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## TRANSFORMATION CEREMONY

Lutheran Senior Services held a ceremony to officially welcome Sisters of

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## Green Corner

Millions of people express their love through chocolate on Valentine's Day. From a green perspective, this is a problem. From a justice point of view, it's an even bigger concern. Cacao beans, from which all chocolate is made, comes predominantly from Ghana and the Ivory Coast of Africa. Together, these two countries produce more than 70 percent of the world's supply of cacao beans (cocoa). The rest comes from Asia, Oceania and the Americas. Hawaii is the only cacao growing region in North America.

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### Ceremony, *Cont'd from p. 1*

the Immaculate Heart Community to Mason Pointe Care Center in west county St. Louis. The joyful event was held January 16, 2019.

Sisters and Mission Partners from the Province Center attended the ceremony, along with senior staff from Mason Pointe and Lutheran Senior Services, Sisters from the Immaculate Heart Community and their caretakers, helpers who assisted them in making the transition from the convent in Normandy to Mason Pointe, and former staff at Immaculate Heart. The Sisters have made many new friends since moving to Mason Pointe on December 10 and 11, 2018. Several of their new pals also attended the ceremony. It was a celebration in the truest sense.

The ceremony began with a formal welcome from the Executive Director of Mason Pointe, Drew Redman, followed by a prayer from Terry Quick, Mason Pointe's Chaplain. Mason Pointe's Nurse Manager Amanda David read Colossians 3:15-17.

Local Leader of the Immaculate Heart Community Sister Pauline Bilbrough then read the 23rd Psalm. Monsigneur Nicholas Schneider followed with a reading of Matthew 18:10-14. President and CEO of Lutheran Senior Services John Kotovsky and Sr. Madeleine Munday, Province Leader for Mid-North America, shared their reflections on the transformative move from Immaculate Heart to Mason Pointe.

#### **Communities coming together**

Sister Madeleine said, "Sisters of Good Shepherd are so happy and grateful to be here today celebrating our communities coming together. Our hearts resonate with the values



*Sisters Mary Carolyn McQuaid and Madeleine Munday met with Mark Schoedel, who oversaw installation of the Immaculate Heart stained glass windows into the Good Shepherd Chapel at Mason Pointe.*

of Lutheran Senior Services: Faith-inspired, People First, Service Excellence, Responsible Stewardship, Generous Hearts. We hear these values echoed in our own values of Mercy, Individual Worth, Reconciliation and Zeal."

#### **A servant's heart**

Sr. Madeleine ended her talk by saying, "Today represents wonder, and we look toward many years of living with the Mason Pointe Community."

John Kotovsky lauded the Sisters for their lifetime of service to others. He addressed the Sisters and said, "Today is about honoring you. All of you Good Shepherd Sisters have a servant's heart. You were called to a holy order to serve God. And that has no retirement date. You will be blessing us as you continue to love and serve others. We are truly blessed by you. You bring joy to the entire Mason Pointe family."

The Sisters were humbled by John's words of praise and the attention that was paid to them at the ceremony. Sr. Dorothy Renckens said in response to the fuss being made over them, "We have just done what God has asked us to do."



*Top: Long-term volunteer with the Immaculate Heart Community, Patrice Magrath, made sure Saint Mary Euphrasia didn't miss the party. Bottom: Contemplative Sisters enjoy refreshments following the formal presentation.*



Chaplain Terry closed the ceremony with a prayer and blessing. Cake, fellowship and a tour of the Sisters' residence completed the event.

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### Ceremony, *Cont'd from p. 2*



*Clockwise: Sister Elizabeth Epp greets people to the third floor; the ceremony is energized by a full house; the party continues on the elevator to the Sisters' residence on the third floor.*



*Sister Pauline Bilbrough and Father Ron Chocol.*



*Sister Elizabeth Garciano (l) and former receptionist for the Sisters Shirley Norful.*



*Sisters Therese Mott and Sharon O'Grady.*



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## Growing relationships through letter writing

*"Do you know what draws down God's special protection which upholds our Institute and gives it such strength? ... in a word, it is the spirit of unity." St. Mary Euphrasia*

In her lifetime, St. Mary Euphrasia wrote thousands of letters to Sisters, bishops, and friends. We, her Good Shepherd Mission Partners, are lucky to have seven volumes of her letters compiled and translated into English by the Spirituality Centre at the Motherhouse in Angers.

Reading St. Mary Euphrasia's letters provides a unique and personal insight into how she ran the various houses, how she spoke to others, and her personal feelings and thoughts about the expansion of Good Shepherd across the globe.

In June 2018 a [St. Mary Euphrasia Letters Reading Club](#) formed on a Facebook group. I posted the first volume of Letters in a PDF document and encouraged participants to read 5-10 letters a week, and to post their thoughts as they read.

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### From the Letters Reading Club comes a new project: Good Shepherd Pen Pals.

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I was the Group administrator from the Mid-North America Office of Mission Effectiveness. Cristella Villasenor, a teacher from Collier Youth Services, posted the readings and a response prompt every Monday. The first volume of letter reading ended in January. The group had 114 members worldwide. Members can still access the group and are welcome to post.

