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Green Corner

Everyone has gotten in on the act of recycling at Vista Maria. For a few years now they have been recycling electronic waste and no less than eight to ten tons of cardboard and paper each year. But recycling plastics is something new. For the first time, Vista Maria is now recycling seven types of plastics at 24 stations in buildings throughout campus. The Green Group is making it

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green on a crisp September morning caused me to take stock of how such a simple act can be so deeply meaningful.

On September 8 Vista Maria painted the entrance to Brennan Hall green, becoming the second ministry in the Province of Mid-North America to participate in the Green Door Project. Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center led the way in June, when Mission Partners and Sisters painted [NAC's door](#).

The Green Door Project is an initiative that rallies Good Shepherd houses and ministries around the common task of painting entryways to match the Green Door of the Motherhouse in Angers, France. It is through the Green Door of the Motherhouse that young women entered religious life with Good Shepherd, and from which they departed for missions around the world. Painting doors green throughout the province is a gesture of solidarity and a nod to our Good Shepherd heritage.

While on the 2017 pilgrimage in May, Province Operations Director Monte Abbott devised the notion of having each ministry and Community paint their entryways green. He shared his idea with fellow pilgrims during a rooftop party one night, where the view and atmosphere of the Motherhouse lent itself to inspired dreaming.

Mike Skonieczny heard Monte's idea and instantly resonated with it. When he returned to Vista Maria from pilgrimage, Mike passed along the vision of the Green Door Project to his colleague Janet Jones. Janet listened and also got hooked on the idea. One idea sparked another and before long the two of them had

mapped out a plan to involve Vista Maria's entire campus in a green door painting party.

They called the event *Popcorn with the Pilgrims* and sent out invitations to all Mission Partners on campus. Nearly 40 people showed up to paint, including six Sisters who were visiting Vista Maria from Cincinnati and Louisville. Many of the participants were former pilgrims.



Janet and Mike wanted each participant to have a personal paint brush to keep as a souvenir. Janet bought the brushes and attached a note to each one of them with a thin green ribbon, hoping the note would serve as a daily reminder of our roots and the work that began with St. Mary Euphrasia. She also added a quote from St. Mary Euphrasia, which read, "Let us rouse ourselves and go forward! As we are all Shepherds no one small corner of the earth should hold us back."

The famed pilgrim song "Find us Faithful" played in the background as each person approached the door, paint brush in hand. A photo display board documenting a pilgrimage to Angers held people's

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Janet Jones and Mike Skonieczny welcome participants to *Popcorn with the Pilgrims*. Following their remarks, Mission Partners receive their paint brushes and step up to the door one-by-one to add their hand to the Green Door Project.

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interest while they waited for their turn to paint. Popcorn, juice and animated conversation also kept people engaged while waiting.

As for me, I did what most of us did after the event. I adorned my office wall with the brush I had used to add a streak of green to the entrance door of Brennan Hall. I like having it on my wall where I can see it throughout the day. It reminds me of that very fine event at Vista Maria, where conversation flowed around mission and feelings of camaraderie ran high. It also reminds me of my own pilgrimage to Angers in 2014, when I became engrossed in Good Shepherd stories that make me feel proud and very blessed to be a part of the great and wonderful mission that we all share.

Written by Jeanette McDermott



Vista Maria's Executive Director Angela Aufdemberge helps paint the door at Brennan Hall, where girls enter the program.



The finishing crew who wrapped up the project. From left: Becky Hermann, Sr. Janice Rushman, Mike Skonieczny and Janet Jones.

The call to engage Mission Partners in South Africa



In response to the General Chapter Directive around "engagement of Mission Partners," Sister Zelna from the Congregation Leadership Team asked for Mission Effectiveness training in South Africa as a way to help Sisters there develop a way forward in engaging Mission Partners. Sr. Barbara and I went to South Africa in September and focused our sessions on Good Shepherd Mission and Vision, the Life and Mission of St. Mary Euphrasia, and Good Shepherd Core Values.

We met with Sisters the first two days. They affirmed the gift of the charism and mission in both Mission Partners and Sisters. They also developed "next steps," which included involvement of Mission Partners and Sisters in the planning of ongoing formation for mission sessions. We will report more lengthy news of our trip in the November issue of *Items of Interest*.

Submitted by Melinda Stricklen



Clockwise: A girl at Port Elizabeth practices reading; Srs. Anne and Lafonsa discuss their mobile clinic ministry. Sr. Zelna opens a session with ritual; a visit to see the shipping container that will house a ministry.

