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COURAGE OF CONVICTION

By Jeanette McDermott, PMNA Communications Coordinator

Last month we reported on the separation of migrant children from their parents at the U.S. border. Since then, Good Shepherd Sisters and Mission Partners have joined the “Families Belong Together” movement.

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Sisters of Earth network at conference in Cincinnati.

Green Corner

An informal network of women from across the U.S. and Canada gathers every two years to explore themes of deep ecology and eco spirituality in response to the crisis of our times. The group is called Sisters of Earth (SOE). For 24 years SOE has explored diverse topics that range from sustainable design to local food initiatives as a solution to the global food crisis and means to lessen our carbon footprint. They have addressed land protection that

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Migrants, *Cont'd from p. 1*

A rally at the U.S./Mexico border near the detention camps in Tornillo, Texas on July 7 included Director of Good Shepherd [National Advocacy Center](#) Larry Couch and three Sisters from Central South Province: Francisca Aguillon, Province Leader; Martha Hernandez; and Teresa Gomez. I documented the rally.



A documentary film crew from New York City records Larry Couch and Sr. Martha Hernandez as they read Pope Francis' bilingual Prayer for Migrants to kickoff the rally.

Sr. Francisca has been aiding and supporting migrants since the day she entered Good Shepherd on Three Kings Day, January 6, 1988. Like Sr. Francisca, Larry is an old hand at rallies. I've been among the ranks of my own fair share of protests, marches and rallies. The rally in Tornillo, Texas, however, was a first for Sisters Martha and Teresa.

"This was my first rally, and I came for a number of reasons," Sr. Teresa said.

"I took to heart Saint Mary Euphrasia's call for 'courage.' I am a follower of Jesus and the convictions of righteousness that he held. And in solidarity with the people oppressed, I stood, like Saint John Eudes, with a generous heart and resolute will," Sr. Teresa said.

For Larry, rallies are a tangible element of hope. He said, "Hope is necessary for change. Without hope, we get discouraged."

In Latino culture, family is everything, according to Sr. Martha. She said, "Family unity is our strongest core value as a culture. It means everything to us. Separating families is like ripping hearts out of people. It's hard to express in words just how deep separation goes," she said.

Lawyers in New York City organized and planned the rally "to help break down the oppressive immigration system." They structured the rally around a technique called the Jericho Walk, a reference to the Biblical story of the Jericho Wall.

The Battle of Jericho was the first battle of the Israelites in their conquest of Canaan. According to the Old Testament Book of Joshua, the walls of Jericho came tumbling down after Joshua's Israelite army marched around the city blowing their trumpets.

While the Bible story entailed the blaring notes of trumpets, the Jericho Walk at Tornillo took place in silence. Marchers walked softly on the parched desert ground, making seven circles around the border walls separating the U.S. from Mexico.

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A little girl carries a big message at the rally in Tornillo, Texas.

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Before making each circle, readers announced the names of people and groups with whom they were walking in solidarity.

"I liked the Jericho Walk very much," said Sr. Martha. I liked the concept of tearing down walls, especially now with all of the talk about border walls and fences."

I liked the Jericho Walk very much ... and the concept of tearing down walls.

Sr. Martha Hernandez

Sr. Teresa also appreciated the Jericho Walk. She said, "I liked walking in thoughtful silence. And I liked hearing the prayers before each walk and taking those prayers with us as we made the circle. Every circle we walked was intentional and prayerful."

Participants broke out into jubilant song and chants upon completing

each of the seven circles of the Jericho Walk.

Before the Jericho Walk began, Larry read in English Pope Francis' Prayer for Migrants. Following his reading, Sr. Martha Hernandez read the same prayer in Spanish.

Rallying in unity

Rally participants represented 10 states and no fewer than 12 groups and organizations, including faith groups and organizations representing people on the margins of society.

"People came together in unity with a common focus," Larry said. "I liked the respect everyone showed. The rally had a certain amount of intelligence and dignity," he said.

In summary of the day's event, Larry said, "Like the dusty, bleak, dry and unforgiving desert terrain of Tornillo, Good Shepherd is unyielding in its resolve to reunite detainees with their families."

For more information about the "Families Belong Together" movement, visit <https://www.familiesbelongtogether.org>.



Sr. Teresa Gomez heads to the rally point. Sr. Francisca Aguillon walks away from the U.S./Mexico border after a deep conversation with Homeland Security agents about the treatment of children in the detainee camps near Tornillo, Texas.



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Good Shepherd was prominent at the rally in Tornillo, Texas, in July.

