rights are not equally fired up about the environment. Jeanette McDermott and Sr. Elizabeth Garciano wondered the same

thing, and so the three of us set off to the conference in search of insight into that question.

The first speaker at the conference, Dr. Sarah Ray, dove immediately into answering the question. She examined the history of the environmental movement in the United States. From the onset, the

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nation's environmental spokespersons were among the wealthy, white, educated elite. Theodore Roosevelt is an example. He spread the message about conservation, which resulted in creation of the national park system. A wonderful result. But he was hardly an example of the common person.

Later in the environmental movement the message was often about saving the whale, the spotted owl, the polar bear. Environmental rights rarely considered human rights. Today, in the 21st century, we are at a different place. The two movements, which have not been easy conversation partners, are standing at the intersection of environmental devastation and human misery. This place of suffering is where there is connectedness and dialogue. The Climate Justice movement is an example of this reality.

A second takeaway for me was viewing excerpts of "The First Secret City," a film created by Alison Carrick and C.D. Stelzer about the Manhattan Project during World War II and resulting nuclear radioactive waste that lingers today in St. Louis neighborhoods. As a non-resident, I was unaware that St. Louis had been a site for processing uranium during the war.

The film tells the story of Larry Bergan, a worker initially happy to land a good paying job with a company at the site where uranium was formerly processed. He was totally unaware of the site's previous history. In time, he became gravely ill and didn't know why. Eventually he found out. He used the Freedom of Information Act to gather the facts. As a result, he reached out to

other workers to inform them and help them get their rights. He also began to help residents who had been affected by radiation contamination. As sick and impoverished as he was he was truly heroic in his outreach to fellow humans who were suffering. He had to stand for the truth in the face of governmental bodies who denied it.

Conference speakers told many stories that opened the mind's eye to help clarify the question we Mission Partners had pondered. Basically, this is how things shake out when it comes to environmental and human rights bumping up against each other:

Human rights advocates contend that climate change threatens fundamental rights to health, livelihood, and property, while also infringing on indigenous rights to culture and profoundly impacting the global poor.

The environmental justice movement brings together scholars and activists who are concerned about both environmental protection and social justice, paying particular attention to how vulnerable populations are disproportionately harmed by rising sea levels, deforestation, desertification, fossil fuel extraction and transportation, the disposal of hazardous wastes, air pollution, and a range of other environmental hazards. The conference provided



Sisters Joan Spiering (leaning forward) and Elizabeth Garciano (in gray vest) listen as a conference participant shares a viewpoint.



L-R: Sr. Joan Spiering, Jeanette McDermott and Sr. Elizabeth Garciano review the conference agenda on a mobile application.

intersectional analyses of environmental racism, sexism, classism, and colonialism with the aim of raising critical awareness of the human rights violations caused by environmental degradation.

Attending the Environmental Justice and Human Rights conference was an unexpected gift of knowledge and consciousness raising about issues that are important to Good Shepherds.

Written by Sr. Joan Spiering with edits by Jeanette McDermott

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Cribs of the world on display in Angers museum



One of 50 cribs from around the world on display at the Good Shepherd Museum in Angers from December 1 through January 14.

The Congregation of our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd is an international Congregation of Sisters that is spread across all five continents in more than 70 countries. It is the custom each year for the international Community at the Motherhouse in Angers, France, to display Christmas cribs from communities in different countries.

This year's exhibition of more than 50 cribs will take place in the Good Shepherd Museum. The display is linked with the theme "The Migrants." This relevant topic echoes the journey that Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus took more than 2,000 years ago when their lives were in danger. They were forced to flee their homeland and seek refuge in Egypt.

The Congregational Spirituality Centre collaborated with the Congregational Museum to exhibit the cribs as a way of helping us reflect more deeply on present day realities of the world. The exhibition will run from December 1, 2017 through January 14, 2018 in the Good Shepherd Museum in Angers, France.