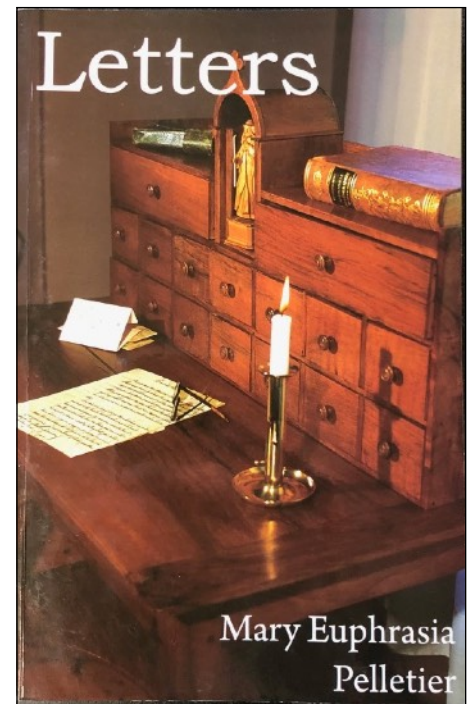


The Good Shepherd community is vast and diverse. If St. Mary Euphrasia was able to maintain and grow hundreds of relationships by writing letters, we can do the same. With that in mind, from the Letters Reading Club comes a new project: Good Shepherd Pen Pals.

We are pairing as pen pals those who want to correspond with another Good Shepherd in a different location. We want to encourage hand-written letters, notes and cards. Once the pen pal pairs are assigned, it is up to each person to follow through and get to know his or her new friend. We will not moderate the project.

Imagine making friends with another Good Shepherd who lives in another country and has the same passion for the mission as you!

There are currently nine pairs of pen pals, and more are waiting to be matched. If you or anyone you know would like to have a pen pal, you can email me — Lizzie Cody — at



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[lcody@maryhurst.org](mailto:lcody@maryhurst.org) with your name and address.

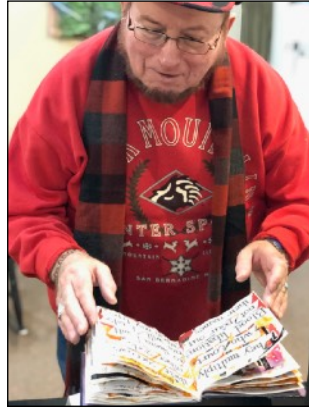
*Submitted by Lizzie Cody, Director of Mission Effectiveness*



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Art patrons study the works on display at Good Shepherd Gallery. The January exhibit featured four artists' expressions of the biblical Book of Psalms.

## Soul stirring and uplifting art

"Good Shepherd Arts Center is very energizing, comfortable and friendly. I found the center last year when I was meeting friends next door. I had arrived early and saw paper cranes hanging in the window of the arts center. The cranes drew me in. I have been coming to art openings and buying art here ever since," said St. Louis resident Benjamin Diefenbach.

A self-described ambassador of the center, Benjamin soon brought his friend Mardy Cuyppers with him to an art opening. An arts appreciator,

Mardy said he enjoyed the enriching experience of the exhibit's opening night. He has since become a regular patron, along with his friend Benjamin.

### Beautiful and meaningful art

The art at Good Shepherd Arts Center is soul stirring and uplifting. The artwork in this gallery is beautiful and meaningful. I have purchased several pieces of artwork at the openings for myself and to give others. The sacred art makes for perfect wedding gifts," Mardy said.

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Artist Gary Lang.



Musicians perform on opening night of the January art exhibit at Good Shepherd Gallery in Ferguson.



Sing to the Lord a new song, Sing to the Lord all the earth. Psalm 96:11. Artist Mary Martin.



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### Art, *Continued from p. 5*

It's common to hear people say they like the shows and ambience of the Good Shepherd Arts Center. Glynis McManamon, RGS, who founded the arts ministry, is gratified by people's appreciation for the sense of place she has created.

#### Presence of peace

The center opened in Ferguson in November 2015, one year after the shooting death of teenager Michael Brown. The intention was for Sisters of the Good Shepherd to be a presence of peace in a troubled city.

Originally a studio and gallery for religious art depicting racial diversity, the facility evolved into Good Shepherd Arts Center and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization last year.

Today Sr. Glynis serves as the director of the arts center and Sr.

Mary Catherine Massei volunteers as business manager. A board of directors oversees the non profit. Two community members, Pat Parrish and Debbie Rosso, volunteer routinely.

The mission of Good Shepherd Arts Center is to exhibit art and offer experiences that affirm human dignity, uplift hearts and link creativity with spirituality.

The center's tagline "Beauty will save the world" pretty much sums up the vision Sr. Glynis holds for the arts center. Her team of dedicated supporters have made it their goal to welcome all who enter the space. It's a cozy place with a rocking chair and plenty of other seating for folks who want to rest in peace and quiet for a while. It's a place where arts patrons, curiosity seekers, community members and people coming in from the street can mingle and relax together, share a



cup of hot tea, and find common ground. The convergence often leads to conversations about art, religion, politics, spirituality, family, blessings, and community. Refreshments and respect are standard fare. After a visit to the Good Shepherd Arts Center, people routinely leave the space feeling that beauty truly will save the world.