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Sister Stella leaves Good Shepherd spirit on island of Saipan

The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd has had a presence on the island of Saipan for 18 years. Throughout those years Sr. Stella Mangona, RGS, has ministered to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, couples, youth, and families. She has prepared the faithful for liturgy and sacraments. She is a well-known presence in each parish on the island. Saipan is in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the western Pacific Ocean. It measures 44 square miles and has a population of 55,000.

Bishop Ryan Jimenez led the celebration at a special Mass on July 29th to honor Sr. Stella's presence and ministry on Saipan. The event, held on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, took place at the Cathedral of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa. Province Leader Sr. Madeleine Munday represented the Province of Mid-North America.

Prior to Mass, Sr. Stella's parish celebrated the 175th anniversary of Good Shepherd presence in North America. Sr. Stella adapted the 175th anniversary prayer service that Sr. Sharon O'Grady had written for the 2018 Spring Area Meetings, and used it with a power point presentation. The listing of foundations began with Louisville and ended with Guam and Saipan. The power point included photos of Good Shepherd Sisters who visited Saipan or served the people there through the years.

Following Mass, more than 300 friends, clients, co-workers, volunteers, and their families gathered at the Hyatt Hotel to continue the farewell celebration

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Farewell celebrations honoring Sr. Stella Mangona's presence on Saipan for 18 years included a special Mass and parish festivity that marked Good Shepherd's 175th anniversary of arrival in North America.

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Saipan, *Cont'd from p. 4*

for Sr. Stella. The evening included tributes, songs, dances and tears. All expressed love and gratitude for Sr. Stella and hearty congratulations for her upcoming Golden Jubilee.

Sr. Stella returns to the U.S. mainland on August 3rd for a

sabbatical before discerning a new mission. The sabbatical begins with her Golden Jubilee celebration on August 25th in Los Angeles. Bishop Jimenez will come from Saipan to preside at the jubilee liturgy. Sister Stella's Jubilee will be a joint celebration with her band mates

Sisters Carmen Flores, Anne Kelley and Mary Charlotte Kirst, at the Convent of the Good Shepherd where they began their religious life together. Congratulations, all!

Submitted by Sr. Madeleine Munday, RGS

Empowering girls and women through education, creativity and fun



Maimouna, one of the students at DeNeuville Learning Center (DLC), received her green card recently, thanks to what she learned at DLC. Maimouna is now able to start applying for jobs. She also has been studying hard for her driver's license examination.



Generous friends at [Tickets for Kids Charities](#), made it possible for several youth from Maryhurst to attend the Taylor Swift concert in Louisville. The girls left the concert energized, inspired, and better prepared than ever to express themselves creatively.



National Charity League, Inc. hosted Rose Haven's summer picnic in July. The organization engages mothers and daughters in community outreach to boost philanthropy, leadership development and cultural experiences.

Announcements and News Tidbits

It's party time for Good Shepherd ministries. Items of Interest will report on the events after they have occurred. In the meantime, here's what's on the horizon:

Vista Maria's annual Women Charity Golf Outing is August 9.

The ministry's annual Dolly Drive is August 15.

Rose Haven is having a Benefit Concert and Showcase of women performers on August 11. The fun time includes a "Best Dressed" contest for those wearing purple.

Good Shepherd Gracenter's annual gala "Free to Fly" luncheon and Open House celebrates the women at Good Shepherd Gracenter. The event is on September 16.

Tickets available on each website.

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Congrats to Mid-North America's 50-year Jubilarians

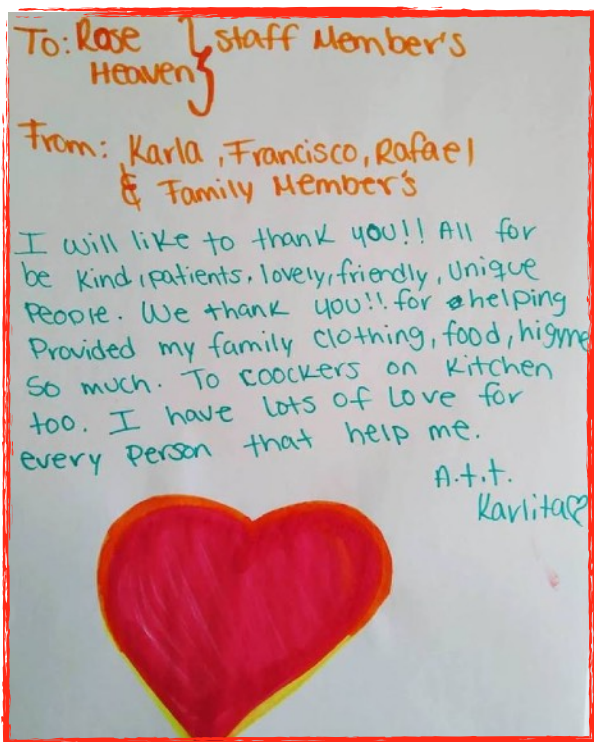
Congratulations to the Sisters in the Province of Mid-North America who are celebrating their 50-year Jubilee this

month. The four band mates took their first commitment vows in St. Louis on August 22, 1968:

- Sr. Mary Carmen Flores
- Sr. Anne Kelley
- Sr. Charlotte Kirst
- Sr. Stella Mangona



Gratitude expressed



We like that this note to Rose Heaven was actually addressed to Rose Heaven. Very appropriate.