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St. Louis welcomes first international student from Vietnam



Sr. Magdalen Bui is the first Good Shepherd Sister from Vietnam to come to St. Louis as an international student. She is living with the St. Louis Community while learning to speak and understand English better. She is also in St. Louis for an international experience as part of her formation. She arrived on July 19 and will stay for one year.

Sr. Magdalen said she is happy to be studying and living in St. Louis, where she can experience U.S. culture. She has found the hospitality inviting, both on the streets and in the convent.

"When I walk to school each day I see people on the streets and they smile and are friendly to me. Some people wave to me from the car. It is easy to make friends here. I feel happy and don't feel like a stranger in this country because the Sisters make me feel welcome and at home," she said.

Sr. Magdalen has had a number of opportunities to experience American culture since her arrival.

She has picked fruit on a farm, attended a large international festival, visited a butterfly house and gone to the top of the famed St. Louis Arch. But her most profound experience so far has been with the elderly Sisters at Immaculate Heart Convent.

Older Sisters encourage me in my vocation

"In Vietnam we are a young community and do not have many older Sisters. When I go to chapel at Immaculate Heart and see the older Sisters, it encourages me in my vocation. I can see the zeal for ministry that they have had for a very long time," Sr. Magdalen said.

"I can see too that as they became older they continued to be in touch with God. It is a good model for a new vocation to see. Through these older Sisters I can see the future. I can see that they accept their sickness and old age and they live happily in this way."

Sr. Magdalen has noticed, with the arrival of fall, that she is about to experience yet again something new: cold weather.

"In Vietnam we have two seasons: summer and rainy. I have never experienced cold weather and don't know what to expect," she said.

No worries. Sr. Magdalen is fearless and clearly adaptable. As a novice she traveled to Cambodia and Thailand. While enroute to St. Louis, she missed a connecting flight from Hong Kong and ended up taking a long and circuitous route to the U.S.

Angels all around me

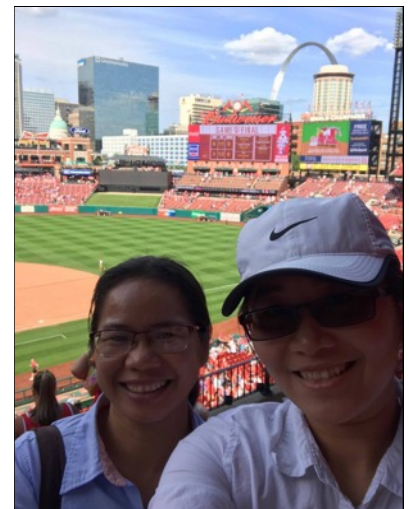
She wasn't afraid in either circumstance because she said she felt Good Shepherd hospitality and the presence of angels all around

her. She trusts these same angels will help guide her toward her goal of improving English skills to better enjoy conversations while in the U.S. and to help the ministries in her Province when she returns to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). She will use her English skills to translate documents from English to Vietnamese and to write grants to fund their ministries.

Sr. Magdalen's biological sister Myriam Therese Bui is a Good Shepherd Apostolic Sister who works with trafficked girls and women. Sr. Magdalen said she felt called to Good Shepherd because of the charism of working with women prostitutes, troubled girls and women who are being trafficked.

Sr. Virginia Gordon mentors Sr. Magdalen, provides her with additional tutoring in English and helps her with homework assignments.

Sr. Virginia said, "It is very exciting to have Sr. Magdalen with us. She is a rapid learner and our first Vietnamese student. We want her to have the best experience possible while she is here."



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Sr Olga Cristobal has been cradling abandoned babies in Albania for three years. Her mission has ended and she is coming home.

Love from Tirana

Sr. Olga Cristobal will return to the U.S. in October, after having been missioned for three years in Tirana, Albania. Before leaving Albania, she is making the rounds of her volunteer gigs to say goodbye. Cradling babies for three years has been a true source of joy and happiness for Sr. Olga. She volunteered at the Angels Cradle Program of Geraldine Hospital for Abandoned Babies during her stint in Tirana. She will visit all of the places where she has volunteered for three years to say goodbye. According to Sr. Olga, her days in Albania were grace-filled and full of blessings.