The next exhibit runs from February 2-23 and is titled "History in Technicolor: North County Students Reflect on Black History Month. The show is sponsored by [North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice](#), and is made possible through the generosity of the De La Salle Christian Brothers' [FSC Foundation](#).



*Good Shepherd Arts Center is a homey place where people feel comfortable dropping in, striking up conversation, and relaxing for a while in the company of good people and sacred art.*



*The arts center is a place where friends meet. Sr. Mary Catherine Massei (l) with Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.*

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## CORA helps kids love learning

The Cat in the Hat. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. Green Eggs and Ham. Who hasn't grown up on Dr. Seuss books? Keeping the tradition alive, CORA Services has designed CORA Seussville to capture the hearts of children and the attention of caring parents, inspiring them both to learn to love reading and become more confident learners.

The fun begins in February, with art and writing contests for children in grades 1-8. Winners of the contests will be announced at the CORA Seussville celebration on March 2, in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. CORA Seussville is fun and purposeful,



according to Rachel McGonigle, CORA Events and Marketing Coordinator. She said, "Carnival games will showcase books, learning activities from the books, and ways parents can have fun with their kids while promoting literacy. This is the one event each year that gives our teen youth opportunities to volunteer. Throughout the year, CORA peer helpers tutor the younger grades within their school. At this event, the peer helpers come together to volunteer in a more organized and fun celebration. It's a fun family activity for CORA staff to bond together," Rachel said. Learn more at [CORA Services](#).

## Good Shepherd Mediation Program in the spotlight

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation online reporter included a Nonprofit Partner Spotlight recently on Good Shepherd Mediation Program (GSMP). The photo on the online post is from the Restorative Circles workshop that GSMP Executive Director Cheryl Cutrona conducted for Gracenter in San Francisco. Visit <https://www.philabarfoundation.org/grantees/good-shepherd-mediation-program> to read the spotlight report.



## Announcements and News Tidbits

NAC will visit Good Shepherd missions in El Salvador and Honduras in March and will join in an interfaith pilgrimage of solidarity to understand root causes for migration from Honduras. The April issue of *Items of Interest* will report on the trip.

The Vatican has released guidelines to help the Church fight [human trafficking](#).

[Facing the Crisis](#) is a document well worth reading on the heels of Martin Luther King Day and as we enter Black History Month.

The lamp in the Oratory of Saint Mary Euphrasia at the Motherhouse burns in February for Eastern Central Africa: Kenya, Congo, South Sudan, Uganda 04-10; Italy & Malta 11-17; North Mexico 18-24; Indonesia 25-03.

The February art exhibition at Good Shepherd Arts Center celebrates Black History Month and features students' reflections on the observance. The show runs from February 2-23 in Ferguson.

February is a short month, which bumps up the deadline for the March issue of *Items of Interest*. Please submit photos and copy by February 19.



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[Vista Maria](#) youth participate in many activities to heal and grow. Throughout this past year, the young people created some beautiful art as part of Vista Maria's photographic therapy program. Vista Maria is in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.



[Rose Haven](#) thanks Jodie Webb and the women of Nike who have collected travel size hotel soaps from around the world and brought them back to Portland for Rose Haven. Women experiencing homelessness need the hygiene items and are grateful for them.



FM talk show host from KWAM in Memphis, Tennessee, talks with Lori Jones, Executive Director of [DeNeuville Learning Center](#), about DLC, what it does, and how people can help.



[Maryhurst](#) thanks the Louisville Earthbound Trading Company for making Maryhurst a charity partner. The company donated socks and other clothing to children who come to Maryhurst with few personal possessions.



# COMMUNITY LIFE



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### Sisters attend March for Life 2019

Good Shepherd Sisters from Danville, Pennsylvania, went to the *March for Life* in Washington, DC, on January 18, 2019. We rode on the bus from Our Lady of the Holy Rosary parish. The Knights of Columbus subsidized the bus trip. The crowds were overflowing, with some estimates exceeding 300,000 participants.

This celebration of the gift of life is so inspiring, with many young people from high schools and universities all over the country participating. People of all faiths, including Atheists for Life, all come together to proclaim the sanctity of human life. Even the weather cooperated!

Some of our group went to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to pray, while others marched. The biggest challenge was getting out of DC traffic at rush hour! We thank God for the gift of life, and the opportunity to witness to this joy!

*Submitted by Patricia Marie Barnette, RGS*



### #StandWithSisters



Sister Glynis McManamon is part of a National Catholic Sisters Week multimedia campaign called #StandWithSisters. Her video portion of the campaign will appear on multiple websites throughout March. Read the full story in next month's issue of *Items of Interest*.





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## Chocolate, *Continued from p. 1*

Four million people in Ghana and Ivory Coast depend on cacao for their livelihood. Half of them are children who work on cocoa plantations chopping with machetes, applying toxic chemicals and carrying heavy loads of harvested pods. Most of the children are between the ages of 12-14, but reporters have found children as young as age five.



