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The opening of the Bicentennial in the United States-Canada Province

Feast of the Sacred Heart Liturgy, June 23, 2017

Villa Duchesne Chapel

St. Louis, Missouri

Photo by Linda Behrens

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Making it all happen behind the scenes at the Feast of the Sacred Heart Liturgy, Jeff Daggett, Dan Engelhardt and Nick Clark

Provincial Team Report – June 2017

The first week of team meetings this month was a difficult time for all in the Province with the deaths of Carol Haggarty, Wickie Sheehan, Mary Blish and Betsy Walsh ever present in our minds and hearts.

At the same time as we experienced such sorrow, we also knew much joy in the the marvelous feast of the Sacred Heart celebration and, for some of us, the dedication of Philippine's star in the St. Louis Walk of Fame. With this amazing mix of realities and emotions, the team meetings progressed!

Here are some of the highlights:

We spent considerable time working on the Team Report for the Assembly.

Jane Steinfels and Cathy Knapick from the Associate Coordinating committee had their first meeting with the Team and shared the Associates' goals with us: to deepen their sense of identity, deepen relationships with RSCJ and Sacred Heart partners in mission, work on sustainability of membership and finances.

Kathleen Hughes joined us to talk about the Bicentennial which is now beautifully launched in our province; Kathleen prepared a very encouraging projection of revenues and expenses for the whole project; Kudos to her for being able to get so many gifts and grants!

Suzanne Cooke, as she was preparing for the Roots Conference at Villa Duchesne, came to give us news of the Conference on Sacred Heart Education; plans are afoot for a new training program for RSCJ Trustees; we are also exploring a plan to train and appoint partners in mission as RSCJ designees to serve on Boards.

Suzanne reported that Bill Hobbs had begun his role as Network Program Planning Director and that he said he is very glad to be back working with the mission of the Society.

The Initial Formation Team (IFT) reported that the novices had had a wonderful retreat. We continued to explore the possibilities for hiring Health Care Coordinators in the regions.

Shirley Miller's report was again good news as she showed us the growth in gift income and the work the department is doing on the annual appeal and the annual report.

We named members for the Regional Meeting Planning Committee, but they have not yet been informed so we will wait to announce those lucky ones; we are so grateful for their service to the province.

Canada has a different budget cycle and at this time of year we approved their Retreat Travel and Vacation budget for those members of the province living in Canada.

The team worked with Pat Kozak, CSJ, for three days. Pat guided us through some helpful reflections on our team development and on some organizational restructuring; the time is ripe as we have positions that need to be filled.

We marveled at the work of Lisa Terneus, Dot Schmerbauch, Ron Bruns and the Assembly Steering Committee who have been working on the big picture and the tiny details that go into such a meeting.

When we finished meeting we went to work on our individual portions of the team report. We look forward to seeing all of you very soon!

We end our time together so aware that our service is only possible because so many talented, competent, and dedicated people work so hard with us for the sake of the mission we share!

Sheila Hammond RSCJ
for the Provincial Team

Provincial Team Report – May 2017

The Provincial Team met in St. Louis from May 18 to May 25, ending with a wonderful barbecue lunch with the staff on Feast of Saint Madeleine Sophie and a late afternoon mass at the Archives prepared by the Associates. In between we had a packed full agenda highlighted by updates on all that is coming this summer.

Imma De Stefanis gave a comprehensive update on the Assembly including so many of the details no one ever sees but make a huge difference in a gathering that large. Lisa, Ron and Jeff, the PH staff and the Steering committee have done an incredible job of picking up all the Carol did for these events---she is a very hard act to follow. More information on the details and agenda will follow from the Steering Committee.

Kathleen Hughes updated us on the Bicentennial plans and all that is coming together to make each of the pieces possible. It is huge undertaking but her committee has worked tirelessly to make a year of events that will truly honor Philippine, beginning with Vidyo Liturgy of the Word across the country and Network of Sacred Heart Schools and moving into the Spirituality Forum after the Assembly. The Forum now has xxx participants with xx coming from other countries. We are very grateful to the committee as well as all of those in St. Louis who working to greet and accommodate our international guests.

The Provincial reviewed the responses from the Province to the Office and committee reports and began its work on the team report for the Assembly.

We were very pleased that the Health and Wellness report was ready to go out on the Feast of St. Madeleine Sophie. We are grateful to Diana Wall and the Health Care Committee who did the research and put this wealth of information together for the province.