Studying abroad

Sr. Salomi Cruz, RGS, has spent a week visiting the Sisters in San Francisco while adjusting from flight fatigue from Malaysia. She entered the School of Applied Theology Sabbatical Program on August 28, 2017, in Oakland, California. Salomi is now in the New York Province taking a course in Administration. She will return to Malaysia when she completes the course. Sr. Salomi was also able to visit a homeless shelter with Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez during her stay in San Francisco. She attended Mass at St. Anthony's Parish, where the homeless sleep in the back pews while the other faithful attend liturgy in the front section of the church.



Speaking up for the children

Director of Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center Larry Couch is quoted in the September 21, 2017, issue of [National Catholic Reporter](http://www.nationalcatholicreporter.com) regarding the potential cancellation of state-administered Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Larry stated, "CHIP has a proven health record in ensuring that our children have access to needed health care services. We cannot make a better investment than in the health of our children."

MINISTRY NEWS



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A day of giving back

Sometimes all we need is a little bit of help from our friends. And that's what DeNeuville Learning Center (DLC) got when 19 employees from ServiceMaster came to the center to stuff 170 backpacks for the women and children at DLC.

Each year ServiceMaster pays employees to volunteer at local charities on "We Serve Day." The Memphis-based corporation has designated the third Friday in August as the day it gives back to community each year. The company has chosen DeNeuville as one of its locations for We Serve Day for the past four years. From all indications, it looks like the relationship is a lasting one

Chief Executive Officer of ServiceMaster, Nik Varty, was one of the volunteers at DLC on We Serve Day. He said, "I like the mission of DeNeuville Learning Center and fully support its dedication to an important cause. We want to be good citizens in the community and will definitely continue this project."

In addition to providing DLC with employee volunteers on We Serve Day, ServiceMaster bought all of the backpacks and the supplies that went into them.

"For the women and their children at DeNeuville, these backpacks are filled with more than just products. These gifts are packed with love and make our women and their children feel welcome to the community," Executive Director Lori Bramlett said.

Giving back to community is a rich part of the culture at ServiceMaster. Employees say they enjoy helping to improve lives and build stronger neighborhoods where the company serves. Lori said, "ServiceMaster is amazing.



Lori Bramlett, Executive Director of DeNeuville Learning Center, and Nik Varty, Chief Executive Officer of ServiceMaster, share a moment of levity during We Serve Day on August 18.

We Serve Day is one of the greatest things Memphis has going for it."

Beth Elkins is an employee of ServiceMaster. She said she and her son normally volunteer together on We Serve Day. This year her son couldn't participate, so Beth invited her husband to join her. She said, "We didn't know anything about DeNeuville Learning Center before we came here for We Serve Day. Lori gave us an overview of the center and Kim told us all about its history and mission. I like everything I learned about the center. I'm thinking that the Elkins family should make DeNeuville our volunteer adoption project where we do all of our community volunteer work."

ServiceMaster brands include Merry Maids, the largest network of home cleaning franchises in the United States, and Terminix, a leader in protecting homes and businesses from termites and other pests.

DeNeuville Learning Center empowers women to improve their lives through education and community.



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Journey of Grace

By Marguerite Bartling, RGS and Anne Kelley, RGS

Good Shepherd Gracenter held its annual fundraising gala on September 17, 2017, in San Francisco. Each year the gala raises awareness and funds to support our mission of helping women without resources to break free from drug and alcohol addiction.

This year the Province is celebrating 85 years of Good Shepherd service in San Francisco. We are also celebrating 85 years of partnership with and support from our Women's Guild.

The theme of the gala was "Journey of Grace – guided to new horizons." The theme reflected both the journey and ministry of the Sisters themselves, as well as the personal journey of healing and empowerment of each of the women as she finds her own new horizons for a healthy and productive future.

Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez opened the event with a beautiful prayer. Sr. Marguerite Bartling, in her opening speech, gave many



examples of graduates who have found new horizons of success and are helping many others to find theirs. A looped powerpoint presentation projected onto the wall highlighted graduates telling their stories.

Approximately 200 people attended the luncheon, which included a silent auction and games that Sr. Maureen Kunz led. We also had a raffle with fabulous prizes. The Pro Musica String Quartet performed while guests enjoyed a delicious three-course meal. Gracenter presented its Amazing Grace awards to

remarkable individuals who offer strength and hope to women in recovery.

Recognitions and awards

After presenting the awards, Sr. Anne Kelley shared a brief history of the Good Shepherd Sisters before Sr. Madeleine Munday accepted certificates of recognition from the Gracenter Board and State of California. Sr. Madeleine promptly turned around to present a certificate to the Women's Guild, which was also followed by certificates from the state.