Mystery Photo



Who is the Sister in last month's Mystery Photo? Someone guessed Sr. Deloris Christofferson; others think it is Sr. Dorothy Doyle. Will the real clown please stand up? Drum roll ... it's Sister Dorothy Doyle!

And now for this month's Mystery Photo. What is going on in this picture of Sisters at the piano? Who are these Sisters? Where was the picture taken? What's the occasion? What year could this be? Please tell us what you might know.



COMMUNITY LIFE

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The good life in Danville

Life is good at Maria Hall in Danville, Pennsylvania. The Good Shepherd Sisters, who were formally in Community in Baltimore, have adjusted to the move to Maria Hall and are happy. They stay busy with activities and fundraisers.

The most recent fundraiser at Maria Hall was a "Chinese raffle" that raised \$1,590 for Catholic Charities. Raffle prizes were leftover Bingo prizes from a festival in July that raised at least several thousand dollars for the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Good Shepherd Sisters did well winning prizes. Sr. Caroline DeAngelus was on a winning streak and won the door prize. Before her luck had changed, Sr. Caroline had only won a consolation prize of a small packet of tissues. Sr. Ann Joseph Dye went for broke and put all of her raffle tickets in the bag for an art set. She won the raffle! Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette won a plaque with the serenity prayer on it. Everyone feels settled at Maria Hall. The move to Danville has been a good fit.

Submitted by Sr. Mary Carol McClenon, RGS



Good Shepherd Sisters moved from Baltimore to Maria Hall and now live with Lay women and other Catholic Sisters.

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Sisters of Earth, *Cont'd from p. 1*

is guided by a land ethic for the places we inhabit. They have also met to address human life and health issues, earth literacy and cosmic consciousness.

Members of Sisters of Earth have been at the forefront of creating resources, programs, and centers focused on earth spirituality. The overarching premise of SOE is that the Earth is sacred. SOE asks:

When we realize we live in a sacred universe, we have to reexamine everything we think and do. What does it look like to think and act in ways of interdependence? How do we go beyond tolerance to valuing and even enhancing differences? What does it look like to treat everything as a subject with psychic presence and self-determination?

Sharing the wisdom

Sisters of Earth looks at new forms of celebration for an evolving universe. The group builds on the insights of authors, historians and theologians such as Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme and Joanna Macy.

SOE holds a general meeting every two years in different parts of the United States. In July Sisters of Earth held its conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. The 3-day gathering focused on the theme "Sharing the Wisdom, Shaping the Dream: Creating the Future We Want." Joanna Macy's concept of Sacred Activism and Active Hope inspired the theme.

I attended the conference with three Good Shepherd Sisters: Janice Rushman, Liz Schille and Joan Spiering. Sr. Liz found one of the rituals to be especially meaningful.



The [Truth Mandala](#), taken from Joanna Macy's *Work That Reconnects*, provides a simple, respectful, whole group structure for owning and honoring our pain for the world.

Truth Mandala

"The SOE conference was an experience! In a ritual named The [Truth Mandala](#), each person expressed her deepest fear or anger or sense of sorrow or emptiness as a result of the effects of climate change." Sr. Liz said.

"I heard rage and saw tears from women who are spending their lives trying to understand what is happening, how it happened and the consequences for our future. I am encouraged to work with SOE on local issues," she said.

Sr. Joan said she also felt a powerful connection with the Truth Mandala ritual. She said, "When I spoke aloud my anger at the way

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Sr. Mary Southard, co-founder of SOE, exhibits her artwork to show how the arts can serve as a form of cultural therapy for our times.

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people treat Earth as a garbage can, I felt strong and deeply committed to do the work that only I can do. For me, a piece of that work is what I will call "contemplative conversation circles." I am starting to image what that will look like and am eager to begin."



L-R: Sisters Janice Rushman and Liz Schille; Mission Partner Jeanette McDermott; and Sr. Joan Spiering.

Sr. Joan said she also loved the music that Joyce "Earth Mama" Rouse brought to the conference. One singalong tune that Joyce led asks the question, "How are we going to do the work that needs to be done?" The collective response is "GRASS ROOTS!" Sr. Joan said the song is encouraging, light hearted and contagious!

