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PILGRIMS FIND BEAUTIFUL UNITY

By Lizzie Tschida, Mission Effectiveness

On April 3, 2017, the Motherhouse in Angers, France, saw the arrival of 75 Pilgrims from the Provinces of French Canada, New York/Toronto, Mid-North America and Singapore/Malaysia.

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Climate March

By Jeanette McDermott

I'm connected to an online group that goes by the name of Elders Climate Action. The national grassroots group of people over age 50 is focused on understanding the science of climate change so they can use that knowledge to craft messages that allow them to influence the political system. I had planned to march with

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Pilgrims were therapists, teachers, board members, Sisters, CEO's, social workers, and other staff from Good Shepherd agencies. Melinda Stricklen, Sr. Barbara Beasley, Lizzie Tschida, Nancy Fritsche-Eagan, Bob Interbartolo and Anna Pavan — the Angers Planning Team — greeted the Pilgrims.

Happy those who will have occasion to make this pilgrimage ... to preserve for posterity the spirit of zeal and unity which is the life of this Institute. Their life's journey will be blessed ...!

St. Mary Euphrasia

This year marked the 9th Pilgrimage since it was first introduced to Mission Partners in 1999. The purpose of the Pilgrimage is to educate and inspire Good Shepherd Mission Partners around the mission, history and philosophy of care. For nine days, Pilgrims are immersed in the sights, smells and



Pilgrims engage in the closing ceremony, singing "Holy Ground," before walking to and entering through the Green Door.



Pilgrims listen in the Church of St. Philbert on Noirmoutier Island as Sr. Anne Josephine Carr speaks to them about Rose Virginie growing up on the island.

sounds of St. Mary Euphrasia's house and environment.

The schedule for the Pilgrimage week is based around a daily theme reflecting the life and mission of St. Mary Euphrasia and the world of Good Shepherd. Daily themes were: Introduction, Global Good Shepherd, The Rose Bud, Noirmoutier, The Shepherd, Mission Partners and The Tunnel.

Sisters Anne Josephine Carr, Ellen Kelly and Noreen O'Shea gave session talks. With wonderful assistance and organization from the Spirituality Centre, led by Sr. Noreen O'Shea, Pilgrims were also able to experience the new Good Shepherd Museum, which is located in the original Tournemine factory that St. Mary Euphrasia purchased on Rue Brault. They also visited the Labyrinth. Pilgrims were invited to reflect on their experiences personally and in small groups of between six and seven people.



Province Director of Operations Monte Abbott portrayed Count DeNeuville in a light-hearted skit.

We encourage Pilgrims to think about the experience of being in Angers and to reflect on what they learned and how they were changed. This year each Pilgrim identified a message that they would take home to share with their agencies. Many of the messages involve feeling connected to the whole world of Good Shepherd and St. Mary Euphrasia, as well as a renewed zeal for the work, and deep personal connections.

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How consoling it is to be all together today! How happy I am, dear daughters, to have you all round me, to see the warm charity, the peace and the spirit of union which reign among us! None are strangers to each other. Americans, English, Irish, German, Italians, French and so on. You are all of one heart and mind.

St. Mary Euphrasia, Conferences, p.495

Here are a few of the messages that Pilgrims shared with us:

- Relationship is at the heart of our core values. Mary Euphrasia's spirit is alive and well among us. Work on listening to one another as the basis for the respectful love we have for those we serve but also with all whom we collaborate in our beautiful mission.



Melinda Stricklen, Mission Effectiveness, spoke to Pilgrims during the Opening Ritual in the Outer Chapel at the Motherhouse.



Tamsyn Brennan from Chisholm Services for Children in Nova Scotia, Canada, lights the Pilgrim candle at the opening of a day.

- The global work being done by Good Shepherd is diverse and impactful, and we're a part of that. We're part of something bigger than us, not just geographically, but also across time. I'm going to find ways to share with the staff at meetings and in emails different global initiatives and updates as I get information, and how what we

are doing connects to St. Mary Euphrasia in relevant ways.

Be quite sure that as long as beautiful unity exists, God will never cease to fill us with blessings and favors.

St. Mary Euphrasia, Conferences p.373

- I am determined/committed to be a Good Shepherd culture carrier.
- Mission must be what we filter everything through from the board down to every staff and client.
- We are mission partners and we need to keep Mary Euphrasia's work going with the values that are at the core of her work. Keeping the spirit and work of the Sisters going is important and helpful to the teens in our community. I will live my life and do my work the way St. Mary Euphrasia would have done. I will share my experiences and be a reminder that Good Shepherd is community.

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Sr. Noreen O'Shea (center front) leads a group of Pilgrims to the Pelletier family home on Noirmoutier Island.