Following the gala, guests attended an Open House at Gracenter. This provided supporters an opportunity to see our home-like residence and meet more of the residents, staff, Sisters and Board. It was a profitable and enjoyable day, and we are so grateful to all who are on this journey of grace with us!



Sr. Maureen Kunz and the games she led livened up the fundraising gala.

COMMUNITY LIFE



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Simple elegance sets tone for Jubilee

Sister Mary Carolyn McQuaid has commemorated 50 years of religious vocation. She celebrated her Jubilee in Los Angeles on June 24 with ten Good Shepherd Sisters and 38 relatives. On September 8 — the actual date she professed first vows — Sr. Mary Carolyn celebrated with the Sisters who live in St. Louis, along with Province Staff and members of the Apostolic Council who were in St. Louis for meetings.

Sr. Mary Carolyn chose the hymns for her Jubilee Mass in both locations with the intention of allowing the hymns to tell her story. “This was not about my fidelity, but God’s fidelity,” she said.

Msgr. Nicholas Schneider celebrated the Jubilee Mass in St. Louis. Sr. Mary Carolyn said she was touched by his homily and felt like he captured the purse essence of what her Jubilee is all about. In the homily Msgr. Nicholas said, “... for fifty years the Holy Spirit has enlivened Sister Carolyn with gifts and fruits necessary for the ministry she was called to do. Today we rejoice to acknowledge the role the Spirit has played in her life.”

Each celebration came with full community support. Sr. Lioba Abe crafted origami lilies for the table centerpieces in Los Angeles. Sisters and Shelter Staff set up for the Mass and luncheon in the garden, and three Eudists concelebrated the Mass: two missionaries and Fr. Gerard Lecomte, C.M.J.

In St. Louis Sr. Monica Duong prepared a beautiful and delicious lunch that followed Mass, and Theresa Y. Nguyen,

who is discerning religious life with Good Shepherd, designed and arranged stunning floral bouquets.

“Both of the ceremonies were very meaningful. They were simply beautiful. I was deeply touched by the outpouring of love and support,” Sr. Mary Carolyn said.

Sr. Mary Carolyn chose a quote from Saint Mary Euphrasia to summarize the spirit of her Jubilee.

“The blessing of a vocation is a gift from God. Let us unite in thanking Him for the marvels of grace He has wrought in us.”



Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid renewed her vows on the 50th anniversary of her first profession. Fr. Gerard Lecomte, C.M.J. presided over the ceremony in the convent garden in Los Angeles. Sr. Mary Carolyn entered Good Shepherd in Los Angeles and lived there her first six years in religious life.



Front to back, l-r: Sisters Anne Kelley, Regina Do, Madeleine Munday, Mary Carolyn McQuaid, Donna Miles, Lioba Abe; Fr. Gerard Lecomte, C.M.J.; Sr. Barbara Beasley; Eudist Missionary; Sr. Corazon Malinay; Sr. Danielle Fung; Fr. Rodrigue Azanmasso, C.M.J.; and Sr. Mercy DeLeon. Everyone is holding an origami lily that Sr. Lioba made for the special occasion.



One of several bouquets that Theresa Y. Nguyen made for the Jubilee celebration in St. Louis.

COMMUNITY LIFE



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Visit with dogs takes bite out of a hot summer day



Sully anticipates being invited onto a lap during a morning visit to St. Joseph Residence.

Sully even performed a few tricks, to the delight of the Sisters. Sully is a 65-pound German Short-Haired Pointer who identifies with being a lap dog. She jumped right into Sr. Mary Laetitia's lap! Sr. Laetitia beamed. Snicker and

Sisters at St. Joseph Residence celebrated the dog days of summer on a hot August morning with an event called "bark and bite." Snicker, Doodle and Sully — three dogs near and dear to my heart — visited the Sisters.

Dogs always bring joy and energy to the Sisters, so the three canines were welcomed into the Baltimore convent.

Doodle, the real lap dogs, weighing in at 13 pounds each, socialized without bounding onto laps.

In the afternoon, Sisters Joanne Getzendenner, Patricia Touissaint, Joan Newman and Mary Laetitia Hughes made doggie biscuits. The Sisters used cookie cutters to cut the biscuits into shapes of dogs, dog bones, fire hydrants and doghouses. After the biscuits had baked and cooled, Sr. Laetitia packaged them in individual gift bags. She and Sr. Joan adorned the bags with bone-shaped tags and ribbon.