Sr. Janice said, "Participating in this conference gives me a renewed hope and energy in the face of so many devastating problems and events." See the sidebar on page 10 for Sr. Janice's full reflection of SOE 2018.



Contemplative prayer with nature, ecological spirituality and life-giving rituals within a biocentric framework are important aspects of SOE conferences. Here Sr. Joan Spiering receives a blessing while Sr. Janice Rushman waits to be blessed.

Sisters of Earth began in 1994 with several Catholic Sisters who were exploring the new cosmology and what could be drawn from this emerging worldview. They realized that there was a need to support one another in the work that they were doing to heal the human spirit and restore Earth's life support systems.

The group soon expanded to include Lay women. Today SOE welcomes all women who identify as being a Sister of Earth. To ask about becoming a member of the Sisters of Earth network, please contact Loretta Peters at loretta502@embarqmail.com.

Written by Jeanette McDermott, Editor



Sr. Liz Schille (second from left) and other backup singers from Earth Mama and the Mammets brought the house to its feet for lively dance and a rousing celebration of community.

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My reflections on the Sisters of Earth conference

By Sr. Janice Rushman, RGS

The question surfaced at the Sisters of Earth conference: What is mine to do in this work of healing our planet and caring for our Earth community?

I pondered this question and finally arrived at a direction for myself. First, I am called to live each day with awareness and intention so that the choices I make will result in a lighter footprint upon this Earth

and will bring a more healing presence among God's creatures.

I'm also feeling a nudge to join with others in my area ... to make a difference. I discovered two members of the Sisters of Earth network who live in Detroit and are members of the Detroit chapter of Great Lakes Bioneers.

Bioneers is an organization that seeks practical environmental

solutions and social strategies for restoring the Earth and communities. I plan to check out this group.

Participating in this conference, being with all these remarkable women who are committed to care for our Earth, gives me a renewed hope and energy in the face of so many devastating policies and events.

The story of a robin family

By Sr. Sharon Rose Authorson, RGS

*"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."
Matthew 10:31*

Our story began in the month of April, and it all started with a very industrious NEST BUILDER. His name was "Mr. Robin." He chose a perfect, safe, and warm place on top of the front porch light at the Maria Droste convent in St. Louis and went to work.

After two different floor plans and completed nests, his efforts did not please his Mrs. She threw both nests to the ground. Then one Sunday Mr. Robin set to work very early in the morning. He flew back and forth all day, never even stopping to rest.

When his new design was finished he had a beautiful "Penthouse nest" that could rival even the finest. Mrs. Robin loved it and moved in immediately.

She began her waiting period, barely leaving to look for food. She didn't like visitors so we Sisters changed our routines and used the back door to accommodate her wishes. We also decided not to turn

on the light at night in case it would harm her eggs.

An only child

After some time, a small chirping could be heard and then the wonder of new life! Mrs. Robin had an only child, and she was ecstatic. She dedicated every minute to her little one.

The Sisters at Maria Droste could watch the new family from the Chapel window. The baby Robin was always hungry and mother never tired of bringing worms and other delicacies to place in the ever-open beak.

How could anyone witness such a beautiful and wondrous sight without becoming teary and thanking our good and caring God for the marvels of Creation?

The Sister's hearts rejoiced in grateful praise for the gift to be loved even as a Robin and "more than a Sparrow".

When the Robin family moved away we had a chance to view the nest up close. It was truly a work of art.

Mr. Robin used mud as a base and



Robins usually lay a clutch of four eggs; however, the baby robin at Maria Droste was an only child.

he even had it formed so as to securely fasten the bottom and also the back of it to the light fixture.

The Maria Droste community is still cherishing this beautiful experience. It is said that Robins return to their nest locations, so next winter when the days seem long the Sisters will look forward to another spring and the miracle of new life once more.

"How manifold are your works, O Lord!"

In wisdom you have wrought them all – the earth is full of your creatures..."

Psalm 104:24

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Love, the heart of the universe

By Sr. Brigid Lawlor, RGS

*"Do not be content to love with
your small heart, you must love
with your great heart."*

St. John Eudes

I invite you to journey to the Motherhouse in Angers, France. During your visit, you will find 65 Sisters who have come to ponder what is in their hearts - to experience God with their "great hearts" as they prepare for perpetual vows.

Having witnessed the first three sessions of this nine-week seminar (July 9 to September 7, 2018), my heart is flooded with the wonder and beauty of our congregation. These younger members are a sign of great hope!

Already one-third of the way through the program, I can best describe it as a time of celebration with profound reflection both personal and communal. A deepening of the love-relationship to which they are called. It has been

a time of challenge, new learnings, and pondering.