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Sisters Christine Truong (l) and Barbara Beasley share a reflective moment on Noirmoutier Island.

Do you know what draws down God's special protection, which upholds our Institute and gives it such strength? It is the union between us, the spirit of unity.

St. Mary Euphrasia, Conferences, p.500

- As basic as it seems, I will try and impart how being a Good Shepherd affiliated agency is being connected with a world of like minded people. Our agency is geographically isolated from other Good Shepherd agencies, and we have no Sisters in our region. We are the only trauma-informed nonprofit residential service in our region. I want others to learn, as I

have this week, that we are not alone in what we do and how we do it.

- I will try to communicate during team meetings and retreats how connected we are to St. Mary Euphrasia, and how we need to strengthen our connection to

Mission Partners to help everyone feel supported and get new ideas.

- Thank you, thank you for this experience. I am grateful and very appreciative for everything this week. I feel calmer, more focused, more supported and loved. It was an amazing week which will not be forgotten.



Sisters from the Motherhouse wave goodbye to the 2017 Pilgrims at the end of the closing ceremony.

Good Friday procession

Sister Jean Marie Fernandez helped carry a large, life-sized wooden cross through the streets of San Francisco on Good Friday as a public witness of the pain and suffering Jesus went through in the crucifixion on Good Friday. Sr. Jean Marie and parishioners of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Haight Ashbury prayed while walking the Stations of the Cross. "As I processed with the Parishioners of St. Agnes I was aware of the passers-by, some tourists, shop vendors and families. Some of these people joined us and others paused for a moment of silence, made the sign of the cross and stood in reverence," said Sr. Jean Marie.



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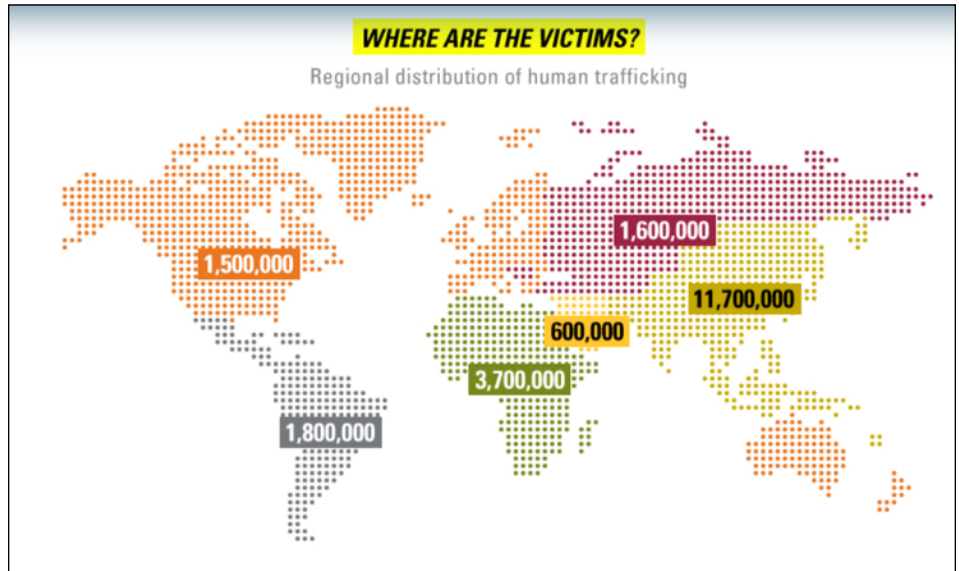
Retreat for women religious focuses on human trafficking

Sisters Stella Mangona and Gayle Lwanga Crumbley joined other women religious for a three-day retreat in May at Bon Secours Conference Center in Marriottsville, Maryland. The retreat was designed to strengthen ties between Catholic Sisters who serve victims of human trafficking.

Participants discussed challenges and best practices of their shared ministry. They learned strategies for self-care and the care of survivors. They offered support and renewal to one another, engaged in prayerful discernment about their missions and explored ways to find witness in local parishes. The Sisters participated in the retreat as representatives of Leadership Conference for Women Religious (LCWR) and U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

A national Christian organization called [The Samaritan Women](#) convened the gathering. For ten years they have provided residential care to individuals who have suffered the violence and traumas of human trafficking. The Samaritan Women hosted a luncheon in collaboration with local Catholic parishes on the final day of the conference. The luncheon allowed women religious to join with local parish representatives to share outcomes of their work and to create a plan of action moving forward. Ending human trafficking is a moral imperative for Sisters engaged in the work.

Pope Francis has said, "Human Trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free victims and stop this crime that's become ever more aggressive, that threatens not just individuals, but the foundational values of society."