### **Demand for cheap chocolate**

A couple of decades ago, 20 percent of the market price of chocolate went to cocoa farmers. It is now only six percent. As the chocolate industry has grown over the years, so has the demand for cheap cocoa. On average, cocoa farmers, who produce one of the world's most luxurious and desirable products, earn less than \$2 per day. As a result, they often resort to the use of child labor to keep their prices competitive.

Some children end up on cocoa farms because they need work and traffickers tell them that the job pays well. Other children are sold to traffickers or farm owners by their own relatives, who are unaware of the dangerous work environment

and the lack of any provisions for an education.

Often, traffickers abduct the young children from small villages in neighboring African countries, such as Burkina Faso and Mali, two of the poorest countries in the world. Once they have been taken to the cocoa farms, the children may not see their families for years, if ever.

While there have been attempts to change the system, these changes have not proven effective and most major chocolate companies have not been cooperative in the process.

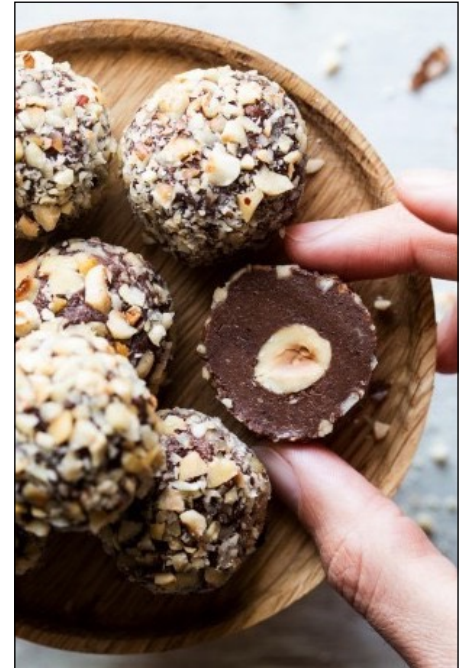
### **Tainted chocolate**

About 13 years ago, the US government tried to take a small action to at least alert the public and give consumers a choice about whether to consume chocolate tainted by child slavery. The government urged that chocolate produced ethically should be labeled "slave free."

Lobbyists in Washington, DC, wielded power with their money and killed the idea. Most major chocolate companies at least agreed to take steps to eliminate slavery from the supply chain. Years later, their agreements have not led to action.

Europeans consume half the world's production of chocolate. Americans eat 58 million pounds of it during the week of Valentine's Day alone. We consume 2.8 billion pounds of chocolate throughout the year, or over 11 pounds per person.

The world's insatiable demand for chocolate translates into massive wealth for a few mega corporations and their founders, presidents and CEOs. In 2018, this is how net revenue sales shook out for the world's four largest chocolate manufacturers:



- USA: Mars (\$18 billion)
- Italy: Ferrero (\$12 billion)
- Japan: Meiji (\$9.7 billion)
- Switzerland: Nestle (\$8.8 billion)

### **Chocolate and the environment**

Chocolate is a \$100 billion global industry, and demand is rising fast. Producers are struggling to keep pace. Cocoa is a critical cash crop for West African farmers, many of whom own just a few acres of land.

The cacao plant's production is fueling deep problems there. In particular, climate change is expected to boost temperatures and prolong dry spells in coming decades in West Africa, where the vast majority of the world's cacao beans are produced. Cocoa trees are sensitive to heat and drought.

Cocoa farmers usually clear tropical forests to plant new cocoa trees rather than reusing the same land. This practice has spurred massive deforestation in West Africa,

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particularly in the Ivory Coast. Without good agricultural practices, rainforests will continue to be chopped down to make way for new cacao plantations, resulting in deforestation, soil erosion and loss of critical biological diversity.

Poor agricultural practices also lead to soil depletion, requiring costly and harmful pesticides and chemical fertilizers to maintain production. This leads to pollution, destruction of ecosystems, further deforestation, and soil degradation.

We can't overlook the issue of water usage. Chocolate requires a staggering 4,543 gallons of water to produce 2.2 pounds of the product. When it comes to water consumption, chocolate production tops the list of all foodstuff manufacturing, including beef.

### Life cycle of chocolate

Chocolate manufacturing has six stages, each of which has a growing impact on the environment:

- Raw materials (ingredients): production of sugar, milk powder, cocoa butter, vegetable fat, cocoa mass, flour, pasteurized eggs, salt, butter, whey powder and starch
- Manufacturing: including water consumption and cleaning
- Packaging: primary, secondary and tertiary
- Distribution and consumption: transportation, storage at a regional distribution center and a retailer, and consumption at home
- Waste management: treatment and disposal of process and post-consumer waste

Let's look at a few ingredients. Milk powder manufacturing involves



*The cultivation of palm oil for chocolate and other foodstuff leads to deforestation and is pushing orangutans and other endangered wildlife to the brink of extinction.*

massive water and energy usage, cruel treatment of dairy cows, and methane emissions caused by the cows' diet. Another main ingredient, palm oil, has led to the cultivation of palm oil monocultures, resulting in deforestation and pushing orangutans critically close to the brink of extinction. Consuming chocolate certainly doesn't make our carbon footprint any smaller.