Who are the participants?

They come from 24 countries. The majority are from Asia (India, Indonesia, S. Korea, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, then Africa and Middle East (Angola, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, and Uganda). There are six from Latin America (Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Peru) and three from Europe (France, Portugal). Three of the participants are Contemplative Sisters and 62 are Apostolic Sisters. The median age is 35.

How is the program progressing now that we have finished the third week?

If you have a chance to follow the Congregational website: www.buonpastoreint.org, you'll get an overview of the content of each week. I won't repeat what is there, but will just give you a flavor of the experience.

Week One

Our Congregational Leader Sr. Ellen Kelly gave a challenging opening address that reminded the participants to "Pay attention to your heart, for where your heart is there is your treasure also. This calls for deepening relationships with God, the universe, and one another."

The week included time to get to know one another, going on tour and having time for prayer at each of the sacred spaces on this property: the oratory, tunnel, chapels, Magnificat stone, labyrinth, and museum. The focus was on being a pilgrim and not a tourist. There were many rituals which included dance and song.

Week Two

By week two, we were into content. Monica Brown (Liturgical Composer and Musician) and Hilary Musgrave (Historian and Spiritual Director) joined Sr. Angela Fahy

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and me in providing a review of the Genesis Story and an Introduction of the Science Narrative of Creation. Each sister reflected on the Genesis Story from the perspective of her culture and ancestors. The blending began!

John 1:1-8 became a focal point: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God." Beginning to understand the life of Jesus in this context of the new story offered challenges as well as confirmation for many of the Sisters. Pope Francis's Encyclical *Laudato Si* provides impetus and credibility for a new way of considering creation – not for our use or domination but for our growth together, as all having been created by God and in God's image.

**Week Three**

Last week, we had input from theologian Sr. Mary Ellen Sheehan, IHM who has taught for over 32 years at St. Michael's College in Toronto. Studying Jesus as the heart of Trinitarian Love: Love outpouring in On-going Creating, Healing and Transforming led our participants to ask serious questions such as: Why is there suffering, turmoil, war, and how do these fit into what we are learning today?

Many of the participants come from war-torn countries; all have had apostolic experiences and personal experiences which confront these questions. Jesus as Incarnate Love was explored in relation to many of the questions that surfaced. We had done a silent enactment of the Good Samaritan the week before. Connections were made! Apostolic energy flowed from the hearts of our participants.

Day of integration

Every Friday is a day of integration. The Sisters, having journaled all week, take their experiences of music, dance, art, lectures, personal and group sharing and reflect on how God is speaking to them at this important time in their life.

Generally, they meet with their mentor in small groups; however, this week we did a large group mentoring session. All of the participants and their mentors engaged in a contemplative dialogue. It was a profound sharing about the three-week experience.

All of us are learning that some answers are within each of us and many are "signs of the times" that we are living today as religious and science comes more closely aligned. We also know that we don't have all of the answers; they are being revealed each moment of each day. Religious life, our societies, the universe as we know it today are all on the cusp of something new. Just this week, a lake of water and the potential for more life was discovered on mars!

Also, on Friday's we have a special liturgy in which the experiences of the week are expressed in a variety of creative ways and celebrated. Fr. Jim Conlon is our celebrant for daily liturgy as well as this integrating one. Jim is a diocesan priest, now in his 80s. He has written 13 books. Each day he gives a daily reflection which flows from his 35 years of work in the field of religion and science. The communion meditation touched our hearts. It will probably appear in his next book! He prayed:

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Sisters Brigid Lawlor and Angela Fahy work at the facilitator's table.

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Love, *Cont'd from p. 12***GAZE**

Gaze into mystery
allow your heart to swell
mind to open
soul to grow.

Ponder the face of Jesus
listen to Pope Francis
discover God

in our flawed and fractured world.

Follow the promptings of the Spirit
in the midst of each new moment
experience the fireball in your heart
from silent depths of wonder will
flow the energy of love.

All of our guest speakers – Monica, Hilary, Mary Ellen and Jim – told us that “these Sisters are able to move very quickly into deep listening and profound reflection which, despite language challenges, they communicate clearly. They are an inspiration.”

Our agenda for the next three weeks includes the following:



Group of participants gathering outside for sharing.

1. The On-going Revelation of God's Dream for Us (The Founding Stories – St. John Eudes, St Mary Euphrasia, Charism and Eco Zeal.
2. Living the Vows Today and
3. Congregational Culture and Beyond



Participants at the Motherhouse.