UNICEF has produced an infographic that outlines the global look of human trafficking. For a more comprehensive look at human trafficking statistics visit <https://www.unicefusa.org/stories/infographic-global-human-trafficking-statistics>

Final Spring Area Meeting



The last of six Spring Area Meetings was held at Boutwells from May 18-19. The Core Group Co-ordinators are gathering the fruits of each meeting on Community, Eco-Zeal and Administration for Mission. The Integration Team will continue working with what is emerging from the material of each Core Group toward the 2017 Assembly to be held October 16-20, 2017, at King's House in Belleville.

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Beauty will save the world

Good Shepherd Gallery opened its most current art exhibit *Beauty Will Save the World* with an artist reception on May 7, 2017. The exhibit featured the works of St. Louis Catholic Sisters and archdiocesan priests and focused on the ultimate beauty of God.

This was the second year the gallery featured the works of St. Louis women and men religious. Last year's exhibit "Laudato Si" featured seven artists. This year's show featured 15 artists whose work included water color and oil paintings, photographs, sculpture and textiles.

I invite you, therefore, to cherish beauty. What is capable of restoring enthusiasm and confidence, what can encourage the human spirit to rediscover its path, to raise its eyes on the horizon, to dream of a life worthy of its vocation, if not beauty?

-Pope Francis

Conversations with returning artists and others led to this year's theme, which is also a tagline for the Good Shepherd Gallery: Fyodor Dostoevsky's line from his novel *The Idiot* — "Beauty will save the world."

Sr. Glynis McManamon, founder of Shepherding Images Studio and Good Shepherd Gallery, curated the show. She said, "People usually forget that Dostoyevsky is referring in his novel to the redeeming Beauty of Christ."

Pope John Paul II quoted Dostoyevsky's line in his 1999

[Letter to Artists](#), under the heading "The Saving Power of Beauty":

People of today and tomorrow need this enthusiasm [of wonder] if they are to meet and master the crucial challenges which stand before us. Thanks to this enthusiasm, humanity, every time it loses its way, will be able to lift itself up and set out again on the right path. In this sense it has been said with profound insight that "beauty will save the world" (§16).

Pope Francis's first encyclical in 2013, *Lumen Fidei*, could be said to follow Dostoevsky's vision for the power of beauty with its engagement of classical, medieval and contemporary culture. Pope Benedict XVI, the primary drafter of *Lumen Fidei*, had turned to Dostoevsky in 2009 to emphasize the essential role of beauty in his ["Meeting with Artists."](#)

The art pieces at Good Shepherd Gallery consisted of religious figures, humans and nature, all of which reveal the ultimate beauty of Christ, the beauty of the universe, according to Sr. Glynis, whose own work hung in the exhibit.

The show also included abstracts "because abstracts convey spiritual experiences that cannot be put into images or named," Sr. Glynis said.

Sr. Sharon O'Grady helped Sr. Glynis curate the art show. Sr. Mary Catherine Massei handled art sales in her role as business manager for Good Shepherd Gallery. *Beauty Will Save the World* ran through May 25. The next exhibit will feature the photographic works of Henry Chaney. The show opens on August 4, 2017.



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Achievements abound at Good Shepherd Gallery



Voted best business

Shepherding Images Studio and Good Shepherd Gallery has been named a Best of North County business of the St. Louis North County Chamber of Commerce. Sr. Glynis McManamon runs the studio and gallery in Ferguson, Missouri, where she has the framed award prominently displayed. Sr. Mary Catherine Massei serves as business manager for the sacred arts ministry.



Father Ron Chocol blessed icons at Maria Droste Convent on April 21, which four Sisters created while enrolled in an icon writing class at Good Shepherd Gallery. Sharon Rose Authorson, Mary Catherine Massei, Glynis McManamon and LeeAnn Mackeprang kept their icons after Fr. Chocol blessed them.



Praying with the arts

Sister Glynis McManamon and Fr. Mark Dean, OMI, conducted a webinar on May 22 titled "Praying with the Arts." As the webinar hosts explored prayerful contemplation of the visual arts, Father Dean described and demonstrated Visio Divina. Sister Glynis walked participants through the writing of an icon and described the steps and spiritual insights the process can reveal.

Announcements & News Tidbits

Congratulations to our 60-year Jubilarians: Sr. Elise Kramer, May 1; Sr. Maxi Holy Spirit DeSouza, June 10; and Sr. Mary Josephine Fritz, June 29.

Sisters from throughout the province will attend a workshop on St. John Eudes in St. Louis June 25 - 28. We will report on the event in the July issue of *Items of Interest*.

Sr. Marilyn Atwell's new address, effective June 1, is 915 Trellises Drive, Apt. 302, Florence, KY 41042.