We wrote the names of staff members' dogs on the tags and distributed the bags of biscuits to all of the dog owners who work at St. Joseph Residence. They reported that their dogs enjoyed the homemade treats.

Sisters played trivia and other games with dog facts to round out the bark and bite activity. After a fun day like this, the hot and humid dog days of summer didn't seem so miserable.

Submitted by Andrea Roper, Activity Director for St. Joseph Residence

Mystery photo ... guess who?

A number of people guessed last month's mystery photo. It is Sr. Virginia Gordon on the day of her First Profession into religious life with Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The photograph was taken on May 31, 1955, in Germantown, Pennsylvania, which was in the Philadelphia Province. Sr. Virginia's father took the picture after her investiture ceremony. Sr. Virginia stayed on mission at Germantown until making Final Profession on May 31, 1958. Some folks knew this photo was taken at Sr. Virginia's First Profession because she is wearing the cross on the outside of the habit. At all other times the cross would have been tucked behind

the scapular and, therefore, not visible. All of the Sisters in the Philadelphia Province who

took First Vows wore a crown of flowers. As an aside, our recently departed Sister Nora Pat Dennehy made First Profession with Sr. Virginia.

What about this month's mystery photo? Who is this energetic young Novice and why is that lamb on convent grounds? For careful readers there's a clue on the previous page that might give away the answer.



GREEN CORNER



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Recycling, *Cont'd from p. 1*

happen. Green Group representatives monitor the recycle bins in their work areas and transfer the plastics when the bins get full to the large outdoor dumpster on campus. City waste management trucks empty the dumpster monthly.

Sr. Janice Rushman started the recycling initiative. As a member of the Province's Eco-Zeal for Mission core group, she had been engaged in numerous discussions for the past couple of years about caring for creation. Increasingly, however, she grew restless with discussions that didn't lead to action. Stagnation gnawed at her. She wanted movement. She needed for her engagement on the Eco-Zeal team to have purpose and relevance that resulted in personal commitment and responsible action.



Lightweight mesh hampers make it easy for The Green Group representatives to know when to transfer plastics to the large outdoor dumpster

As she thought long and hard about ways to shape a program that could benefit Earth and Vista Maria, a vision began to unfold. Vista Maria was already recycling 8-10 tons of cardboard and paper every year, and it had a well-oiled e-waste program underway. Could Vista Maria step up its game to be better stewards of the Earth? She thought so, but there was just one sure way to find out: invite people to a consultation.

Using the Appreciative Inquiry method, Sr. Janice set out to discover what people were already doing to benefit the environment, and what more they could do.

Sr. Janice held a meeting of the minds on February 1 and 2 of this year, with 16 Mission Partners who had answered "yes" to her call for consultation. Using Appreciative Inquiry — a method that seeks to generate new ideas and models for how to organize for self-determined change — Janice set out to discover what people were doing to benefit the environment, and what more they could do.

Ideas flowed from the participants, who now call themselves the Green Group. The consensus among The Green Group was that they could realistically oversee efforts to recycle plastic bottles and containers.

During Vista Maria's Heritage Week in May, The Green Group set up 24 bins in residence halls, meeting rooms and in the cafeteria and officially launched

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The Green Squad

By Linda Krawford

Residents at Vista Maria's Donna Maria unit formed a recycling team in June named the Green Squad. The young women organized to make posters that encourage other residents and staff to recycle plastic bottles. The Green Squad has also set up three stations in the hall to collect plastic bottles.

The Green Squad has had three meetings so far. We discussed renewable and non-renewable energy at the first meeting. Our second meeting focused on discussing how residents can add aluminum to recycling efforts once they become proficient with recycling plastics. At the third meeting the Green Squad rinsed out 251 plastic bottles and took them to a recycling bin on campus. We had \$13 worth of returnables!

Residents of Donna Maria Hall range in ages from 13-17 years old. Five of the residents are currently on the Green Squad. The squad's goals are to educate residents on how recycling benefits the planet and how we can benefit from recycling financially. The Green Squad plans to expand into other environmental issues such as pollution, water quality and global warming.

The residents are excited about being members of the Green Squad. They are planning to give a portion of the proceeds they make from recycling to the homeless and have planned a pizza party to celebrate their success in recycling. The Donna Maria Green Squad is making a difference not just on Vista Maria campus but for our beautiful planet as a whole.

Recycling works!