Justice for girls

Good Shepherd International Justice Peace (GSIJP) Office sponsored one of the 11 Days of Action for the International Day of the Girl celebration this year. GSIJP also held a Twitter Chat on October 8, which focused on the human rights of girls, including their rights to health, education, safety, water and sanitation, among many other rights.

Mission Partners prepared and responded to a series of 12 questions as a way to engage people around the world, and encourage them to share their stories, insights and good practices related to girls' enjoyment of human rights. The highlight of International Day of the Girl was on October 11 at the United Nations with the Girls Speak Out in the ECOSOC Chamber. The Speak Out was cleverly crafted, using a 'Girls in Crisis Hotline' to introduce stories and issues that affect girls.

You can view the full webcast and see the video that Good Shepherd Indonesia sent to GSIJP at <http://bit.ly/2zBdhJU>



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Living with a heart for the Mission in South Africa

By Melinda Stricklen

Items of Interest reported in the October issue on the trip the Mission Effectiveness team made to South Africa from August 26 through September 12. I have continued to reflect on that trip which Sr. Barbara Beasley and I took. We went in response to an invitation by Sister Zelna Oosthuizen, Congregational Leadership Team, to share in conversations around the engagement of Mission Partners.

Barbara and I have been asked, "How was your trip?" "Was it fun?" Well, this was a different kind of trip. It was awesome, as in awe-inspiring. It was life changing at deep levels.

Good Shepherd hospitality

The hospitality was classic Good Shepherd and the welcome at each of the ministries was deeply touching. This was evidenced in programs planned, demonstrations of skills in culinary arts, sewing, cosmetology, meals shared, children to hug and staff to admire.

The thought that keeps recurring is around the generosity of spirit of the Sisters, Mission Partners, volunteers and those who are being served in the ministries.

As we hear from St. Mary Euphrasia, "Be strong in soul, and generous of heart."

South Africa is in the Africa Mid-East (RIMO) Province. Yes, the ministries there are different from those in the United States and yet Good Shepherd South Africa is meeting needs that are present in their reality just like we seek to do here. There are the stresses of not having enough money and resources, and yet the definition of "enough" is vastly different there. People seem to share from their desire to be of help and to relieve suffering rather than from having abundance.

So how was our trip? It was a privilege to see the Good Shepherd mission being lived out in the lives of such dedicated, committed and loving people.



Top: Mission Partners at Mmakaunyane, South Africa, work together on a project during Mission Effectiveness training. Bottom: Children at the Good Shepherd pre-school in South Africa take a break from learning to enjoy a game of sack-racing outdoors.



LEADERSHIP TRAVEL

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NAME	DATES	LOCATION
Sr. Sharon Rose Authorson	Dec 1-4	Retreat at Kings House, Belleville
Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez	Dec 1-2 Dec 2-9 Dec 11-Jan 17	Visit Sr. Eileen Robinson, Orange, CA Apostolic Council Meetings, Province Center, St. Louis Home visit/family and Good Shepherd, Singapore
Sr. Beverly Hedgecoth	No travel	No travel
Sr. Maureen Johnson	No travel	No travel
Sr. Dolores Kalina	Dec 1-15 Dec 16-26 Dec 27-30	Apostolic Council Meetings, Province Center, St. Louis Baltimore Home visit
Sr. Maureen Kunz	Dec 1-10	Apostolic Council Meetings, Province Center, St. Louis
Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid	Dec 3-9	Apostolic Council Meetings, Province Center, St. Louis
Sr. Madeleine Munday	Dec 1-3 Dec 3-9 Dec 7 Dec 12-14	Circle of Provincials of North America, St. Louis Apostolic Council Meetings, Province Center, St. Louis Archbishop Vigneron's annual meeting with major superiors, Detroit DeNeuville Learning Center Board meeting and graduation, Memphis

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MAY YOUR HEARTS BE FILLED WITH ALL OF
THE GIFTS OF THE SEASON.



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"In the stable at Bethlehem, we see our God teaching us all the virtues."

Saint Mary Euphrasia

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