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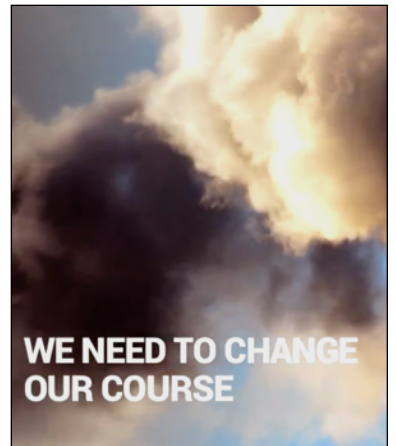
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## A VISIT WITH SISTERS IN INDIA

Province Mission Partner Monte Abbott visited the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Chennai, India, last month while he was in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu on a mission trip with members of his church congregation Disciples of Christ. The purpose of the trip was to connect with the congregation's Global Mission Partners. "How could I not visit our Sisters in Chennai while I was there," Monte asked.

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## Green Corner

This month the Green Corner offers three different websites that inform and encourage our participation in responding to the spirit and message of *Laudato Si*. We hope you will find them helpful.

**Confrontglobalpoverty.org**  
[Catholics Confront Global Poverty](http://CatholicsConfrontGlobalPoverty.org) is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. As the official voice of the Catholic Church in

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## Pelletier Hall stained glass windows get a new home

The stained glass windows that adorned Pelletier Hall's chapel have a new home. Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Montgomery, Ohio, (near Cincinnati) will install the windows in their redesigned chapel when they complete renovations later this year. According to Deacon Max, it was timely that Sisters of the Good

Shepherd were looking for a home for the windows at the same time the church was redesigning its chapel to meet parishioners' needs.

Fr. Tom Mannebach, Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, said, "The efforts to secure stained glass windows for the church came as an important part of our plan to

beautify and enhance our chapel worship space. We are very grateful to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd for their generous donation of these windows. We are excited, as they will serve to enhance the prayer lives of all who worship in our newly remodeled chapel."

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## Stained glass *Cont'd from p. 2*

Province of Mid-North America archival records reveal that the windows were made for and installed in the chapel of Our Lady of the Woods in Carthage, Ohio. The Provincial House was established in 1871. Its buildings were detached and erected at different time periods. Sisters began chapel construction in 1911. The Most Reverend Henry Moeller, Archbishop of Cincinnati, dedicated the chapel on June 23, 1924.

According to Province of Mid-North America (PMNA) archival records, the two windows were originally part of a much larger group of at least 140 stained glass windows, which were likely made in Munich Germany sometime between 1910

and 1923. The windows of Jesus the Good Shepherd and Mary, the Shepherdess for Christ, were removed from the chapel of Our Lady of the Woods after the facility was closed. They were sold back to the Sisters for the new retirement home, Pelletier Hall, in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky.

The Sisters broke ground for Pelletier Hall on November 6, 1980. They moved retired Sisters into the building — complete with the Good Shepherd and Good Shepherdess windows — on March 30, 1982. In 2016 Sisters left Pelletier Hall and moved into St. Margaret Hall and Beechwood nursing care facilities in Cincinnati. PMNA then sold Pelletier Hall.

The Sisters made an agreement with the buyer of Pelletier Hall that the stained glass windows would be donated to Good Shepherd Church. The church was built in the 1960s without stained glass. Deacon Max said the windows are going to be a welcome and beautiful addition to their chapel.

Good Shepherd Church is going to install a plaque next to the windows to recognize Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of Mid-North America.

You can read additional historical accounts of Our Lady of the Woods and Pelletier Hall at <http://bit.ly/2kOAY5P> and <http://bit.ly/2kJmfKa>.



*Province archives reveal that the stained glass windows from Pelletier Hall were originally made in Munich, Germany, sometime between 1910 and 1923 for the Provincial House Our Lady of the Woods in Carthage, Ohio.*



# PROVINCE NEWS



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## Women's March draws Good Shepherd

Millions gathered at marches and rallies across the U.S. and around the world on January 21 to stand in solidarity with those who marched in the Washington, DC, Women's March. Good Shepherd Sisters and Laity were among them, identifying with causes and issues that reflect the charism and lifelong work of Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Read about it in Global Sisters Report at <http://bit.ly/2k8zy6O> and see photos from every continent at <http://nyti.ms/2k73kZK>.



Jeanette McDermott (Province Center)  
at the march in St. Louis.



Larry Couch (NAC) with daughter  
Rebecca and granddaughter  
Audrey.



From top: Fran Eskin-Royer (NAC)  
and her friend Jenny Gelman; Sr.  
Winifred Doherty, RGS ; Nancy  
Fritsche Eagan and Kelly Dugan (New  
York Province).



# PROVINCE NEWS



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## Last call for spiritual retreat

Deadline to register for the 10-day spiritual retreat at the Motherhouse in Angers, France, is just one week away. Dates for the 2017 retreats are April 18-29 and June 13-24. The invitation is open to all Good Shepherd Sisters and

Sisters and

Laity, with the purpose of deepening together our identities as Good Shepherd people.

Both retreats have the same itinerary. They include a journey between Caen, Noirmoutier, Tours and Angers, where participants will follow in the footsteps of St. John Eudes and St. Mary Euphrasia. The retreats also include days of reflection and conversations at the Motherhouse and new Congregational Museum.