Books and booklets are still available from Baltimore:

- Reflections On Our Core Values
- Discipleship of Zeal
- St. Mary Euphrasia 1796-1868

There are also some Volume 1 Letters of SME and other

miscellaneous books. If you would like to have any of the books contact Sr. Dolores Kalina at srdkalina@hotmail.com

Political issues related to Good Shepherd Justice Priorities and NAC Sign-On's on behalf of US Provincials are now being posted on the PMNA website at <http://sistersofthegoodshepherd.com/nac-issue-sign-ons/>

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Confronting chaos, forging community

By Jeanette McDermott

Every year Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) draws a large gathering of people who want to be a force for change for the betterment of all. In April more than 1,000 people of faith attended EAD to challenge what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called the giant triplets of chaos: racism, materialism and militarism.

Throughout the gathering participants pondered, analyzed and discussed the Christian foundation of our common work to create what Dr. King called a "beloved community," where social, political and economic rights of all are respected and people are able to realize their full potential as children of God.

Presenters of workshops, plenaries, breakfast briefings and panels challenged participants to grapple with and learn more about the impact the giant triplets have around the world, in our communities and in our own daily lives. Speakers, priests and preachers encouraged us to know when to break silence to take a stand and be a force for change.



High-spirited audience engagement is a hallmark of Ecumenical Advocacy Days.

After a weekend filled with prayer, worship, advocacy training, networking with other people of faith and a prayer vigil at the Pentagon, the event culminated with a Lobby Day on Monday, April 24. Participants converged on Capitol Hill and met with their state legislators to push for new strategies that will move the U.S. toward community.

Among the Good Shepherds who gathered for Ecumenical Advocacy Days were Larry Couch, Director of Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center (NAC) and NAC Communicator Kathy Dempsey; four Good Shepherd Volunteers (GSV) and myself as documentarian.

GSV Cheryl Rozinski said, "Attending EAD was incredibly refreshing. I met so many advocates, of all backgrounds, ages and faiths united by one mission: to serve God. It was an honor to hear of the many ministries, and missions, all ordained by God, to make this world a better place. I learned a lot of facts during the conference, but my highlight was the stories I heard of my brothers and sisters working for Christ. It's an honor to leave this conference with more friends than I came with."

The highlight of EAD for GSV Marianna Hernandez was hearing the keynote speaker Tamika Mallory. "She offered great insight

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Expert speakers and preachers filled the exciting agenda at Ecumenical Advocacy Days. Among them were Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, the first African American to lead the Presbyterian denomination, and Tamika Mallory, named by Time magazine as one of the most 100 influential people for her role in organizing the transformational Women's March. South Korean General Secretary Rev. Kim Young-ju spoke about the threatening military build-up in North Korea. Moved by his plea for prayers in the East Asian region, EAD participants raised their hands to him in a song of blessing from which he could feel support and draw encouragement.

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NAC Director Larry Couch meets with Good Shepherd Volunteers (above) and is in top form on Lobby Day (photo series on left).

into what we, as a community of faith, can do to uplift others and create social change," Marianna said.

GSV Emily Mazzola said, "The most moving moment for me was attending meetings at the Capitol on Monday. Despite all the chaos that our country is enduring, I felt like I was called to be the voice for so many youth who do not have a voice. I am incredibly blessed to have attended EAD to learn, grow and to get into a little bit of trouble to help all of God's people."

GSV Karina Winn said, "I felt hopeful listening to honest conversations about racism, materialism and militarism. I visited my Senators' offices with a group of passionate advocates. We thanked our Senators, let them know we've got their back and voiced our concerns on issues impacting our communities. I left Washington DC feeling proud of my fellow advocates, and even more empowered."

Larry Couch is an old hand at EAD and a familiar face on Capitol Hill. For years he has organized and coordinated the domestic workshops for the gathering, conducted advocacy training and mentored new delegates in the fine art of lobbying legislators. The highlight of Ecumenical Advocacy Days for him this year was witnessing Good Shepherd Volunteers at the gathering.

"Having young Good Shepherd advocates at Ecumenical Advocacy Days was unique and special. I hope we make that an annual tradition," he said.