The question may well be this as Valentine's Day approaches: Is chocolate worth eating when we know the justice and environmental impacts that are caused by its manufacturing process?

We all know how hard it is to give up a beloved food item. So, if you

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*Reporters have found children as young as age 5 working on cacao farms in West Africa.*



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Chocolate, *Continued from p. 11*

can't give up chocolate altogether in one fell swoop, then maybe it helps to think of chocolate as a luxury item to consume sparingly. Either way, we can all take action to become better consumers by becoming more knowledgeable of the problem and finding solutions that help everyone and the planet.

**Consumer choices matter**

New small-batch chocolate companies are springing up worldwide in response to public demand for cruelty-free, just and sustainable chocolate. This is proof that consumer attitudes and the choices we make really do matter, and that they can make a difference in the quality of life for people, animals and the planet.

While researching information for this article I learned that in 2016 the world's second largest chocolate manufacturer Ferrero was the worst-ranked company on child labor among the world's biggest chocolate corporations. Bowing to public outcry, boycotts and petitions, the

corporation realized it could do more to stop child trafficking and modern-day slavery on its cocoa plantations. Ferrero also sought to do a better job environmentally.

Today Ferrero continues its commitment to secure a supply chain that is deforestation-free, exploitation-free and palm oil-free. Since taking actions to improve its public reputation and corporate standing, Ferrero went from worst ranked in 2016 to its current mid-ranked status. Their revenues grew from \$10.5 billion in 2016 to \$12 billion in 2018, proving that doing the right thing can be profitable.

We all have an obligation to understand the effects of our consumer choices. The Congregation of Good Shepherd's [Position Papers](#) address Integral Ecology and Economic Justice. Chocolate production clearly fits within the scope of this.

*Researched and written by Jeanette McDermott, Province Communications Coordinator*

**What you can do about chocolate**

- **Buy ethical chocolates that are organic, [fair-trade](#), vegan and made without palm oil.**
- **Research which chocolate companies have worked to eliminate slave labor and improve the environment.**
- **Help others understand how chocolate is made.**
- **Watch these videos and learn more about the chocolate industry:**

[The Dark Side of Chocolate](#)

[Uncommon cacao: upending systems to put the poor and environment first](#)

[Chocoleymentary](#)

## Gratitude Expressed

*It is not enough that you love them; they must know that you love them."*  
Saint Mary Euphrasia

I was a resident of the Good Shepherd Home, Spokane Washington, in the late 1960's. That place saved my life. Sister Susan was our dorm Mother. She had come from Omaha and was the nicest lady. All the nuns were nice. The grounds were beautiful. We had a pretty grotto. There was a cloistered group of Sisters who didn't speak to us, but I'm sure they prayed a lot for us. I wasn't a bad kid. A wise judge sent me there to get out of an abusive home. Anyway Thank You! It's been 50 years and I still have fond memories.

Chris M.

*Photo from PMNA Archives. Good Shepherd Home, Spokane.*





## COMMUNITY LIFE



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## Sisters journey to the Holy Land

Thirty four Sisters, including 24 Good Shepherd Sisters from the three North America provinces, set off for the Holy Land on New Year's Day. They journeyed for nine days, experiencing the rich history and culture of Israel, and feeling the presence of God in sacred places.

Sisters Madeleine Munday, Dolores Kalina, Christine Troung, Lakshmi

Napagoda and Stella Mangona went on the pilgrimage from Province of Mid-North America. They traveled with Good Shepherd Sisters from the New York-Toronto Province and Central South U.S. Province. Sisters of St. Joseph from Brentwood, New York, also took the pilgrimage.

*Items of Interest* will report on the Sisters' pilgrimage in length in the

March issue. In the meantime, imagine yourself transforming the Bible into vivid reality through visits to Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Mount of the Beatitudes, Jerusalem, the Jordan River, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane and more. Prepare next month to witness through the eyes of Sisters a memorable trip to the Holy Land.

## Retreats to deepen prayer and strengthen relationships

Registration has begun for fall retreats. The retreats are designed to deepen prayer and strengthen relationships. Sisters Maureen Kunz and Francisca Aguillon are coordinating the retreats. They have set aside three main sites for Sisters who can travel. The sites correlate to the three North America provinces. Participants will have the option of taking a full six-day retreat or a shorter mini retreat.

Mid-North America will host the first retreat (4 days). Then Central South will host a 6-day retreat, followed by a 3.5 day retreat in New York. Sisters Brigid Lawlor and Angela Fahey will lead the retreats, as they have been doing in countries around the Congregation. The Sisters will travel to elder care

centers to facilitate retreats in Danville and Mason Pointe. They will run a mini retreat in Cincinnati and hold one in Spanish in El Paso.

### Chapter Statement Directive

According to Sr. Brigid, the retreats are a way of implementing the 2015 Chapter Statement Directive, "that we integrate our spiritual heritage with up-to-date theology and our evolving experience of God."