Registration deadline for both retreats is February 8. Cost is 800 euros, plus travel expenses. Check the [currency conversion](#) for daily exchange rates. For more information contact Melinda Stricklen at [mstricklen@maryhurst.org](mailto:mstricklen@maryhurst.org) or 502-271-4593.



*Motherhouse of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd.*



## Sr. Dami returns to her province

*The Province Center said goodbye to Sister Damiana Ham late last month. She has returned to her Province in South Korea, after being with us in St. Louis for a year while learning English. Sr. Dami left an especially large heart-print on the Sisters at Immaculate Heart Convent, who sang and laughed with her routinely. Sr. Dami visited the Sisters daily and taught them folk songs and hymns in her native Korean language.*

## Announcements & News Tidbits

The St. Louis Community no longer has a fax line. Please change your directory to reflect that the number 314-382-5294 is no longer an active fax line.

Please note that any cell phone number that you have for Sr. Christine Truong is no longer active. Sr. Christine Truong does not have a cell phone at this time.

Good Shepherd Mission Partner and friend Joan Egan passed passed into the arms of Jesus on

Sunday morning, January 15. Joan had volunteered with HandCrafting Justice for about 20 years.

CORA Services is gearing up for its annual Family Festival on April 22 and is looking for performers, volunteers and raffle prize donors. If you would like to get involved or know someone who might enjoy being a part of this community extravaganza in Philadelphia, then please contact Rachel McGonigle at

[rmcgonigle@coraservices.org](mailto:rmcgonigle@coraservices.org) or 215.701.2536.

February 14, 2017 marks the 17th anniversary of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of Mid-North America. Happy Anniversary to us!

The Province Center's receptionist Ann Flerlage is retiring on February 3. We send her off with blessings and thank her for the 27 years of service she gave to Good Shepherd.

# MINISTRY NEWS



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## Good Shepherd Gallery hosts first art show of 2017

Good Shepherd Gallery hosted its first art exhibit of 2017 on January 14 with the opening of the show “Interior Expressions.” The show runs through February 18 and features the abstract works of Gary Lang. Inspired by nature’s mystery and beauty, Gary said, “Each work is a prayer, an experiment, and an expression of my interior life.” Gary has made a career in painting for more than 30 years. He also teaches art at Webster University in St. Louis. The next art exhibit is slated for March. The show, titled “Corporal Works of Mercy,” will feature the artwork of children from three schools in the St. Louis area.



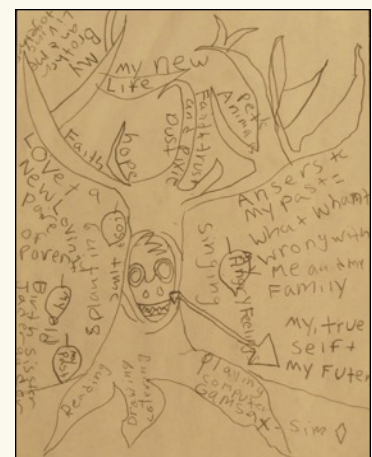
## Cast your vote for Good Shepherd Gallery!

Sr. Glynis McManamon is asking all readers to help Good Shepherd Gallery become better known. Votes for the gallery as a favorite business in North County (St. Louis) will help others learn about Good Shepherd's ministry of arts. You don't have to live in St. Louis to vote; you can live anywhere. Here's what to do to cast your vote for Good Shepherd Gallery:

1. Click on <http://mycnews.com/best-of-north-county/>
2. Complete the form with your first and last name and email address.
3. Find the category "Jeweler" and write "Good Shepherd Gallery" in the box. There is no category for Gallery or Art, so use the category Jeweler.
4. Vote once per email address.
5. If you tweet, use @GoodShepherdRGS in the body of your message.
6. Be sure to vote by March 1, 2017.
7. Spread the word. We want Good Shepherd Gallery to win the Best of North County!

## The impact and importance of art

Art means different things to different people. Some see art as a form of communication, a repository of a society's collective memory or vehicle for social change. Art can give voice to the politically or socially disenfranchised. A poster, song, film or novel can rouse emotions and inspire people to rally for change. Art also has utilitarian influences on society. There is a demonstrable, positive correlation between schoolchildren's grades in math and literacy and their involvement with music, drama and other art activities. Some Good Shepherd ministries use art to help youth and adults heal from trauma and addiction. Encouraging free self-expression through painting and drawing aids in improving a person's physical, mental and emotional well-being. A student's self-reflection at Vista Maria reminds us why the Good Shepherd mission and artistic expression are so important in the world today.





# MINISTRY NEWS



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## CORA serves on task force for Philadelphia's opioid crisis

The crisis in opioid use is challenging communities across the United States. In the Philadelphia metropolitan area the search for solutions is no longer being left to government and treatment agencies alone.

Last year in Philadelphia there was an 80% increase in drug overdose deaths from 2013. Eighty percent of the deaths involved opioids such as prescription painkillers, heroin and fentanyl. In response to the crisis, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney announced the formation of a task force to address the social and public health challenge.

Sixteen members sit on the new task force, covering a broad section of community stakeholders. The task force convened in mid-January to initiate the city's coordinated response.