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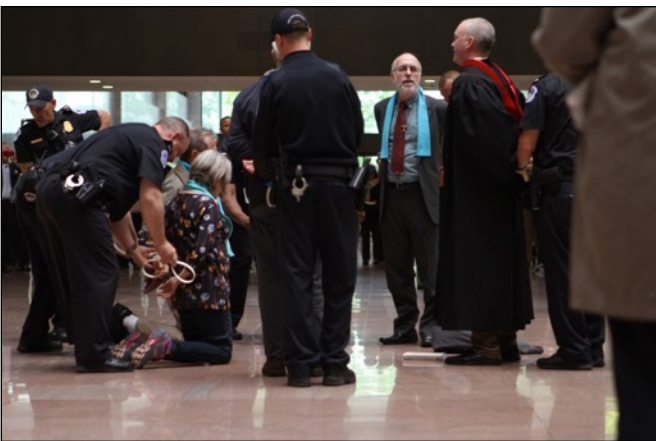


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Larry encourages all Good Shepherd Sisters and Mission Partners to attend EAD, especially those who are interested in advocating for the betterment of our nation and the people who live in it. The next gathering will be held April 20-22, 2018.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days was held April 21-24, 2017, in Washington, DC. Nearly 50 organizations exhibited their missions, including Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center. To see additional photos and learn more about this year's gathering, visit <https://advocacydays.org/2017-confronting-chaos/>



Top: Good Shepherd Volunteers clockwise: Karina Winn, Cheryl Rozinski, Marianna Hernandez and Emily Mazzola. Bottom: Christian clergy and lay leaders and advocates participate in a prayerful witness and act of civil disobedience in a Senate office building to reject the budget proposal of President Trump. The proposal calls for serious reduction in human needs spending at home and abroad to pay for sharp increases in Pentagon spending.

The high impact EAD weekend, sponsored by the ecumenical Christian community, is grounded in biblical witness and shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. The goal of EAD is to strengthen the Christian voice and mobilize for advocacy on specific U.S. domestic and international policy issues.

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The beautiful tree of Good Shepherd

By Melinda Stricklen, Mission Effectiveness

Sr. Barbara Beasley and I held the first Mission Effectiveness session on May 5 at Good Shepherd Shelter Los Angeles. The event engaged 23 of the ministry's teachers, board members, Chief Executive Officer, Sisters and other staff.

The theme of this year's Mission Effectiveness sessions is "The beautiful tree of Good Shepherd." We took it from a letter St. Mary Euphrasia wrote to Sr. Theresa de Couespel on January 17, 1840: "Oh Beautiful tree of the Good Shepherd! How blessed are the branches you spread. Persons regain new life in your shade."

Throughout the session, we asked participants to focus on exploring what we mean when we say, "The Good Shepherd Mission" and "Mission Partner."

In this way we had hoped to enhance individuals' personal sense of responsibility for the Good Shepherd mission, contribute to the vitality of the whole mission and to examine the broader picture of Good Shepherd from the founding story to our place in the story.

Participants reflected in small groups on the mission and what it means to be a mission partner. Each group created an image of a tree to help share their thoughts. The groups connected to the importance of the core values as they live the mission in their lives.

Our session happened to fall on Cinco de Mayo. In celebration of the day, children at the LA Shelter (toddlers to fifth grade) performed cultural dances for the participants before the session began. It set a

wonderful tone for the day! We were also treated to tamales and donuts for breakfast.

May 5 commemorates the date of the Mexican Army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867). In the United States Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.



Cristina Franco and Sr. Regina Do get into the spirit of Cinco de Mayo.



Good Shepherd Volunteers describe their tree of Good Shepherd.



More news from the LA Shelter

The LA Shelter held an Open House on May 21 to heighten awareness about its ministry, and to plant the seeds for a long term goal of turning new friends into donors and advocates. Most of the guests were affiliated with current benefactors and are well known and respected Catholic or domestic violence donors and prospects.

However, because the public was invited, staff screened guests very carefully and ensured that the shelter address was not included on any of the invitations or materials. The LA Shelter has set a goal of having at least three open house events each year.

Good Shepherd Shelter will hold its first annual charity golf tournament on June 23, 2017, at Brookside Golf & Country Club in Pasadena, California. A special lunch for players, donors and supporters will follow the game.

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Gracenter volunteers beautify campus

Good Shepherd Gracenter hosts a gardening day each spring to beautify its grounds and bring people together for fun and fellowship. This year's event went especially well. Residents, graduates and 40 volunteers spent time together hoeing, raking, digging, weeding, planting, laughing, chatting and sharing a great meal.



NAC Director finds kindred soul in El Paso

By Larry Couch, Director, National Advocacy Center

Larry Couch traveled recently to El Paso, Texas, to see the Good Shepherd program in Juarez, Mexico. Along the way he met Ruben Garcia, founder of Annunciation House, who aids migrants and the poor in El Paso, Texas.

For 39 years Annunciation House in El Paso has provided basic services to the poorest of the poor along the Mexican border, who appear most frequently in the form of migrants and refugees. In recent years it has also sheltered victims of human trafficking. I met with the founder and director of Annunciation House Ruben Garcia.