Meet our Good Shepherd Sisters in El Paso and Ysleta, Texas



If you want to feel the full effect of Good Shepherd hospitality, then make a trip to west Texas, along the waters of the Rio Grande. There you will find two communities of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd: one (left) in Ysleta, and the other (right) in El Paso. The Sisters in El Paso have a ministry of feeding the homeless. Contemplative and Apostolic Sisters in Ysleta live together in Community with varied ministries. The Ysleta photo includes El Paso Sisters.

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At home in Korea with Good Shepherd

By Sr. Madeleine Munday, RGS



At home. These words describe the feeling that stays with me as I complete my visit with Good Shepherd Sisters in South Korea.

Sr. Marie Jean Bae, Province Leader of North East Asia, sent an invitation asking me to attend the final vows ceremony of Sr. Michaela Kim. Sr. Michaela is well-known to the Province of Mid-North America (PMNA). She lived four years in the Contemplative communities of Florissant and Maria Droste in St. Louis and Cheltenham, Pennsylvania.

My visit lasted from June 21 – 28, 2018. Being there a week allowed me to connect with at least 14 Korean Sisters who have spent time in Mid-North America. I delighted in seeing each one and receiving their love and gratitude for our province.

Sisters have been coming from South Korea to PMNA since 2009, when Sr. Martha Park first arrived for English language study. Others have followed through the years, up to Sr. Agnes Park, who will return to Korea in September.

Re-founding of community

The Good Shepherd Contemplative communities in the U.S. have welcomed Contemplative Sisters from Korea as they prepared for the re-founding of their community in Chuncheon. The re-founding took place last September.

When I first arrived in Korea I stayed with the community in Seoul where Sr. Damiana (“Dami”) Ham is local leader. The Sisters introduced me to Good Shepherd life there. Their daily routine includes Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer recited in English. It includes “sock feet” in the chapel, where I was grateful for back row chairs – most Sisters and visitors sit

cross-legged on large cushions on the floor. There was time for English-speaking Mass at the Seoul cathedral, and visits to the popular Myeong-dong shopping district and a park featuring traditional Korean architecture and the National Folk Museum. I enjoyed daily treats of the beauty and flavors of Korean food – mak gusu cold noodles, kimpob sushi, chapchey, bibimbap, to name a few. And, of course, kim chi.



Traditional Korean street market

The next stop was Chuncheon where I visited the burial place of Sr. Anna Marie, a Good Shepherd missionary from New York and a founder of Good Shepherd in Korea with Sisters Rose Virginia Hayes and Eileen Robinson.

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Captions on left from top: Srs. Michaela Kim and Theresa Soong push a wheelbarrow filled with gifts for the celebrants. Three Sisters dance joyfully at the party following Mass and reception, while other Sisters applaud their talents. Sr. Damiana's community embraces Sr. Madeleine, Province Leader of PMNA.

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Korea, *Cont'd from p. 14*

I was grateful to have visited the ministries in Chuncheon that I had often heard about: St. Mary's Home for single mothers and their babies; Joseph's House transitional housing apartments for the mothers and babies; and the Hotline.

The Hotline is located in a small attractive building. Mental health professionals staff it 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They collaborate with a vast network of services for women in crisis - shelters, law enforcement, courts, health and social services.

Highlight of the trip

The highlight of the trip was sharing the final vows ceremony of Sr. Michaella and two Apostolic Sisters, Deborah and Regina Marie. Seeing the Sisters greet each other before Mass as they arrived from all parts of the country added to the warm memories of that happy day.

I will not forget witnessing the solemnity and joy of the ceremony and standing to receive Sr. Marie Jean's expression of gratitude to Mid-North America for the gifts of hosting the Korean Contemplative Sisters and language students.

A festive reception followed Mass. Then an even livelier party broke out, where the newly perpetually professed Sisters received all kinds of gifts. A wheelbarrow that Sr. Michaella requested for the Sisters' bountiful garden held the many items, among them spiritual books, hiking shoes, suitcases, candy, greeting cards and cash.

Korea is famous for its pop music and dancing, so it was fitting that the party closed with a pop dance that the three celebrants had prepared to celebrate their joy. Our province looks forward to welcoming more Sisters from Korea whenever they are able to come. Angyang ha-seo!



Newly perpetually professed with Bishop of Chuncheon: Srs. Deborah, Regina Marie, and Michaella.



The newly perpetually professed Sisters celebrate at their reception after Mass.



Hello PMNA, from Good Shepherd Sisters in South Korea.



The Contemplative community in Chuncheon with Sr. Madeleine.



Touring an ancient traditional house in South Korea.

TRAFFICKING

Dawn's Place, a safe-house for victims and survivors of trafficking

The Catholic online publication [Crux](#) featured Dawn's Place in a recent blog. [Dawn's Place](#) is a safe-house for victims and survivors of sex trafficking. Good Shepherd Sister Claudia Palacio is Clinical Director at Dawn's Place and works with the residents there to help them restore their lives.