As part of its strategy, the task force is holding four "Listening Sessions" with citizens. CORA Services will host one of the sessions on Thursday, February 2nd.

Mary K. Doherty, Director Government & Strategic Partnerships for CORA is a member of the Opioid Task Force, Subcommittee on Public Education and Prevention Strategies. She said the listening sessions are part of a comprehensive strategy to engage citizens and hear from those who are affected by and exposed to substance use so they can lend their voice to solutions.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse published a report last year titled "What Science tells us About Opioid Abuse and Addiction." You can read the report online at



*Abuse of prescription pain killers and heroin are at the heart of the opioid drug epidemic facing cities and towns across America.*

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/legislative-activities/testimony-to-congress/2016/what-science-tells-us-about-opioid-abuse-addiction>.

## Rose Haven celebrates guests' birthdays

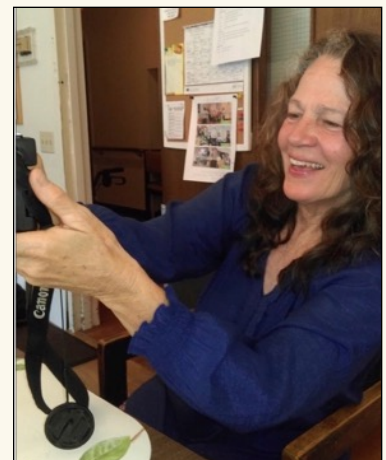
Rose Haven has been hosting monthly birthday parties for its guests for about three years. Each month the agency celebrates with cake and presents the women who have a birthday that month. Gift bags generally contain needed items such as gloves or hand warmers and hand sanitizer.

The tradition began in partnership with the Portland Women's Club and continues through a partnership with the Junior League of Portland. In addition to partnering with Rose Haven on birthday celebrations, the Junior League helps Rose Haven with its school supply drive and children's holiday party. In addition to providing volunteers to help with events like this the Junior League



awarded Rose Haven recently with a grant for its advocacy program.

Rose Haven is a Day Center for women and children in Portland, Oregon. To see how the agency met the needs of those most effected by the housing crisis in 2016, visit <http://bit.ly/2k9tye5>, where you can read and download a copy of its Annual Report.



*Sister Maureen Kunz caught Editor Jeanette McDermott at her own game to remind us of the next copy and photo deadline for Items of Interest; it's February 20th.*

## COMMUNITY LIFE



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# Catching up with readers from my trip to London

By Maria Sowerby, RGS

Since Brexit occurred in the United Kingdom there was a considerable decrease in air fare to London, so I decided to take advantage of this and be with family over the Christmas holidays. As Pope Francis often says, "It is time to minister to our families too."

So, for those who enjoy reading about our endeavors, I thought I'd send a few details of serving others through "presence" and "sharing" as I experienced it. Also, bearing in mind that we take our mission as Good Shepherd Sisters wherever we go, and as our Christmas letter from Rome stated, we ought to be trying our best to bring joy and hope to a presently dark world. Not an easy task!

My journey to England from Philadelphia was very pleasant and somewhat different from past travels. I was seated beside a very lovely young South African girl who is studying dance, particularly ballet, at the Philadelphia Performing Arts School. She was returning to South Africa for a month's visit with family and friends. We talked about various topical issues throughout the trip, including politics, U.S. elections, Good Shepherd Global Mission and so forth.

As we neared Heathrow Airport in London at about 6:15 a.m., she asked to pray with me. Slightly taken aback, I of course agreed! Her prayer was beautifully said with great simplicity and honesty, including blessings on our mission and joy to our families. It was quite unexpected from a fellow traveler and very touching too.

As some of you know, I stayed with my sister who is a widow. On Christmas Eve we went to the parish Mass, which was absolutely packed - so crowded, in fact, that the priest came out before Mass and asked the ushers to close the doors since they could not allow any more people into the church. That had to be a first!

Later, I spent the evening with a school friend whose husband with dementia was recently admitted to a nursing facility. They are married well over 50 years.

I spent time on Christmas morning with my niece Lynn and her husband. Lynn is suffering from cancer, and it seems to have spread to her lungs. However, she is very optimistic and is loving life. But it has got to be hard at 48 years old.

This is turning into a list of sick calls. Another relative is also suffering from stomach cancer. He is slowly improving but is lonely and wondering what the future holds. Nice to spend time with him.

I spent time catching up with sleep and relaxation. Also, I was able to read and meditate in a quiet and joy-filled atmosphere. I watched many really good programs on BBC. In the midst of the darkness enveloping our world, it was really exciting to watch a few highlights of 2016 on television.

One show was about Hampton Court, the previous home of King Henry VIII. You all know the history there. Well, in 2016 the Archbishop of Westminster — Cardinal Vince Nichols — and Queen Elizabeth's Chief Chaplain

celebrated the Roman Mass together, in Henry's chapel no less! \* This was the first time this has happened in over 450 years, before the USA was born.

The presenter of the program commented that religion in England might have been a lot different today had Henry's first child, a boy, not died seven weeks after birth. Who knows? One thing is certain: things are changing before our very eyes.