About 40 years ago, Ruben was running a youth program. He asked the young people whom they would like to come and speak. They all said they wanted Mother Teresa. By hook or crook Ruben persisted and achieved the goal. Not surprisingly, Mother Teresa's visit was a great success and led to the creation of Annunciation House. To launch the program, Ruben and his friends lived on practically nothing for years. They never sought or accepted government funds. They

were inspired by the belief that if you wanted to find God, you must be poor and serve poor people. Even now the Annunciation House survives simply on donations.

The Annunciation House has a unique relationship with ICE (Immigration Control and Enforcement). ICE releases detainees to Annunciation House when it doesn't have space for them in a detention facility. Annunciation House has also made arrangements with local parishes to provide food, clothing and shelter for immigrants until they can reach family or friends. The number of immigrants that ICE releases to Annunciation House varies, but at one time it was about a 1,000 immigrants a week.

Ruben bristles when people imply that El Paso is not safe because of its large immigrant population. In reality, El Paso has been repeatedly rated as the safest large city in the United States.

At my invitation, Ruben signed up for the National Advocacy Center's Action Alerts. I stressed that given his credibility based on years of direct service, he would have a

powerful voice among legislators. In addition to adding him to our listserv, I have forwarded him advocacy opportunities at the state level. Texas has recently enacted highly anti-immigrant legislation. Like Good Shepherd, Ruben Garcia hears the cries of the immigrant. I feel blessed to have met him and honored to know this kindred soul.



This house of hospitality, this sanctuary, is known as Annunciation House. It has been operating for 40 years and is located on the fringe of El Paso's biggest barrio, and some 10 blocks from the US/Mexico border. The 100-year-old red brick building has been home to thousands of refugees and homeless poor.

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Sisters release butterflies

Sisters at Immaculate Heart Convent held a butterfly release ceremony in May.

Each year the Sisters raise Painted Lady caterpillars in early spring and watch as they spin cocoons and eventually emerge as butterflies. They release the pollinators to freedom with a ceremony that includes a song of prayer.



Companions receive new member in Canada

Companions of Jesus the Good Shepherd welcomed new member Maria Figrado (left) when she took first vows at a Mass in Canada this spring. In addition, Doris Martin (center) and Encarnacion Tumanguil renewed their vows at the ceremony. Fr. John Bertao presided over the ceremonies.

Contemplative Sisters mark 158th anniversary in St. Louis

May 24 marked the 158th anniversary of the day Good Shepherd Contemplative Sisters came to the St. Louis Province. When St. Mary Euphrasia founded the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in France in 1831, she envisioned the contemplative community as a "powerhouse of prayer." The community of Sister Magdalens was founded in St. Louis in 1859. The Sisters at Maria Droste Contemplative Community and Immaculate Heart Convent marked the day of remembrance with prayer. Currently the communities of Good Shepherd Contemplatives are located on the Province Center grounds in St. Louis and in Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. The Sisters are a powerful prayer support for all of the Good Shepherd ministries in the Province of Mid-North America, as well as for the whole Congregation.

Photo: Maria Droste Contemplative Community from left: Sisters Magdalen Oliva, Rose Mary Ha, Agnes Yamamoto, Elizabeth Garciano and Sharon Rose Authorson.



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Sisters mark 85 years in San Francisco

By Marguerite Bartling, RGS

Sisters in the San Francisco Community spent Good Shepherd Sunday (May 7) at St. Agnes Catholic Church to celebrate their 85 years of service to San Francisco. Pastor Ray Allender, S.J., is a long-time friend of ours and gave us his characteristically warm welcome when we attended his Mass.

Sr. Jean Marie is a liturgical dancer there and the parishioners know her well. She read the second reading and the petitions at the Mass. All of the Sisters brought up the gifts. Sr. Anne gave a talk after Communion.

Before the Mass, we set up tables in the church's gathering space and put up displays, vocation literature, a special handout about our history in San Francisco and promotional materials for Gracenter. Fr. Ray told two stories about Good Shepherd



Sisters in the San Francisco Community treated parishioners of St. Agnes with specialty cupcakes on Good Shepherd Sunday.

after communion. In one tale he talked about how he used to bring the boys from St. Ignatius Prep to our Good Shepherd girls' school for dances in the 1960's. The other story was about a famous brothel madam who was court-mandated to our program for prostituted women in the 1980s. Fr. Ray told us that news

reporters often asked Sr. Columba Hasson, "So, Sister, are you going to try to get her in the habit?" Sister Columba didn't miss a beat when she responded, "No, we are going to try to get her out of the habit!"

After Mass, we shared small cupcakes with parishioners, which were decorated with either a picture of our Good Shepherd symbol or a sheep. We had discovered the wonderful cupcake store "Mission Minis" just the week before and learned that they could print anything on a cupcake. The cupcakes were a big hit and great conversation starter. Already we have received inquiries and donations from parishioners. Our Good Shepherd is continuing to lead us to new pastures, or leading others to ours!