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Recycling, *Cont'd from p. 10*

the plastics recycling program. It was vital to Sr. Janice that The Green Group manage and sustain the new program, and that the program not be a burdensome add-on task for the maintenance staff.

Becoming more sustainable

"I think it's a success. Many people recycle at home and are happy to have a place at work where they can recycle their plastic. Comments about the recycling program are positive, and people are starting to make transitions toward being more sustainable," Sr. Janice said.

Since the new initiative launched, Vista Maria has begun building a mindfulness practice around sustainability. Departments are starting to use less styrofoam and people are picking up litter, conserving water and promoting care of earth in the Vista Maria newsletter.

Vista Maria's Donna Maria Hall is following the lead of Sr. Janice and

The Green Group and has joined the initiative to recycle plastic bottles. The aim of the Green Squad is to do its part in helping to make Vista Maria a greener campus (see sidebar on previous page).

With interest in sustainability growing, The Green Group hopes to expand its recycling efforts in the future to include batteries and metals, including the disposable aluminum trays that residents eat from in the dining facility.

The Green Group is also investigating other environmental issues and planning exciting and motivational activities for Earth Week 2018. The Green Group is also developing a logo to promote Vista Maria as a green campus.

In next month's issue we will interview Katrina Wright, Vista Maria's manager of electronic waste recycling about her views on environmental sustainability.

Submitted by Jeanette McDermott



Sr. Janice Rushman is investigating an environmentally sound solution for keeping the sanctuary lamps lit in the chapel. The practice of using plastic sheathing around candles is resource intensive and, therefore, not sustainable.

Announcements and News Tidbits

Please note the following email address changes:

Sr. Pat Connelly
Srmpat22@gmail.com

Sr. Lioba Abe
liobaabe@gmail.com

Sr. Dorothy Doyle
doylergs@gmail.com

Rose Haven has put together a winter wish list on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) for donors who would like to support the women it serves.

DeNeuille Learning Center will host its 15th Annual Golf Classic fundraising event on October 6 in Memphis.

Good Shepherd Shelter will hold its 40th Anniversary Gala on

October 22 in downtown Los Angeles.

The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels gave a grant to Maryhurst in September to replace the roof and flooring in one of the cottages on campus.

[Season of Creation](#) ends on October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

ACROSS BORDERS



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Helping addicts and pushers avoid death



Sr. Maria Juanita "Nenet" Dano, RGS, (in white) and her volunteer partners.

Sister Maria Juanita "Nenet" Dano, RGS, is a licensed social worker who counsels drug users and pushers in an effort to help them avoid death.

People who seek Sr. Nenet for counseling hope to change their ways and avoid becoming victims in the government's ongoing anti-drug war. But their names are on a police list, which makes them targets in massive police operations in force since Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte took office in July, 2016.

Duterte has vowed to rid the country of drugs and crime. Depending on who is counting, the anti-drug war has claimed from 2,000 to more than 7,000 lives, both in police operations and vigilante-style or extrajudicial killings. Duterte has been hitting back harshly at national and international human rights groups, as well as the churches that have criticized his drug war.

It is common knowledge that police are involved in the drug trade. The oft-repeated police reason for the killings is that the suspects "fought back," but in most raids, usually at

night, the target suspects are unarmed or asleep.

Collating cases of killings

Sister Nenet is collating cases of extrajudicial killings for the Good Shepherd Congregation and others to read. Her primary focus is to stop drug users and pushers from becoming victims in Duterte's war on drugs and to live drug-free lives.

Her volunteer staff, called Good Shepherd Lay Partners, are local women from poor families. They minister to drug users who are not yet badly addicted, help families of victims arrange funerals and gather members of families affected by killings for media interviews. They also undergo paralegal training so they can document cases.

A vocal critic of the bloody drug war of the Duterte government, Sr. Nenet recently posted on her Facebook page: "Here in my area the morgues are happy when drug suspects are killed and brought to them. The poor families sometimes leave the dead there as they cannot afford to 'ransom' their loved ones."

Sister Regina Kuizon, Province Leader for the Philippines, is supportive of Sister Nenet's ministry. She said, "Like Jesus the Good Shepherd, Sister Nenet reaches out to the most in need."

Story edited from Global Sisters Report, July 10, 2017, and from an article published in America The Jesuit Review on August 10, 2017.

Motherhouse on tour



The Good Shepherd Motherhouse in Angers was one of 17,000 monuments across France that opened its doors for people to tour during European Heritage Days in September.