*Hampton Court Palace, the home where Tudor King Henry VIII broke off ties with the papacy in 1530 over efforts to have his first marriage annulled so he could marry his mistress (whom he later beheaded).*

Over the Christmas season I watched amazing and deeply spiritual services from Durham, Bristol and Cambridge Cathedrals. I thought the choirs and the homilies were great.

While I missed my usual Christmas activities in Philly, nevertheless I felt my mission was extended to include family and friends. Just being present to each other and sharing life seemed so important.

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## Catching up *Cont'd from p. 8*

My journey back to the United States was smooth and uneventful. My seating companion was a young French woman (Eva) who was on her way to Widener University Law school. Eva's English was perfect and we talked about Angers and our global mission. She lives north of Paris. She asked about our lifestyle and had many more questions about politics in the U.S.

I'm writing this because I thought some of you might be interested, especially those who know me. Like you, I was sorry to hear about Marie Maurer's death. She was one of the first Sisters I met upon coming to the United States. Almost every night we went out walking on the driveways of Lourdesmont. She educated me about Philadelphia, the sports clubs, the Philly Cheese Steaks, the local sayings, etc. I was honored to meet with her in St.

Louis early in November and, in retrospect, it was our final farewell.

Well, the darkness of the world can be debilitating, but alongside it there are many great things happening, only quietly. We have to search for these and spread them too! Thank you for your prayers, thoughtfulness and kindness over the season. May hope and joy be yours in 2017.



*Sisters Marie Maurer (left) and Maria Sowerby shared many walks while missioned together in Philadelphia.*

\* News reports about the Roman Mass service At Hampton Court speculated that the Mass symbolized, in part, a growing reconciliation between the Church of England and the Roman

Catholic Church. Read more at <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/10/world/europe/hampton-court-henry-catholic.html>.

## Happiness is having a party at Immaculate Heart Convent

Sisters at Immaculate Heart Convent had a party to beat all parties when they combined National Hat Day, National Popcorn Day and National Hugging Day. They celebrated the three events while also watching live coverage of the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump. Immaculate Heart's receptionist Shirley Norful conjured the idea of having a party to celebrate hats, hugs and popcorn on inauguration day. She said, "I like to see the Sisters have fun and thought a party like this would help them better enjoy watching the inauguration."



*From left: Local Leader of Immaculate Heart Convent Sr. Pauline Bilbrough; Sr. Christopher Mullan; Kitchen Manager Mary Horton (left) and Receptionist Shirley Norful; and Sr. Rosalinda Sobremisana.*

## COMMUNITY LIFE

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## Lunar New Year

*Top photo: Sister Monica Duong tutored Theresa Nguyen in the artistry of napkin folding as the two of them decorated the Province Center dining room for Lunar New Year ambience. Theresa is a prospective candidate for Sisters of the Good Shepherd and will be at the Province Center for six months.*



*Bottom photo: Sr. Olga Cristobal (right) celebrated the Lunar New Year in Albania with Sr. Mirjam Beike of the Province of Germany/Albania. Sr. Olga is on mission to Albania through the end of this year.*



*Sisters at Saint Margaret Hall and Beechwood hammed it up and posed for a selfie with Marsha Esarey (in green) during her recent visit. Marsha was one of a group of ten Mission Partners from Maryhurst who visited the Sisters over the holidays. Melinda Stricklen, Mission Effectiveness, said, "We had wonderful conversations about our Good Shepherd lives and sang Christmas Carols, backed up by iTunes music. This enabled everyone to sing really loudly!" Sisters from left: Marilyn Kahl, Rose Henry Kern and Elise Kramer.*

## Sisters inspired by ordination

Four Good Shepherd Sisters from the Baltimore Community attended the ordination to the Order of Bishop of The Most Reverend Adam J. Parker and the Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan. Both priests became Auxiliary Bishops of Baltimore on January 19, 2017, in the Cathedral of Mary our Queen, Baltimore.

Bishop Parker and his parents are long time friends of the Baltimore Community. He celebrated Mass in the Community's chapel for Thanksgiving and Christmas for a number of years. His father volunteered at St. Joseph's Residence and inspired his friend to refurbish the tabernacle in the chapel. Mrs. Parker often attended Mass with the Sisters when her son presided.

"Bishop Parker is a very pastoral priest. I believe he will make a wonderful bishop. He is sociable, humble, caring and gives great homilies. I will keep him in my prayers," said Sr. Frances Altavilla.

Sr. Frances found the entire ceremony exciting to witness and said that when everyone sang the Litany of the Saints



*From left: Sisters Gayle Lwanga Crumbley and Mary Carol McClenon; Bishop Adam J. Parker; Sisters Patricia Marie Barnette and Frances Altavilla.*

she recalled her own perpetual profession. It brought back special memories for her. Like Sr. Frances, the other

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## Ordination *Cont'd from p. 10*

Sisters who attended the ordination felt a sense of awe at what they experienced. Sr. Mary Carol McClenon said, "I have been to the installation of a bishop before, but never to the consecration of a bishop. Besides being a very moving ecclesial experience, I found the ritual itself fascinating, full of historical references and symbolism."

### Laying of hands

Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette said, "The ordination was beautiful and inspiring in every way."

She said the most important part for her was when Archbishop Lori and Cardinals O'Brien and Wuerl laid hands upon the heads of Bishops-elect Parker and Brennan as a sign of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. All other bishops present did the same.