An article in Catholic San Francisco reports on our community. <http://www.catholic-sf.org/CSF-home/article/csf/2017/04/25/sisters-of-the-good-shepherd-85-years-of-zeal-in-san-francisco>



Top: The Good Shepherd San Francisco Community met with philanthropist Rose Kennedy at the convent in the 1960s. Left: The Good Shepherd San Francisco Community today.

GREEN CORNER



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Elders Climate Action in the People's Climate March in Washington, DC, on April 29. As I entered the fray of 200,000 people and walked to the staging area for the march, I saw that people were organizing under contingents that spell out the values many of us share: Guardians of the Future, Defenders of Truth, Keepers of Faith, Protectors of Justice, Builders of Democracy, Reshapers of Power and Creators of Sanctuary.

I briefly considered switching allegiance and marching under the banner Keepers of Faith, where Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, Jews, Hare Krishnas, Tibetan Monks and others had formed. But I had grown restless waiting in the hours-long staging area and abandoned the notion of marching under any banner. Instead, with camera in hand, I set out to witness and document the entire miles-long People's Climate March.

The march was overtly political and put a sharp focus on climate



change, jobs and justice. Most people I met said they had joined the march to strengthen efforts to resist President Donald Trump's environmental policies.

The event took place on Trump's 100th day in office, which is a measuring stick for a new president's priorities. In his first 100 days Trump has rolled back crucial environmental protections — protections that were hard-won, and were set up to both combat climate change and protect threatened and endangered species and the most at-risk people among us: low-income communities, communities of color and our nation's children.

Elders Climate Action held a special event in D.C. the day before the march, where Ellen Stofan, former chief scientist at NASA, summarized the latest research on global warming. She noted that if current trends continue, the average surface temperature on Earth would be 113 degrees Fahrenheit by 2099.



"We can't grow crops at those temperatures," Stofan said. "The Earth will recover. It's not clear the human species will. We're at a crossroads."

Paul Severance of Indianapolis, co-chair of Elders Climate Action, said, "As we get close to 80, as I am, we are concerned about our legacy. Will we be the generation that clearly knew what was coming and didn't do anything about it? Or will we truly be the greatest generation?"

More than 200,000 people gathered in front of the Capitol Building. We marched to surround

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the White House, and reconvened at the Washington Monument to connect and share the stories that brought us to the march.

World famous environmentalist Bill McKibben headlined the march. The founder of 350.org has written passionately and extensively about the spiritual underpinnings of his drive to save the planet.

"The one advantage that people of faith may have is that they're able to at least hope that if we do everything that we possibly can, the world may meet us half way," McKibben said.

"As long as faith leads one deeply into action, and not deeply into inaction, then that's a very good thing," he said.

The Rev. Brooks Berndt, United Church of Christ minister for environmental justice, cited the march as a fantastic experience. He said, "If you think about it, marches are a wonderful metaphor for ministry. There is a moment in which a diverse group of people

come together for a common purpose that inspires and motivates. Everyone brings their own unique personality and creativity to the march as we move forward together.

"Like any good march, there is a sense in which we keep on moving forward together even after it is over. We find next steps that we take in our own communities. In that way, the spirit of justice stays alive," Berndt said.

As the sun faded on the march many hours and miles after it had begun, I limped on dog-tired feet across the city back to the hotel where I was staying. I felt weary but satisfied, knowing that I had lent my own unique voice to the movement for justice and change. My cries merged with those hundreds of thousands of other defenders of truth, faith and freedom. I had used my camera to inspire and motivate and, I hope, spur others onward in the promise to dream, rise and fight for Mother Earth and all of creation.



To read more stories from the People's Climate March visit <https://peoplesclimate.org>



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Sierra Club presents science roundtable on climate change

By Jeanette McDermott

Sister Sharon O'Grady (Eco-Zeal Team) and I attended a Science Roundtable on May 18 that was sponsored by the Missouri chapter of Sierra Club. The panel-style event built upon the recent March for Science and People's Climate March in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the roundtable was to call upon the public to support the local scientific community and discuss how climate change is impacting the St. Louis region. Some of the impacts include flooding, the likely increase of heat waves and vector-borne diseases and public health effects, such as increased asthma rates and mercury poisoning from water that is polluted by coal-fired plants.

Dr. Huldah Blamoville, clinician with St. Louis Children's Hospital and SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, was one of the three panelists. She reported that one out of ten Missourians suffers from asthma. The journal [Scientific American](#) has shown how climate change affects the release of pollen, which is a key trigger for the lung disease.