ACROSS BORDERS



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Pope Francis visits Good Shepherd ministry while touring Colombia



Sr. Blanca Nubia Lopez, RGS, greets Pope Francis upon his arrival to Talitha Qum.



Girls at Talitha Qum paint a mural about the environment to welcome Pope Francis.

Pope Francis visited the Good Shepherd ministry for girls, Talitha Qum, during his apostolic journey to Cartagena, Colombia, September 6-11, 2017. The pope dedicated his travels to reconciliation and peace.

Talitha Qum is located in the San Francisco neighborhood of Cartagena, the tourist gem of Colombia. The neighborhood, however, is a far cry from the glamor for which Cartagena is noted. Talitha Qum serves 70 girls and adolescents at high risk of sexual and commercial abuse, trafficking, domestic violence, abuse of psychoactive substances and early pregnancies.

The girls at Talitha Qum worked for weeks painting a mural to greet Pope Francis to the program and San Francisco neighborhood. The mural expresses devotion to the Catholic faith and the importance of saving Colombia's mangrove trees for protection from flooding. Sr. Blanca Nubia López, RGS, greeted the Holy Father when he arrived at Talitha Qum.

"From the moment we received this news we did not stop preparing ourselves on a spiritual human level to welcome Pope Francis, the ambassador of Jesus Christ on Earth, with deep joy and an open heart," Sr. Blanca said.

Letter from Sisters in Korea

We give thanks to God who made Heaven and Earth, as well as our Community. On September 14th 21 years ago, we celebrated the dedication of our building for Contemplative Sisters in South Korea. After four years of international experience, we have come back together to re-start our Community. God is so good to provide everything for us, so now we are here. We are very happy to share our thanks and joy with you. Thank you for your prayers, concerns and loving support. Please continue to pray for us. We will also remember you in our prayers.

May God bless you.

Sisters Rose Mary, Asun, Raphaela, Michaela and Theresa



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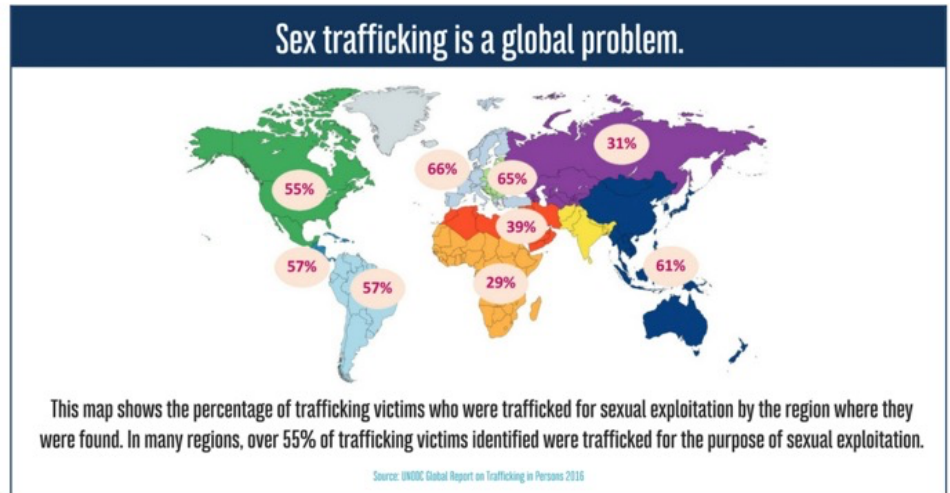
Global plan of action to combat trafficking in persons

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons in 2010. The Global Plan calls on governments, UN bodies, international organizations and civil society to work together to integrate the fight against human trafficking into the UN's broader programs on global development and to strengthen security around the world. It also calls for a UN fund for trafficking victims. The Plan was reviewed last month on September 27-28 as part of a routine 4-year review process.

Good Shepherd International Justice Peace Office is concerned that the trafficking of women and girls is falling under the radar of the United Nations.

Good Shepherd International Justice Peace Office is concerned that sex trafficking is falling under the radar for both governments and the United Nations. To help focus on concerns about sex trafficking, [Equality Now](#) launched a campaign prior to review of The Global Plan to make sex trafficking its own distinct form of human trafficking in the Global Plan of Action.

Complementing the Global Plan are the 2015 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs are a roadmap whose 17 goals and 169 targets have been developed to stimulate action through 2030 in



areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet, including gender equality.