As Archbishop Lori and the other bishops prayed the solemn prayer of consecration, two deacons held open the Book of Gospels over each Bishop-elect's head as a sign of the enriching power of God's Word in their lives.

"Time ceased and brought me to the anointing of the apostles and how this tradition carries on through the centuries. The apostolic succession brings us back to Christ as head of the Church," Sr. Patricia Marie said.

"I love tradition. So many of the readings and actions connect us all over the world and across the span of time. May God bless them both as they work for the salvation of souls in a powerful way," she said.

Sr. Gayle Lwanga Crumbley said "Our community was greeted by many old friends, including the pastor of our parish church and the

former pastor who now resides in Rome and was present to assist Bishop Parker. Being a relatively new member of the Community I did not know most of the priests, bishops and Sisters that gave us warm greetings.

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The Sisters arrived to the ordination early to ensure a good seat and parking space. Hundreds of others had the same idea. "We were lucky that we had been to ordinations of bishops before because it was so crowded many of us could not see what was happening in the sanctuary. I was able to step out of the pew and had a good view of the ceremony from the back of the cathedral," said Sr. Gayle.

### Radiantly joyful

"It looked like all of the seminarians for the Archdiocese of Baltimore were there, and way more deacons than I ever thought existed," Sr. Mary Carol said. Then a massive number of priests followed by bishops and finally, the bishops-elect, the Cardinals and the Archbishop. They filled about half of one side of the Cathedral – and it's not a small Cathedral," she said.

Archbishop of Baltimore, William E Lori served as the Principal

Celebrant and Consecrator. Two Cardinals with local ties served as Co-consecrators: Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington; and Edwin Cardinal O'Brien, formerly Archbishop of Baltimore and now Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem (an historic and international group of people who commit themselves to helping Christians in Jerusalem). Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, was also present, along with at least 20 other bishops.

Sr. Mary Carol said one of her favorite parts of the ceremony occurred near the end.

"Following the Prayer after Communion, the new bishops, with their miters and croziers, processed throughout the church extending their blessing to all. They appeared to be radiantly joyful. The choir and congregation were singing a familiar version of the Te Deum that is, Holy God, We Praise Thy Name. It had five verses! Who knew? I had only ever heard three verses before," she said.

All of the Sisters left the event feeling uplifted and inspired. Sr. Gayle said, "We returned home happy and exhausted."

Sr. Frances said, "This beautiful event was like a spiritual renewal for me as a Sister of the Good Shepherd. Thank You, God, for this opportunity."

Bishop Brennan, who is originally from the Washington, D.C. diocese, is assigned to the Baltimore area, so at some point he and the Baltimore Community will connect. The Sisters say they are looking forward to getting to know him.

## VOCATIONS



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## Renewed in spirit: discerning a call to vocation



Twenty-year-old Maria Oscilowski visited Sisters in the San Francisco Community from December 27 - 29 last year. Maria attends John Paul the Great Catholic University in San Diego, where she has entered her Junior year in pursuit of studies in screenwriting. Maria reflected on her visit with the Sisters:

“Staying with the Good Shepherd Sisters has helped me consider my vocation in a deeper, more meaningful way. I was blessed to be able to converse with the Sisters and hear their stories. They’ve given me a lot to think about. I am also very thankful to have had the opportunity to visit some of the Sisters’ workplaces, as this gave me perspective on my own life that I would have otherwise missed. From this visit, I learned that there are so many blessings that I take for granted every day. Renewed in spirit, I will continue to discern my vocation and what I am called to do every day.”

## My 25-year journey to a silver jubilee

By Claudia Palacio

It was the work and passion of Mary Euphrasia that drove me to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in 1989. This past December I celebrated my silver jubilee as a Sister of the Good Shepherd with the Central American Province, where I pronounced my first vows on October 7, 1991. This event brought many wonderful memories and a deep sense of gratitude to God’s mercy and faithfulness, as well as to my Sisters’ kindness and companionship along this journey.

After 18 years, I visited the Provincial house in Costa Rica, where I participated in Mass and a small surprise celebration the Sisters held for me. I had the opportunity to express my gratitude to the Sisters who played an important part in my early years of formation.

Later, in Nicaragua, I had a nice celebration with the Community, family and friends. Casa Nazareth, the community in Managua, was my

first contact with Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Some of the Sisters with whom I had that first contact still live there.

I feel privileged and humbled by the experience of being missioned to serve in so many different countries. I have learned about different cultures and experienced so much kindness, not only from our religious communities but from the large community as well, and from those to whom I have been sent. The girls who worked selling candies at a traffic light, the pregnant teen with no place to go, the single mother with no job, the boys and girls with no running water in their community, the women caught in domestic violence, prostitution and addiction, the baby being born in a safe place. These experiences have taught me what resilience looks like,

what faith and hope are about. They have taught me about creativity and perseverance. I have these people’s names, faces and voices with me so that I might always remember God’s presence in my life and in our midst.

This journey that started more than 25 years ago brought me here to Mid-North America. Thank you for being a part of my journey.