Sr. Claudia is also the Justice Peace Coordinator for Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of Mid-North America. She said working at Dawn's Place gives her a first-hand account of how much work needs to be done in the area of anti-trafficking.

"Because human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation are acts against the core of the person, we work with residents to rediscover their dignity, their values, their strengths and their dreams so they can develop their full potential," Sr. Claudia said.

Sister Kathleen Coll, CSJ, is the Executive Director of Dawn's Place. She said the agency is working to expose the myth that commercial sexual exploitation isn't something that happens in far away places, but something that goes on in neighborhoods close to home. As she travels to parishes to enlighten people about trafficking, she finds how few Catholics seem to be clued in to the realities in their own backyards.

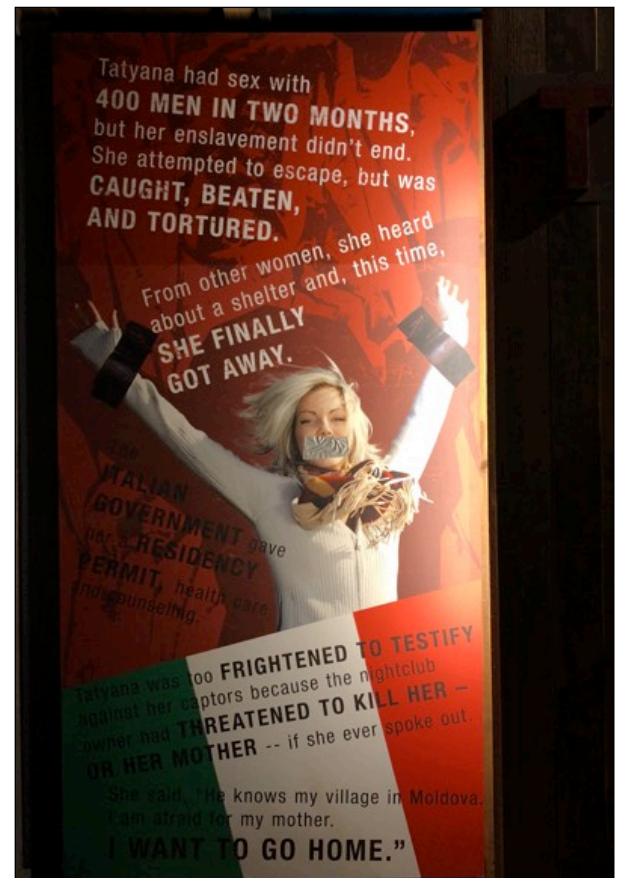
In recent years, however she says the movement against sex trafficking has received a booster shot from Pope Francis who speaks about it with great frequency.

Dawn's Place was established in 2007 and named for a prostituted woman who had been murdered in nearby Camden, New Jersey. Today Dawn's House has grown into two homes where nearly 100 women have found safe harbor and rehabilitation.

While every story is unique, Sr. Kathleen says that a common refrain she hears are stories where women were sexually abused by a family member at a young age. After unsuccessful efforts to get family members to believe them, they leave home - only to later find themselves in the claws of pimps and traffickers.

"These traffickers are very skilled in knowing how to appeal to the girls," said Sr. Kathleen, noting that victims are often coaxed by promises of love and support, only to find themselves in a nightmare where they become sex slaves with few options for escape.

A brighter future awaits the women who cycle through the doors of Dawn's Place. Here they find a safe space and comfortable living quarters where they can exercise their freedom in life skill building, counseling, recreational and therapeutic activities, among a host of other services, including continuing higher education or exploring options for employment.



UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

July 30 was the United Nation's World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Attention across the globe focused on the harrowing facts that an estimated 40 million people are being sold as commodities, abducted, tortured and enslaved today for labor, sex, war and forced marriages.

Behind the statistics and \$150 billion a year illegal industry are horrific and very real stories that are happening to every day people in cities, towns and villages in every country across the entire planet. Imagine the magnitude of this trade. Imagine the real lives being affected. Think. And then take action.

Good Shepherd's National Advocacy Center has [resources](#) and [information](#) on its website to make it easy to better understand human trafficking and how to recognize it. Be an informed citizen and learn the signs. See related stories on next page.

TRAFFICKING



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Combatting human trafficking using a Human Rights perspective

Sr. Winifred Doherty, RGS, is Good Shepherd's representative at the United Nations. [Winifred's blog](#) keeps the public informed of UN actions that are aligned with Good Shepherd's mission. One of her recent blog posts announced the launch of an advocacy guidebook for combatting trafficking in persons. Mercy International Association launched the guidebook, [Inherent Dignity](#), on July 25, 2018.