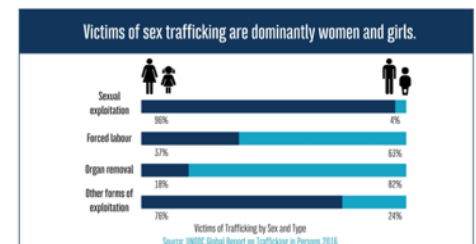
“Good Shepherd advocacy is a clear call for specifically referencing the three targets where trafficking in persons is mentioned in the SDGs,” said Good Shepherd UN Representative Winifred Doherty.

Winifred has posted a [Powerpoint](#) with up to date information on human trafficking on her blogsite at <https://gsijpoffice.com>.

There are four types of human trafficking:

- Sexual exploitation or prostitution
- Slavery or servitude
- Forced labor
- Removal of organs

[Shareable cards](#) on the Equality Now website contain facts and stories on the devastating impact trafficking has on people. There is also information on the SDGs and the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.



Here are some of the sharable cards on human trafficking that are available to download on the Equality Now website.

LEADERSHIP TRAVEL

ZEAL

NAME	DATES	LOCATION
Sr. Sharon Rose Authorson	October 9-16 October 16-20	Retreat at Kings House, Belleville, IL Province Assembly, Belleville, IL
Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez	October 9-11 October 14-21 October 25	LCWR Region XIV - Vallombrosa Retreat Center Meetings and Province Assembly, St. Louis/Belleville Rose Court Board Meeting, San Francisco
Sr. Beverly Hedgecoth	October 13-22	Meetings and Province Assembly, St. Louis/Belleville
Sr. Maureen Johnson	October 12-23	Meetings and Province Assembly, St. Louis/Belleville
Sr. Dolores Kalina	October 12-24 October 26	Meetings and Province Assembly, St. Louis/Belleville NAC Advisory Board meeting, Silver Spring, MD
Sr. Maureen Kunz	October 1-2 October 3-6 October 14-21 October 22-24 October 24-29 October 30	New York/Toronto Assembly, Connecticut Communicators for Women Religious Conference, Niagara Falls, Ontario Meetings and Province Assembly, St. Louis/Belleville Gracenter Board Meeting, San Francisco Rockaway, ministry retreat St. Louis
Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid	October 15-21 October 22 October 24-26 Oct 31-Nov 3	Meetings and Province Assembly, St. Louis/Belleville Good Shepherd Shelter of Los Angeles 40th Anniversary Gala Generalate Investment Advisory Committee Meeting, Boutwells Resource Center for Religious Institutes Conference, St. Louis

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LEADERSHIP TRAVEL

ZEAL

NAME	DATES	LOCATION
Sr. Madeleine Munday	October 1-4	Meetings at Vista Maria, Detroit
	October 9	Annual meeting of Missouri Bishops and Major Superiors, St. Louis
	October 10	DeNeuville Learning Center Board of Directors meeting, Memphis
	October 16-21	Meetings and Province Assembly, St. Louis/Belleville
	October 22	Good Shepherd Shelter of Los Angeles 40th Anniversary Gala
	October 24-25	LCWR Region X fall meeting, Ruma, IL
	October 26	NAC Advisory Board meeting, Silver Spring, MD
	October 27-31	Visit Good Shepherd and St Joseph Residence communities in Baltimore

Sister Maria honored for her work with CORA Services



CORA Services CEO AnnMarie Schultz (l) presented an engraved clock to Sr. Maria Sowerby at a luncheon last month that honored her.

CORA Services honored Sister Maria Sowerby for her dedication and support of CORA on September 8, 2017, at the ministry's back to school orientation for Nonpublic School Services. CORA's Chief Executive Officer AnnMarie Schultz lauded Sr. Maria at the luncheon and presented her with an engraved clock at the orientation.

Sr. Maria started her mission with CORA in 1985, where she was assigned as a school counselor at St. Katherine's School. She left after five years to attend a sabbatical in Berkeley, California, and was later missioned as a social worker in North Carolina. She returned to Philadelphia in 1994 and spent the last 23 years with CORA Services.

Last month Sr. Maria was missioned with the Pastoral Team at Aria-Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. She said she feels privileged to be able to minister to the hospital's vulnerable population.

"My years at CORA Services were happy, challenging and special. I plan to stay connected to CORA in prayer and by attending events. I know I will miss everyone there and am counting on everyone for prayers and good energy," Sr. Maria said.

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"Be faithful in little things as you are in great; not letting your spiritual energy relax with age."

Saint Mary Euphrasia

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