*“Some gifts you hold in your hands...”*

*Some you hold in your heart”*

~ anonymous





CELEBRATION OF LIFE **ZEAL**

# Mary Lawrence Crisler, RGS

January 3, 1933 – January 17, 2017

Marjorie Joyce Crisler was born on January 3, 1933 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Lawrence and Cecilia Henderson Crisler. She was the oldest of five girls.

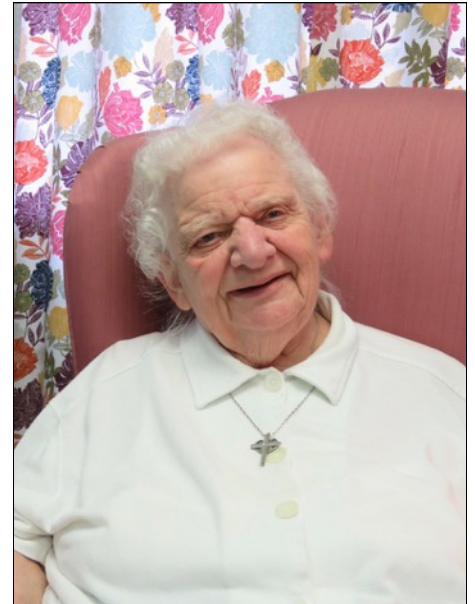
Marjorie entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd on May 20, 1950, and received the name Mary Lawrence. She made her first profession on November 11, 1952 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She made her final profession of vows on November 21, 1956.

Sr. Mary Lawrence was missioned in various capacities in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. Among her roles were House Mother, Teacher, Bookkeeper and Principal. Sr. Mary Lawrence spent many of her years at Our Lady of the Highlands, where she taught,

served as principal and enjoyed working with students. She also worked in aftercare services to young women who had left Our Lady of the Highlands.

Working with girls was her greatest joy. Sr. Mary Lawrence kept in touch with many of her former students until the end of her life. Over the many decades her students visited her often. Many of them sat by her side during her final hours.

“Our Lady of the Highlands was the best thing that ever happened to me. My life would have been ruined had it not been for Mothers Lawrence and Kevin,” said Terri Fischer, one of the many women who visited the Sisters for years after graduating from the Good Shepherd school.



**Sr. Mary Lawrence Crisler**



*Sisters Mary Lawrence Crisler (center) and Kevin Schingel (right) were inseparable friends for life. It was common for their former students from Our Lady of the Highlands to visit them over the many decades after graduating from the school to express their gratitude to the Sisters for transforming their lives.*

After Our Lady of the Highlands closed, Sr. Mary Lawrence chose to work with the poor and was Director of Social Services at Free Store in Cincinnati for 10 years. Later she served as Administrator and Local Leader at Pelletier Hall in Fort Thomas. During this time and beyond she made quilts, teddy bears in cute little outfits and other craft items that were sold to help the

poor. She organized an arts and crafts fair that continued for a number of years at Pelletier Hall.

Sr. Mary Lawrence moved to Pelletier Hall when she and Sr. Mary Kevin Schingel were no longer able to continue living independently in their house in Florence, Kentucky.

Less than a year ago, Sr. Mary Lawrence moved to St. Margaret Hall in Cincinnati, where her health needs could continue to be met. She graciously accepted being there and always enjoyed visits from Sisters, friends and former students. She smiled and greeted others, enjoyed playing scrabble, and loved to receive and give hugs.

Like Saint Mary Euphrasia, Sr. Mary Lawrence's zeal was the foundation of her life of prayer.

*Submitted by Sr. Dolores Kalina*

# GREEN CORNER



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## Green websites *Cont'd from p. 1*

the U.S., USCCB calls on Catholics and the nation to defend the lives and dignity of people living in poverty worldwide.

### **Catholicclimatecovenant.org**

[Catholic Climate Covenant](http://CatholicClimateCovenant.org) inspires and equips people and institutions to care for Creation and care of the poor. It has 14 national partners, which include the USCCB, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities USA, the Catholic Health Association, congregations of religious men and women, and other national organizations. Catholic Climate Covenant guides the U.S. Church's response to climate change by educating, giving public witness and offering resources. Its website offers the following tips for making a difference:

#### **10 Ways You Can Make a Difference**

1. Be energy efficient. During the summer months, close your curtains to block heat from the sun. During the winter, open your curtains during the day to allow the sun to warm your home. These simple steps can significantly reduce the need for air conditioning and heating, which are likely the most energy-intensive aspects of your home.
2. Calculate your carbon footprint. Understanding which activities are carbon-intensive allows you to know where you can take action. The EPA has a free [carbon footprint calculator](http://carbonfootprintcalculator.org) you can use.
3. Adjust the thermostat. Turning down your air conditioning or heating when you leave the house will further shrink your carbon footprint. A change of just 5 degrees is a good start.
4. Adjust your driving routine. By combining multiple errands into one trip, you reduce the amount of fossil fuel you use.
5. Go meatless on Fridays. Livestock production accounts for 4% of Americans' greenhouse gas, according to the EPA. By going meatless one day per week, you'll both honor Catholic teaching and better care for Creation.
6. Recycle more. Recycling reduces your carbon footprint both because landfills emit greenhouse gases through decomposition, and because manufacturing from scratch is carbon-intensive. Find where and how to recycle almost anything in your area at [search.earth911.com](http://search.earth911.com).