Our agenda also included our monthly meetings with each of the department heads and committee chairs. The work of the team would be impossible without the wide range of RSCJ and lay people who take a leadership role in Strategic Planning, Formation to Mission, Initial Formation, Conference on Education, Spirituality Centers, Mission Advancement, the Stuart Center, and Finance as well as technology and communication. It not only “takes a village,” it “takes a province” with each acting in her own way to support the mission to keep us heading into the future. The team is only as strong and effective as those who form the intertwined network of support and service to the members, to the Provincial Team and to all with whom we work and collaborate for the sake of mission.

Meg Causey
for the Provincial Team

We are happy to share with you information about our ministry through the EIL Office. These past and upcoming months we have projects with various areas of the Society as well as with other non-profit organizations.

SOCIETY COLLABORATION

We had the opportunity to collaborate with RSCJ and lay colleagues in the Society's mission in **Puerto Rico**. We offered different workshops and presentations, such as *Leadership and Solidarity*; the Spirituality of the Sacred Heart; the Society's option for justice and education since Vatican II; and the General Chapter calls and recommendations. We offered these programs to various groups at the University of Sacred Heart, such as board members and faculty and staff. At the Sacred Heart school in Ponce, we offered a session for the Board of Trustees and an in-service day for faculty and staff. We also offered the *Summit Leadership Academy* to a group of university students as well as a group of young people associated with our spirituality center in Barranquitas. In all, nearly 200 people participated in the various programs and activities. Through this project, we attempted to live the call to "cross new frontiers," since we had not collaborated with anyone in Puerto Rico before, and "to be and act as one body" as a way to be united in support and collaboration with our sisters, in a country suffering unimaginable economic distress.

We have been asked to design and facilitate the process for the **International JPIC** meeting in November 2018 in the Philippines, so we have submitted the proposal of the design and plan to Anne Corry and her JPIC team. This project gives us a lot of energy, and we are excited and happy to collaborate with the international Society in the area of justice and peace, particularly.

PHILIPPINE REGION. We had several meetings to prepare the video that was sent to the entire region as a way of sharing the members' reflections in January. We also prepared and held a very successful meeting with the provincials by videoconference! The purpose was to hear their vision and hopes about what it means to be a region to help give the committee further direction and focus. We are very much aware of the many ways in which provinces have been in relationship over the years; we are not creating something entirely new, but rather taking a more intentional approach. Historically, these engagements have been among teams, administrative/staff bodies, formation, Network schools and *La Red*. What we have heard very clearly is the sisters' own desire to get to know one another and to learn more about the Society's mission in each place with its own reality.

LA RED. We participated in the Popular Education meeting in Guadalajara. Part of the meeting was dedicated to finalizing the strategic plan. Of particular note is the final approval of the United States-Canada Province's full membership in the Popular Education Network. This step is now reflected in the mission and vision statements, as well as represented in the strategic plan. We have a long-standing relationship with and history of participation; however, the more formal integration is a significant step that also further bolsters our sense of being Philippine Region.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Sacred Heart Global Citizen Project will be held August 9 to 13 at the Stuart Center. This project is the “train-the-trainer” dimension of the *Summit Leadership Academy* (SLA). We bring together youth and early career professionals who have participated in SLA over the years. Participants will come from Cuba, Haiti, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the US. We are seeking to collaborate with Albert Schweitzer Hospital to allow our Haitian participants to join us by video conferencing. This has been made possible through Diane Roche’s relationship and involvement there. It is possible that the hospital would like some of their staff to participate.

Stuart Center Volunteer Program

We will have Sixtine Schieber as a summer volunteer. Sixtine is twenty-three years-old and comes to us from Grenoble, France, through the RSCJ North-South Project. She will be living with the Kearney Street Community in Washington. Diane serves as her contact and is working on her placement with *Little Friends for Peace*.

Lorena Cordova will join us from early October to January as a volunteer in the area of immigration law. She is a twenty-six-year-old immigration lawyer from Mexico studying for her Masters in Human Rights. Lorena, an alumna of the Sacred Heart from San Luis Potosí, will be living with the new community in White Plains, New York and working in White Plains.

Other applications have been received and are under review jointly between the EIL and JPIC offices. If you know a young adult from the US, Canada or abroad who may be interested in a social justice volunteer and community experience through Stuart Center Volunteer Program, please contact Imma De Stefanis at idestefanis@stuartcenter.org.