Dr. Benjamin de Foy, Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, St. Louis University, discussed how mercury travels across the globe. He said 90% of the world's mercury-polluted waters can be attributed to coal-fired plants. Emissions from burning coal for heat and energy are main contributors to the climate crisis. Eating fish from these poisonous waters is a growing concern in Missouri and worldwide.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working to restore

and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters through [Section 303\(d\)](#) of the Clean Water Act.

President Donald Trump has taken a sledgehammer to the EPA and signed an executive order in March to dismantle its protections. Under the White House's latest budget proposals, released May 23, 2017, Trump's plan would eliminate several major regional programs, including those aimed at restoring the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay and Puget Sound.

Dr. Lea-Rachel Kosnik is an Environmental Economist with the University of Missouri St. Louis, where her main areas of expertise include environmental economics, energy economics and behavioral economics. She brings financial concerns into the climate change dialogue.

For example, Dr. Kosnik said the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act has a cost benefit of 22:1, with benefits (primarily in terms of human health) far outpacing the cost to administer and enforce the regulation.

"The Clean Air Act is a huge economic investment on public health," Dr. Kosnik said.

The event moderator invited a number of local scientists and community leaders who were seated in the audience to speak on matters related to climate change. Sr. Sharon said that of all the panelists and speakers she found Dr. Kosnik's remarks most enlightening. She said that in listening to Dr. Kosnik she realized that if people don't see how climate



Sr. Sharon O'Grady collects climate change information at the Sierra Club's science roundtable registration table.

change affects them personally, within the immediacy of their present lives, they have little motivation to do anything about it. Dr. Kosnik gave examples, saying that if gas were to cost five dollars a gallon, then people would carpool, buy smaller cars and take public transportation.

Sr. Sharon said the presenters also made her realize that while people love their children and grandchildren, they are not always willing to make changes in their lifestyle choices to ensure a better future for them.

She went on to say that the roundtable conversation could inform Good Shepherd dialogue and our response to climate change in a

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number of ways. With that in mind, Sr. Sharon said hearing Dr. Kosnik speak made her think about her own and Good Shepherd's response to climate change.

In wrapping up her presentation, Dr. Kosnik said she would like to drive

home the message that we are in this together. "We are all affected by the same air and water quality. We're in this together and we all need to do our part as individuals while also working together to find solutions," she said.



From left: Panelists Dr. Lea-Rachel Kosnik, Dr. Huldah Blamoville and Dr. Benjamin de Foy.



Homegrown solution

Sr. Monica Duong is helping to solve the climate change crisis by growing food for the convent in St. Louis. Award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster David Suzuki says, it's not only how we choose to travel or heat our homes that determines our carbon footprint. What we eat also has a climate impact. The overall global food system is estimated to be responsible for 30 to 50 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. Suzuki says there are several factors that contribute to food's climate impact, including: how low on the food chain it is, how much energy is used to produce it (and whether the food is grown organically or with chemical inputs), and how far it has to travel before it gets to the table. What can you do to reduce your impact when you eat?

- Don't waste food.
- Grow some of your own food
- Eat organic

[Learn more!](#)

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LEADERSHIP TRAVEL

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NAME	DATES	LOCATION
Sr. Sharon Rose Authorson	No travel	No travel
Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez	June 1-8 June 25-29	Apostolic Council meeting, St. Louis St. John Eudes workshop, St. Louis
Sr. Beverly Hedgecoth	June 9-16 June 25-29	Retreat St. John Eudes workshop, St. Louis
Sr. Maureen Johnson	May 30-June 12	Rome
Sr. Dolores Kalina	June 1-11 June 12-13 June 14-30	Apostolic Council meeting/secretarial work, St. Louis Travel Baltimore
Sr. Maureen Kunz	June 1-8 June 21-July 4	Apostolic Council meeting, St. Louis St. John Eudes workshop, St. Louis
Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid	June 2-7 June 5 June 15-25 June 26-28	Apostolic Council meeting, St. Louis Province Financial Advisory Board meeting, St. Louis Vacation with family St. John Eudes workshop, St. Louis
Sr. Madeleine Munday	June 2-7 June 5 June 13 June 16-19 June 20 June 22 June 24 June 25-28 June 29	Apostolic Council meeting, St. Louis Province Financial Advisory Board meeting, St. Louis Board of Directors meeting, DeNeuville, Memphis Visit Sisters in Portland Good Shepherd Shelter Board of Directors meeting, LA NAC Advisory Board meeting, Silver Spring Sr. Mary Carolyn's Golden Jubilee, LA St. John Eudes workshop, St. Louis CPNA Circle of Provincials of North America, St. Louis

Enjoy your summertime fun!



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