7. Use less water. Water processing accounts for approximately 3% of energy use in the United States, according to the EPA. Saving water means saving energy. Post a "please conserve water" sign at sinks and showers, install low-flow spigots, or select the "eco" setting on laundry machines and dishwashers.
8. Petition policy makers. Your elected officials have the power to take action on climate change. Write policy makers to tell them that you stand for the stewardship of Creation.
9. Write to your local newspaper. Writing a letter to the editor has effects beyond your local community. Legislators assign their staffs to read letters to the editor as an important barometer of constituents' interests. For tip sheets and templates, write to [programs@catholicclimatecovenant.org](mailto:programs@catholicclimatecovenant.org).
10. Form a study or action group at church. We are all strengthened when we act together as a community. Consider forming a Creation Care Team, and visit [CatholicClimateCovenant.org](http://CatholicClimateCovenant.org) for more information.

### **Catholicclimatemovement.global**

[Catholic Climate Movement](http://CatholicClimateMovement.org) is a worldwide network of Catholics responding to the Pope's call to action in the *Laudato Si* encyclical. The network is comprised of lay people, priests, women religious and bishops working together to tackle the climate change crisis.

We might question how little things we do can make a difference. *Laudato Si* answers this question for us. Pope Francis addresses our motivation. He says information is not enough, nor are laws and regulations.

The Holy Father says we must be ... personally transformed ... Only by cultivating sound virtues will people be able to make a selfless ecological commitment. A person who could afford to spend and consume more but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes, shows the kind of convictions and attitudes which help to protect the environment.

He says there is a nobility in the duty to care for Creation through little daily actions ... all of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings ... We must not think that these efforts are not going to change our world. They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a generosity which tends to spread (#211, #212).



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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## Searching desperately for a way out of the promised land

Sr. Stella Mangona is missioned to Saipan, where she works with victims of human trafficking and advocates for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. On January 30th she participated in a proclamation signing in Saipan to officially recognize January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. As part of the ceremony, victim advocate Emy Camacho read Jennifer's story, a survivor of human trafficking:

"Have you ever felt lost in a place that you thought was a land of promise? Have you ever been forced to entertain men? Have you ever been put on display before men and women to entice them to give money that you never see for services you provide?

Have you worked without ever having a day off, or had your pay withheld and handed to you only after your contract expired? Have you ever had your passport taken from you against your will so that you could not leave a country? Have you ever been warned or threatened

that your family will get hurt if you complain to the police about abuses you experience or witness?

When I tried to keep my family from going into debt and becoming homeless I found myself in these situations. I thought the invitation to work abroad would answer my prayers for how I could help my parents, siblings and grandparents. I made a sacrifice and left my country, believing a family friend was going to give me work opportunities that would allow me to send money home to my family.

This person told me that I did not need to worry about having money for food, lodging and basic needs. He said that I would be able to send enough money home to help my parents raise three of my siblings and send them to school. I was told that my new job would be in a place called "the promised land," and that the money I earned would alleviate my family's hunger, heal my grandparents' illness, help pay the rent and repair holes in the roof of our house that creates a flood indoors each time it rains.

All of my dreams of prosperity and providing for my family vanished when I received a first pay check of only \$20.00, not the \$600.00 that was promised. Other promises — that my food, lodging and basic needs would be met — were also false. I had to pay \$100 for skimpy costumes, \$300 for bedsheets and telephone calls. I had to pay for everything. I was not allowed to leave the building. It was like living in prison where every action, every word spoken seemed recorded. This ordeal scared me, and I soon started trusting no one. I needed to get out of "the promised land."



*Sr. Stella Mangona (left) and collaborators who help victims of human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault.*

Jennifer eventually escaped her captors with the help of a customer and found her way to Hope House, a shelter where Sr. Stella and others help women like her claim a new lease on life. Jennifer's story ends with these words:

"At the shelter I learned my rights as a human being and was empowered not to allow anyone to abuse me again. Today I am speaking for many of us, both men and women, who have survived and regained control of our lives. I am asking all who will listen to never turn away from us when we ask for help, and to continue your efforts to seek justice for those of us who have no voice."

Sr. Stella says, "We need your prayers."

*The Washington Inter-Religious Staff Community group has put together an Interfaith Toolkit on Human Trafficking. Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center is a member of the group and hopes the toolkit will help faith communities raise awareness, promote dialogue and take moral action against modern-day slavery. <http://bit.ly/2kcqnEX>*



*Victim advocate Emy Camacho read the story of a survivor of human trafficking at the proclamation signing in Saipan.*

## ACROSS BORDERS



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## India *Cont'd from p. 1*

Monte said he wanted to meet the Sisters in person and develop some understanding of how the Good Shepherd mission is being pursued in other parts of the world. He learned that the Sisters in Chennai manage four vibrant programs to meet the needs of 2,400 girls and young women:

1. day school for girls of all ages
2. orphanage for girls
3. residential dorm for college-aged women
4. job skills training program for young women

The job training program at Marion Home is the newest ministry. The Sisters began Marion Home in 1925. In the past this was a thriving program where young women learned sewing skills. The program has declined in importance and in a few months will be replaced with five new training programs: home health care, data processing, graphic design, hotel hospitality and office reception, and cosmetology.