PROJECT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

We have several projects with other organizations as well, but would like to shine a spotlight on our ongoing collaboration with Don Bosco Worker, Inc., in Port Chester, New York, which is also a member of the National Day Laborer Network. We have been invited to train laborers in the area of advocacy and leadership to prepare them for testimony before civic leaders. We had previously been contracted to implement a leadership training program, which helped to launch their immensely successful *No Pay, No Way* campaign against wage theft.

Our work continues with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Cuba. We have been asked to offer two weeks of professional development to a group of teachers in Bayamo, Cuba. For this we have engaged our sisters and collaborators from Iyolosiwa (the popular education project in Mexico) to assist us. We continue working with the bishop and his team on a planning process for a three-year collaboration that will include the development of a community and educational center in Bayamo

Feast of the Sacred Heart

by Linda Behrens

On Friday, June 23, 2017, the Religious of the Sacred Heart of the United States-Canada Province celebrated a special Eucharist on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, as they always do. This year it commemorated also the day when Saint Philippine Duchesne arrived in the New World, May 29, 1818, the feast of the Sacred Heart that year.

The Mass was held in the chapel at Villa Duchesne Oak Hill School in St. Louis. Videocameras were set up in the chapel, allowing members of the Sacred Heart family across the United States and Canada to join by webcast.

Religious of the Sacred Heart, Associates and Children of Mary in attendance renewed their vows and promises.



Two new items associated with the bicentennial were used for the first time at this Mass – the Philippine banner and a commemorative vestment.

The banner was designed and created by fabric artist Sister Josephine Niemann, SSND, of Liturgical Fabric Arts in St. Louis. It's a one-of-a-kind sewn banner picturing a bust of Philippine; it is made of nylon fabric and mosquito netting. Plans are being made to create a similar banner of St. Madeleine Sophie.

The vestment depicting the life of St. Philippine was designed by Pamela Hayes, head of school at Convent of the Sacred Heart Greenwich, and Associate Lori Wilson. It was embroidered at Slabbinck, a Belgian company known for making liturgical vestments; it is made of raw silk and stitched with fine gold thread. The vestment was a gift from the school for the bicentennial.

The banner (without pole and stand) and vestment may be reserved and shipped for special liturgical celebrations. For more information, contact Linda Behrens at lbehrens@rscj.org.



Photos by Linda Behrens

St. Louis Walk of Fame

by Linda Behrens



Sheila Hammond, Joe Edwards and Maureen Glavin

St. Philippine Duchesne was inducted into the St. Louis Walk of Fame on June 23. The ceremony took place at 6241 Delmar in The Loop, the location of St. Philippine's star and plaque.

During the ceremony, Joe Edwards, founder of the Walk of Fame, gave opening remarks. Sheila Hammond and Maureen Glavin, head of school at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, spoke about St. Philippine. A ragtime band played before and after the star and plaque were unveiled. #FlatPhilippine joined the festivities.

St. Philippine is now honored among the stalwarts of the city founded 254 years ago by Pierre Laclede and Auguste Chouteau. Born in 1729 and 1749, respectively, Laclede and Chouteau are the only Walk-of-Famers to predate St. Philippine, who was born on August 29, 1769, in Grenoble, France. She is a patron saint of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

St. Philippine's star is at the intersection with Eastgate Avenue, on the north side of Delmar in front of United Provisions. Her star is one of 150 stars embedded in the sidewalks in the Delmar Loop. These stars represent distinguished honorees from literature, sports, science/education, entertainment, music and more.

The St. Louis Walk of Fame is a nonprofit organization founded in 1988. Its purpose is to "showcase the cultural heritage of St. Louis and to advance the knowledge, awareness and appreciation of great St. Louisans and their accomplishments."



Photos by Linda Behrens

DUCHESNE FUND FOR MINISTRY

Thanks to an anonymous donor for the contribution to the province, we are able to direct funds toward support for ministry projects in line with province priorities.

The Duchesne Fund for Ministry Committee met in St. Louis at the end of April to make recommendations to the provincial team regarding grants from the Fund. The committee members are Sally Rude, chair; Donna Collins, Connie Dryden, Sally McLean, Sue Rogers, and Meg Causey is the provincial team liaison. Both the team and the committee are grateful to all RSCJ who submitted proposals or encouraged and supported others to do so. Having considered the recommendations of the committee, the provincial team has made the awards listed below.