Registration is underway now for the retreats that will take place in September and October 2019. The three main sites can accommodate up to 40 participants. Elder care sites are reserved for the Sisters who live there due to lodging constraints. Each retreat day has a different focus which develops the theme

*Love, the Heart of the Universe.* Materials include spiritual writings from *Laudato Si*, St. John Eudes, St. Mary Euphrasia, Father Thomas Berry and others. The retreats are meant to deepen interiority, interconnectedness, communion, compassion, reconciliation and gratitude/commitment. They are also intended to strengthen relationships.

Sr. Maureen said, "We had a get-to-know you Zoom call and it was amazing to learn that some Sisters had never met before. This gave us the idea to mingle across provinces to get to know each other."

Contact contact Sr. Maureen with questions. Send registration forms to Monte at [mabbott@gspmna.org](mailto:mabbott@gspmna.org).



CELEBRATION OF LIFE **ZEAL**

# Adrienne Marie DePores Baker, RGS

September 22, 1938 – January 12, 2019

Sister Adrienne Marie DePores Baker gratefully went home to her Shepherd God Saturday, January 12, 2019. She was preceded in death by her dear parents, Luree and Helen Baker and her brother Luree Baker Jr. She is survived by her three children, Brigid, Leoncio, and Anita, special first born grandchild Sabrina Ellis, as well as other grandchildren, nieces, nephews, special friend Carol Ann Wonner, and many dear friends as well as many Sisters of the Good Shepherd who will miss her presence.

After raising her family, Sr. Adrienne was at last able to respond to the call to religious life, a call she felt as a young woman. Out of respect for her parents she agreed to marry and gave them three grandchildren.

In the late 1980's she moved to Omaha, Nebraska, to pursue religious life with the Order of the Servants of Mary (Servites). She discerned to leave the Servites, remained in Omaha and began to worship at Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic Community in Omaha.

It was there she met Dolores Goodlet, a childhood friend of Sr. Barbara Beasley. It was in this way she was led to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

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Sister Adrienne professed first vows in 1990 and was missioned to Seattle Washington, where she ministered with Sisters of Providence in an elder care setting. She served in many ministry positions: administrator of Rose Center, the development office at the Home of the Good Shepherd, Wellsprings Respite Care for Women, and as local leader and supervisor of Neuville Infirmary. Adrienne put her own personal stamp on each position she held.



**Adrienne Baker, RGS**

She was an advocate for the empowerment of women and raised funds for the education of young women she supervised in various ministry positions. Many of the techniques she used were straight out of the Conferences and Instructions of St. Mary Euphrasia. She made lasting friendships with Mission Partners and young women she came in contact with.

The ministry Sr. Adrienne best loved was vocation promotion. She helped many women discern a vocation to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Whether they entered religious life or moved on, they loved Sr. Adrienne and stayed in contact with her to the very end of her life. During her last stays in the hospital many former staff persons would visit her daily checking to make sure she was comfortable and well cared for during her final illness.

Sister Adrienne came into contact with the Little Sisters of the Poor when her mother was admitted into their care facility Holy Family Residence. It was at this time she took up her final ministry. The Little Sisters would give

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## Sr. Adrienne, Continued from p. 14

her yarn to crochet layettes. These were no ordinary layettes; they were so skillfully done the Sisters used them as gifts for their benefactors as well as in their gift shop, where they were beautifully displayed.

Sister Adrienne was admitted into the Little Sisters Holy Family Residence on January 4, 2019. She expected to travel to the Little Sisters residence in San Francisco by the end of January. The Good Shepherd had other plans.

### Home to God

Sister was taken to the emergency room early Saturday morning. When the Little Sisters of the Poor arrived, she greeted them saying, "I finally get to go home to God."

When the doctor called Sr. Adrienne's daughter Brigid to inform her of her mother's

condition, Brigid asked him if he would put Adrienne's cell phone to her ear when Brigid called. He replied, of course he would.

Brigid said she told her mother, "I love you mom," and Adrienne replied, "I love you too."

The Little Sisters of the Poor remained with Sister Adrienne until she went home to God, singing sweetly around her bed. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Sr. Adrienne at the chapel of Little Sisters of the Poor in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 2019.

Many stories and recollections have been told since Sister Adrienne went home to heaven:

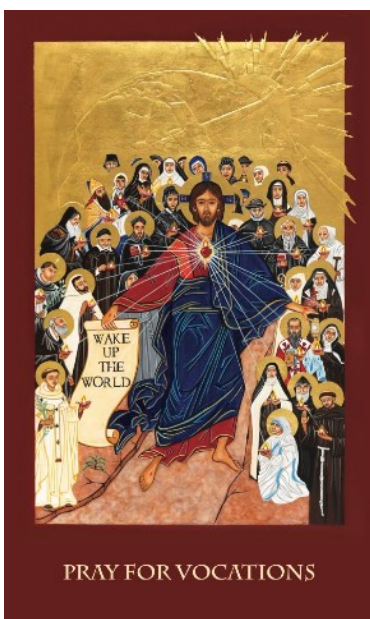
- *She was fiercely loyal as a friend and always went the extra mile.*

- *Through all her suffering, she spoke of her love for Jesus; she offered her pain for others and hoped that some good would come from her suffering.*
- *Her voice was one that often brought clarity, another point of view or a reframing of an issue at an assembly or chapter.*
- *She lived and died a Sister of the Good Shepherd.*

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd join Brigid Saulny in thanking everyone who made Sister Adrienne's last days peaceful by your care and concern. We give special thanks to the Little Sisters of the Poor for their tender care of Sr. Adrienne in her final days.