Students will train in intensive English for the first year. Teachers

will use that time to discover student talents and abilities. Each girl will then be steered into the area that best matches her abilities and desires.

### Enhancing lives

Eleven Sisters live in the Chennai Community. In addition to managing the school, orphanage, residential dorm for young women and Marion Home, the Sisters operate study centers in several poor communities around the city. They and dedicated volunteers meet with students from poor families in evening hours and tutor them in coursework. Many of the students are Dalit, of the social group once referred to as the Untouchables.

"I spent two weeks in India and saw the poverty and need of the people at close hand. I witnessed how girls and women in India are often disadvantaged. So it was gratifying for me to visit the Sisters and experience how they are tackling social problems through their ministries and programs. The scale of the Good Shepherd mission in Chennai is impressive," Monte said.

Monte said he won't forget the Sisters in India.

Sr. Anne taught him how to use a free messaging application for his cell phone. Sr. Maria Rose, local community leader, took him to all of the programs on campus and to each school, where the children greeted him. She also took him to Chennai to see various points of interest related to St. Thomas, the martyred disciple of Christ. These included the cathedral where his bones are interred, the cave where he taught, the hill where he escaped and the place where he was killed.

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*The High School girls like to sing between classroom sessions.*



*The Good Shepherd Sisters in Chennai educate and care for 2,400 girls of all ages. The Sisters manage a day school, orphanage, residential dorm for college-aged women and a job skills training program for young women on the convent campus. The Sisters also reach out to children from poor families in the community during evening hours and tutor them in coursework.*



## ACROSS BORDERS



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## India *Cont'd from p. 16*

Sr. Madeline, a semi-retired Sister who previously did social work among the children of temple prostitutes and now works in the kitchen, sat beside Monte at each meal and made sure he had enough food, tea and coffee.

When asked about his lasting impression of the Sisters in Chennai, Monte said, "After being introduced to every classroom and spending time with children, staff and teachers, I can report that the Good Shepherd school is a happy place.

"The children smile a lot. The teachers and Sisters know that they are empowering girls and women and shaping their lives and futures."

### Tamil Nadu

Before visiting the Sisters in Chennai, Monte and his church group spent 16 days in Tamil Nadu

visiting Christian Medical College and Hospital (founded by Mission Partner Vicky Barshis' cousin), a research institute for lepers, and an orphanage with 800 children. They also visited a home for elders and women who have left lives of prostitution and escaped from human trafficking. The women today are supporting themselves through handicrafts. Monte said he was struck by the friendliness and openness of everyone he and his church group encountered.

"I went to India expecting to meet strangers and to encounter the exotic qualities of a different land. That happened, but what I didn't expect was the kindness that was extended by so many people to me and the group I was with," he said.

"I have spent a lot of time thinking about how the love and radical hospitality embodied by the life of



*Shrines and people's daily devotions to them abound in India.*

Jesus was reflected back at me by all these people and how surprised I am to have found that image of Jesus there. I don't believe a stranger in unusual clothing would find the same welcome on my street," he said.



*Warm and open smiles, colorful religious garments, cows lounging on beaches and in streets are all part of India's daily life. Shrines dot the landscape across India, and temples are gathering places for tourists and locals alike.*

## LEADERSHIP TRAVEL

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NAME	DATES	LOCATION
Sr. Sharon Rose Authorson	Feb 1-4 Feb 24	Leadership & Integration Team, St. Louis Sr. Michaela renewal of vows, Cheltenham
Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez	Feb 1-4 Feb 14 Feb 21	Leadership & Integration Team, St. Louis Annual Dinner for Women Religious Jesuit Community Women Religious Council meeting, San Francisco
Sr. Beverly Hedgecoth	Feb 1-4	Leadership & Integration Team, St. Louis
Sr. Maureen Johnson	Feb 1-3	Leadership & Integration Team, St. Louis
Sr. Dolores Kalina	Feb 1-7 Feb 25 - Mar 1	Leadership & Integration Team, St. Louis Community and Board meetings, Silver Spring
Sr. Maureen Kunz	Jan 28 - Feb 5 Feb 23-28	Leadership & Integration Team, St. Louis Religious Education Congress, Los Angeles
Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid	Feb 1-2 Feb 3-4 Feb 20-22	Integration Team, St. Louis Leadership Team, St. Louis Good Shepherd Shelter Board meeting, Los Angeles
Sr. Madeleine Munday	Feb 1-2 Feb 3-4 Feb 14 Feb 24 Feb 28	Integration Team, St. Louis Leadership Team, St. Louis DeNeuville Learning Center Board meeting, Memphis Sr. Michaela renewal of vows, Cheltenham National Advocacy Appreciation Dinner, Silver Spring



## Bird-Feeding Month

Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment is full of references to animals and calls on all of us to embrace a more humane path. The encyclical is named "Praised Be" (*Laudato Si*) after St. Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Sun*, in which the Saint praises God for animals and Creation. In the encyclical, the Pope reminds us, "We read in the Gospel that Jesus says of the birds of the air that 'not one of them is forgotten before God' (Lk 12:6). February is National Bird Feeding Month, a time to steward our feathered friends.



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*"Let us remain in precious peace. Grace and peace are enough."*

Saint Mary Euphrasia

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