Summary of funded projects:

- ⇒ Seven start-up projects were funded for a total of \$65,500.
- ⇒ Twenty-five on-going projects were funded for a total of \$69,500.

START-UP GRANTS

1. *Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School*

Aim High at Villa | \$8,500

Michael Baber, Head of School

2. *Interfaith Committee on Latin America (IFCLA)*

Migration Justice: Sanctuary, Solidarity and Support | \$10,000

Marilyn Lorenz-Weinkauff, Associate

3. *ARISE and MACC*

Puen Tec: Building an Educational Bridge | \$13,250

Rose Quilter, RSCJ

4. *St. Jude Mission School*

Renaissance Learning Program | \$7,750

Marianna Torrano, RSCJ

5. *Fractured Atlas*

Resurrecting Love Cemetery, a Residential Retreat on Reconciliation |

\$5,000

Virginia Dennehy, RSCJ

6. *Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in Omaha*

Rooted Relationships | \$8,000

Shirley Miller, RSCJ

7. *Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart*

Student Support Initiatives Program | \$13,000

Mary Bernstein, RSCJ

DUCHESNE FUND FOR MINISTRY

ONGOING GRANTS

1. *LSA Family Health Service*
Advocacy and Food Pantry | \$10,000
Judy Garson, RSCJ
2. *Thensted Center*
Afterschool Tutoring for Struggling Young Learners (K-5th grade) |
\$2,500
Betty Renard, RSCJ
3. *National Farm Worker Ministry*
Building Key Activists Program | \$4,000
Marilyn Lorenz, Associate
4. *Casa Esperanza Project*
Casa Esperanza Financial Literacy Project | \$5,000
Sally Brennan, RSCJ
5. *Joseph's House & Shelter*
Emergency Shelter Services | \$5,000
Leontine O'Gorman, RSCJ
6. *Ignatian Spirituality Project - Boston*
Ignatian Spirituality Project | \$3,000
Mary Lyman, RSCJ
7. *SBP, Inc.*
Rebuilding and Resiliency in New Orleans | \$5,000
Bonnie Kearney, RSCJ
8. *Southwest Chicago PADS*
Permanent Housing Initiative | \$5,000
Kathy McGrath, RSCJ
9. *Students without Limits*
Immigrant Youth Services | \$10,000
Marie-Louise Flick, RSCJ
10. *Thensted Center*
Summer Renaissance Learning Program for Underserved Youth |
\$5,000
Betty Renard, RSCJ
11. *Christian Peacemaker Teams*
Undoing Oppressions International Delegations Fund | \$5,000
Clare Pratt, RSCJ
12. *Marian Middle School*
Enrichment Program | \$5,000
Mary Pat Rives, RSCJ
13. *Cornelia Connelly Center*
Spring at Sprout Creek Farm | \$5,000

News from Sacred Heart Schools

by Linda Behrens

After thirteen years as head of school at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles, **Sister Maureen Glavin** was thanked for her many accomplishments at two receptions: one in May for students and parents, the other on June 15 for board and committee members, colleagues and friends. Achievements for which Maureen will be remembered include her love for and articulation of the mission of Sacred Heart education, outreach efforts to make the Academy known in the wider community, and emphasis on the reflective component of Goal III initiatives. She initiated improvements to the Shrine, parlors, and historic areas and campus exterior, and saw the installation of the bronze Philippine sculpture at Second and Clark Streets. Maureen has been instrumental in planning for the bicentennial of Sacred Heart education in the U.S. and Canada, on both the local and national levels.



Maureen Glavin surprised by her brother David and wife Julie



Susan Tyree Dempf, Ph.D., will become the Academy’s next head of school, beginning July 1, 2017. Currently the director of the high school at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami, Dr. Dempf is a native of Upstate New York and was educated in the Sacred Heart tradition, having graduated from The Doane Stuart School in Albany.



Michael Dougherty

After ten years as president of Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart in Chicago, **Michael Dougherty** was thanked for his service at a reception, and the school’s library was dedicated to him. Michael was instrumental in transforming Josephinum from a struggling school into a thriving program and community. He led Josephinum through several key initiatives, including the school’s application and acceptance into the Network of Sacred Heart Schools, and the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme for all students. Additionally, he helped introduce the innovative Future Leaders Scholarship Program. Michael’s leadership gave Josephinum a strong foundation for its future success, and the school community is grateful for Michael’s vision, passion and unwavering commitment to the empowerment of Josephinum’s inspiring young women.