*Submitted by Gayle Lwanga Crumbley, RGS*

## World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2



BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

GO FORTH! Remember the beauty of your first call. Jesus continues to call you today with the same full love and untamed grace.

GO FORTH! There is always more to do, to encounter, to be grateful for, to be astonished by. Begin and end with the joy of prayer—the marrow of consecrated life.

GO FORTH! Each of us has a role to play in the Church. Witness and sow well each day, and look to tomorrow with hope.

GO FORTH! Grow in love for God so that others will be attracted by the divine light in you. Welcome the new vocations the Lord sends to continue the work of consecration.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and first disciple of her son, Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

— POPE FRANCIS

*Adapted from the concluding message of Pope Francis at the close of the Year of Consecrated Life on XX World Day of Consecrated Life. Icon used with permission from Vivian Imbruglia.*

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. The celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. Province Vocation Director Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez is featured in a recent Global Sisters Report about her connection to another Sister who altered her destiny by sparking within her a desire for religious life. Sister Jean Marie spoke in the article about Sr. Jeanne Waddell, saying her influence is what led her to become a Sister of the Good Shepherd. Sr. Jean Marie said Sr. Jean's nurturing care helped her grow spiritually.

"Having met someone on a spiritual plane, she gave me great hope to continue to deepen God's call in my life. She allowed me to be open to God's grace, and provided space for me to explore. I watched and listened and learned from her," said Sr. Jean Marie.

Visit <https://bit.ly/2RiOe7o> for the full story.



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## New films document child labor and migration

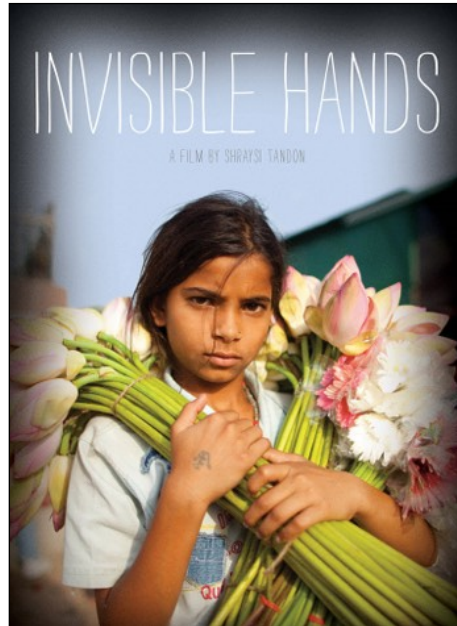
### Film exposes global child labor and trafficking

The new film *Invisible Hands* is the first feature documentary to expose child labor and child trafficking within the supply chains of the world's largest corporations.

The film offers a harrowing account of children as young as five years old making items we buy and consume every day. Undercover footage shows children being sold to the highest bidder and others being abused by pervasive slave labor. It digs deep into a modern-day system of involuntary servitude.

"Today there are roughly 200 million children working as child laborers around the world," says the film's director and producer Shraysi Tandon.

Over the course of two years, Shraysi worked with activists, investigative journalists, academics and nonprofit leaders who guided her and her team into the dark underbelly of the global labor market. The maps in her documentary reveal that only a small handful of countries in the world are



**Filmmaker Shraysi Tandon worked with activists, investigative journalists, academics and nonprofit leaders to produce *Invisible Hands*.**

completely free of child or slave labor. The U.S. is not one of them.

The film takes us into India, Indonesia, Ghana and China. There's also a segment on young tobacco workers in the United States, where a child as young as 12

can be employed legally in agricultural labor. For small family farms there is no age limit.

**Expert accounts and witnesses**  
Beyond the eye-opening footage in factory and field, viewers will hear accounts from experts and witnesses, including 2014 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Kailash Satyarthi, an Indian children's rights activist who has saved more than 87,000 children from child slavery and trafficking.

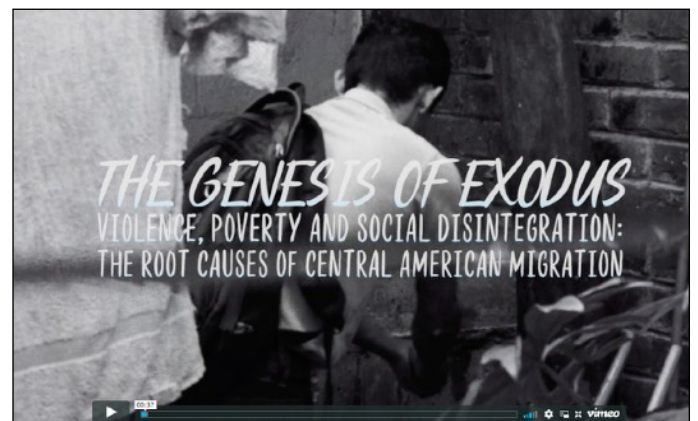
The film leaves us asking how our consumer choices can turn things around to improve the lives of children worldwide. Shraysi asks viewers to constantly inquire at purchase points, "How can you guarantee that this product was not made by a child or slave labor?" She asserts that when corporations hear this question asked often enough, they will start responding to consumer demand.