The guidebook is extensively researched. It exposes how multiple breaches in international human rights law leads to cumulative disadvantage and marginalization of most survivors of trafficking over their lifetime.

The guide provides an overview of the abuses that assault dignity. It then outlines the human rights mechanisms that champion the inherent dignity of every person.

The guidebook focuses its response towards meeting the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

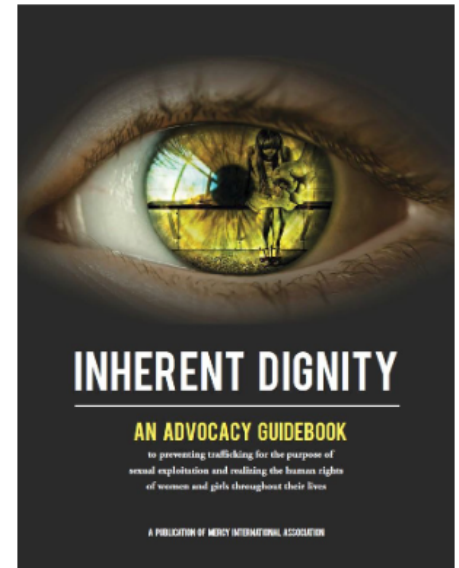
Intended for local action

"There are some aspects of the guidebook that I love," said Sr. Winifred. Among them is the guide's title *Inherent Dignity*, and its easy-to-read writing style and format.

Sr. Winifred also appreciates that the guidebook is for local action, where change is affected.

"Having the discussions in the family, in the local community with local leaders will empower people to know another reality, a reality of inherent dignity," she said.

Sr. Winifred said the guidebook is to be commended for highlighting the active role that girls and women who have been trafficked play in prevention work.



Inherent Dignity is available as a [download](#). Sr. Winifred sees the guidebook as a companion to the [Good Shepherd Position Papers](#). She recommends reading them alongside each other.

Preparing for UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

The NGO community at the United Nations, Jane Connors, Assistant Secretary General, Victims Rights Advocate at the United Nations, and Member States (Philippines, Kiribati and Belarus) gather to discuss using Human Rights mechanisms to combat human trafficking ahead of the July 30th United Nations World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations delivered opening remarks at the meeting.



Sr. Winifred Doherty, RGS, is seated at the table on the far left.

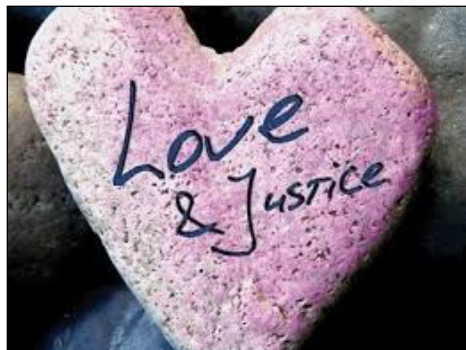
LEADERSHIP TRAVEL

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NAME	DATES	LOCATION
Sr. Sharon Rose Authorson	No travel	No travel
Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez	August 1-15 August 24-26 August 28	PLT, Integration Team, LCWR, St. Louis Golden Jubilees celebration, Los Angeles Council of Women Religious meeting, San Francisco
Sr. Beverly Hedgecoth	July 30 - Aug 10	Family visit, New Hampshire
Sr. Maureen Johnson	No travel	No travel
Sr. Dolores Kalina	August 1-18 August 19-23 August 24-Sep 2	PLT, Integration Team, LCWR, St. Louis Cincinnati Retreat
Sr. Maureen Kunz	August 1-16 August 18-19	PLT, Integration Team, LCWR, St. Louis Golden Jubilee celebration/Sr. Cathie Boerboom, Portland
Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid	August 2-6 August 7-10 August 11 August 12 August 13-15 August 20-26 August 28-29	Apostolic Council meeting/Financial Advisory Board, St. Louis LCWR Assembly, St. Louis PLT members of North America provinces, St. Louis Maria Droste Foundation Directors' meeting, St. Louis Apostolic Council meeting, St. Louis Good Shepherd Shelter Board meeting and Golden Jubilees celebration, Los Angeles Religious Medical Trust meeting, Romeoville, IL
Sr. Madeleine Munday	August 2-6 August 7-10 August 11 August 12 August 13-15 August 20-26 August 30	Apostolic Council meeting/Financial Advisory Board, St. Louis LCWR Assembly, St. Louis PLT members of North America provinces, St. Louis Conference of Provincials of North America meeting, St. Louis Apostolic Council meeting, St. Louis Good Shepherd Shelter Board meeting and Golden Jubilees celebration, Los Angeles DeNeuville Learning Center Mission Effectiveness, Memphis

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