Patti Tuomey, Ed.D., was named the next president of Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart. She transitioned into her new role on April 1, 2017, and worked alongside Michael through June 4, 2017. Patti has more than twenty years of management experience at nonprofit and philanthropic organizations. Most recently, Patti served as president and chief executive officer for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

In May, Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart hosted a dedication ceremony for the high school Science Technology Building. The Board of Trustees designated the building to be named Cooke Hall in honor of **Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ**, headmistress of the school from 1998 to 2015. Her visionary outlook on technology in education propelled Carrollton to the forefront of innovation as early as the late 90s.



Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ

Our newest PhD in the USC Province

A very special Feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated in Ottawa, Canada, this year. Ama Serrano and Shelley Lawrence attended the St. Paul University convocation, at which Sheila Smith received her Doctorate of Philosophy in Theology, Christian Ethics. Sheila's dissertation was entitled: "Responding to the Problem of Trafficking in Aboriginal Women and Girls in Canada through the Lens of Paul Ricoeur's Ethics of Human Capability and Mutual Recognition." Congratulations Dr. Smith! We are *very* proud of you and happy for you as you celebrate the culmination of your hard work, insight and excellent contribution to this on-going issue.



Ama Serrano, Sheila Smith and Shelley Lawrence



Sheila Smith, Ph.D.

New Community

On August 1, 2017 we will begin renting a house in Ottawa Ontario. We are going to have a new community there next year. On or about August 1, Sister Shelley Lawrence, rscj will move into this house which is located at: 437 Riverdale Ave., Ottawa, ON Canada K1S 1S1

She will be joined by Sister Maureen Glavin, rscj in September. There is a possibility of a third RSCJ from Africa joining them as well. This is dependent on approval of her visa application.

**CRITICAL MASS: AN AMOUNT (OF THINGS, PEOPLE, DECISIONS, ACTIONS)
NECESSARY OR SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE A RESULT.**

By Sue Rogers

Today I offer for your consideration – the humble straw. You know, the kind that is served with nearly every drink that contains ice. The kind of straw that is encased in a light paper sleeve that just invites you to tap it on a hard surface until the straw pops out, welcoming you to the fun experience of sipping without bumping into ice cubes. Straws have been around for a long time. By some accounts, the Sumerians used them to avoid the lumpy stuff in their beer. Rye grass, in spite of the flavor it contributed to drinks and its eventual mushiness, was popular. The drinking straw, as we know it, was invented in 1888 by a mint julep drinking gentleman who didn't favor the taste of rye grass in his bourbon. If you were around before 1960 (and so many of us were), you probably remember his invention – the paper straw occasionally served with iced drinks.

But the paper straws bent and broke, and convenient plastic inventions were the rage in the late 60s, so enter new and improved straws – made out of plastic. They were cheap, fun to use – and without many people noticing, eventually became “necessary”. Ever hygiene-conscious, American consumers demanded that the new plastic straw be wrapped when served – just in case . . .

And so here we are today. The humble straw has become ubiquitous. Take a moment to think about it – when was the last time you were served a cold drink that didn't include a straw? It's as if we have forgotten how to drink out of glass without spilling.

Straws are made from polypropylene, a by-product of oil. If they were bigger, they might carry the recycle code 5, which means that SOME recycling facilities could handle them. But alas, the very size of straws makes them nearly impossible to recycle. And anyway, who thinks about recycling a straw?

And then there's the issue of single-use consumption. Americans use about 500 million straws every day. Repeat: 500 MILLION EVERY DAY. JUST AMERICANS. That's enough straws to wind around the globe two and a half times – EVERY DAY!

You might wonder where those 500 million straws actually end up. What is the final destination of our humble, single use straw? Right you are – the landfills of the world where they rest in pieces forever. Or the oceans of the world, where they photodegrade into tiny scraps that look enough like food for ocean animals to consume them – first little animals, who are eaten by bigger ones, who are in turn gobbled up by the big tasty fish destined for our dinner plate. It's even possible that the humble straw's long journey ends up in your digestive system where it does some pretty disruptive chemical stuff. Yuck!!

Do you know how to drink without a plastic straw? We're grown-ups. I rest my case.