Watch the *Invisible Hands* trailer at <https://bit.ly/2Ro127S>

Article extracted from *People's World*, a voice for progressive change in the United States.

### Film gives voice to migrants

The film *Genesis of Exodus* gives voice to migrants in El Salvador, Guatemala and southern Mexico. The premise of the film is that violence, poverty and social disintegration are the root causes of Central American migration. Disappointed by the U.S. government's response to migrants arriving in the U.S., Presbyterian USA produced the film to give voice to the migrants, their families, and the people working with them. An accompanying website informs and educates people about Central Americans who are seeking safety in the United States. Watch the trailer at <https://bit.ly/2sPdG5G>. You can obtain resources about migration and interact with multimedia content at <https://genesisofexodusfilm.com/thefilm/>.



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## Good Shepherd Sister honored in Korea

Good Shepherd Sister Sungsook “Droste” Kim has received South Korea’s Presidential Commendation Award for protecting and preventing victims of violence against women. She accepted the award at the annual conference for the Prevention of Domestic Violence in Seoul, Korea, last November.

### Hotline centers

Domestic violence in South Korea is a common problem. It is seen as a private matter and not as a law enforcement issue. Recognizing the plight of women at risk of violence, Good Shepherd Sisters in South Korea initiated a hotline telephone service in 1995. The following year the Chun Cheon diocese provided a monthly stipend to assist the project. In 1998, the Ministry for Health and Social Welfare opened 24 hour Hotline centers in 13 Korean provinces. Sr. Sungsook

works at one of the Hotline centers and has been committed to the mission for more than 20 years.

The April 2018 issue of [\*Items of Interest\*](#) reported on Sr. Sungsook’s involvement in the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang. She operated the sexual violence counseling center in the athletes’ village and formed part of a team of 14,000 local volunteers whose goal was to offer support to anyone who experienced abuse or misconduct at the Winter Olympics.

*Submitted by Marie Jean Bae, RGS, Province of Northeast Asia*



*Sister Sungsook Kim receives South Korea’s Presidential Commendation Award for protecting and preventing victims of violence against women.*

## Meet our newest international students



*The Province of Mid-North America has welcomed three Good Shepherd international students since the New Year began. They have come to St. Louis to learn the English language. Sister Mary Attallah (left) is from Egypt. Sr. Theresa Park (center) is from South Korea. Sister Terese Acosta (right) is from Argentina. The Sisters are living with the St. Louis Community at the Province Center while enrolled in English courses at the University of Missouri St. Louis.*



## LEADERSHIP TRAVEL

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NAME	DATES	LOCATION
Sr. Sharon Rose Authorson	No travel	No travel
Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez	Feb 9-16 Feb 25-28	Apostolic Council meeting, St. Louis Spring Area Meeting, Burlingame, CA (San Francisco)
Sr. Beverly Hedgecoth	No travel	No travel
Sr. Maureen Johnson	No travel	No travel
Sr. Dolores Kalina	Feb 8-19	Apostolic Council meeting & Financial Advisory Board meeting, St. Louis
Sr. Maureen Kunz	Feb 9-15 Feb 25-28	Apostolic Council meeting, St. Louis Spring Area Meeting, Burlingame, CA (San Francisco)
Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid	Feb 10-14 Feb 11 Feb 15-16 Feb 17-18 Feb 25-28	Apostolic Council meeting, St. Louis Financial Advisory Board meeting, St. Louis Good Shepherd Shelter Board Retreat, Los Angeles Family visit, Irvine, CA Spring Area Meeting, Burlingame, CA (San Francisco)
Sr. Madeleine Munday	Feb 1-3 Feb 10-14  Feb 16 Feb 23-24 Feb 25-28	Cheltenham Community Apostolic Council meeting & Financial Advisory Board meeting, St. Louis Good Shepherd Shelter Board Retreat, Los Angeles San Francisco Community Spring Area Meeting, Burlingame, CA (San Francisco)

## Happy Valentines' Day! Remember ... Just love.

Valentine's Day has a long and interesting history that crosses many shores. The history is too lengthy to relay here, but if you're interested, check out the [Wiki site](#). In a nutshell, Valentine's Day is connected to religion, romantic love, legend, poetry, mythology, martyrdom and, of course, mass cultural consumerism in the form of confectionary and greeting cards. Folklore has it that birds propose to each other or marry on this day; hence the term lovebirds. Cute. Anyway, Valentine's Day is a good day for us all to do a better job of keeping in mind the simple words of St. Mary Euphrasia: Just love.



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*"Oh, how much love and compassion we must have for these souls entrusted to our care ... Love them, love them very much! Comfort them, strengthen these suffering sheep, make them happy, very happy. Never forget that you will win hearts only by love."*

St. Mary Euphrasia, Conferences, p. 466

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