Associates Committee Spirituality Survey, Part 3

Last year, the Spirituality Subcommittee of the Associates Committee conducted a survey of the Associates. We continue to share with you some of the learnings from that survey.

In response to Question 15, “How do you envision the relationship between the Religious of the Sacred Heart and the Associates in the USC Province evolving over the next 10 years?” several themes emerged from the data: *Deepening Relationship, Bearers of the Charism, Growth/Mentoring/Increased Membership, Communication, Commitment/Transitions*. Sample responses for each theme are shared below:

Deepening Relationship (29 respondents)

I envision an even closer relationship with more activities for shared participation.

I Hope we grow in supporting each other in a mutual relationship.

To continue inclusiveness in each other's lives that focus on how we all try to live out our spirituality, and to work together in more tangible programs to share in spreading the love of the Heart of Jesus.

I would hope the Associate membership would increase and that the two groups would find meaningful ways to collaborate to promote Sacred Heart spirituality, outreach and service.

Bearers of the Charism (22 respondents)

I think our world is going to experience huge challenges of transformation, and I hope that the sharing and networking among us will deepen in listening to the Spirit and that whatever we do will be infused with a compassionate Presence united in the mind and Heart of Christ.

An evolution is happening in terms of Associates' involvement in official and casual gatherings of the Society. With decreasing membership in the vowed Religious, it may be that the charism will be carried into the future by Associates as much as by vowed Religious. We should continue on this path of interconnectedness.

We will grow closer and "breathe together" more, knowing we need each other to live the charism and carry out the mission. We might even live together (imagine!)

Growth/Mentoring/Increased Membership (11 respondents)

I hope there will be more Associates, and that we will continue to grow, not only in number, but in living the charism of the Sacred Heart.

I think it will be stronger and people will hear about the Associates and will want to join with us. So many people are eager to learn more about us.

I am encouraged that more RSCJ take on the role of mentorship to Associates to instill the charism and priorities of the RSCJ in our newest members.

Communication (8 respondents)

Larger cohort of Associates using technology to support the relationship with RSCJ and Associates and networking with other congregations and Associate groups sharing resources, successes etc.

Associates staying connected electronically and occasionally meeting members from around the country. The RSCJ continuing to lead us and teach us how to pray and live out the 5 goals. Sophie's Well expanding as a forum for all kinds of sharing of spirituality materials.

Commitment/Transitions (7 respondents)

I think that this relationship will continue to be mutually supportive and collaborative over the next ten years. I do think that it is possible that some groups will dissolve as the last RSCJ leave certain cities for retirement or to be with the Lord in Heaven!

As there are fewer RSCJ and further aging among the RSCJ, the Associates and other collaborators will need to take more responsibility for mission. The RSCJ are still a vital part of that.

I see this relationship growing stronger and more apparent in our locations – this is my hope. As an Associate who is aging, I hope the RSCJ and Associates will also consider how those who can no longer attend meetings, be actively involved in Society/school endeavors, etc., will still be "active" Associates. This is a great concern to me and, I imagine, to other Associates.

While the responses were wide-ranging, the following quotes summarize much of what was shared in the responses:

I imagine that the relationship will deepen in the next ten years. The Religious of the Sacred Heart will continue to embrace the role of lay people. The Associates will grow in numbers and they will help to continue the mission and spread the charism of the Society of the Sacred Heart. The Associates groups will find ways to work more closely with each other. We will continue to cherish, learn from, and be inspired by the RSCJ in our groups. ...evolving in ways we cannot yet imagine.

-Jane Steinfelds, Associates Committee

REGIONS

WEST

OAKWOOD

by **Mary B. Flaherty**

Oakwood and the Redwood Area are always happy to welcome the many visitors who pass through, but recent weeks have been busier than usual.

Hiroko Okui spent several days with us en route back to Japan and, at a wonderful reunion, shared with us first hand news of our sisters and works in that area. Many who had spent time in Japan were also delighted to have the opportunity for a visit.

We were blessed to have **Donna Dolan**, who had spent ten years working with **Marg Miller** in Prince George, British Columbia. She spent several weeks here to support Marg during her final days and was with her when she went to God. Several minutes after Donna returned to continue the community's night watch, Marg breathed her last. Marg's two nieces also came and were able to spend time with her. Several family members were here for her funeral on June 10. Marg was our faithful and accomplished accompanist in spite of the difficulty she had reading the music, though few ever suspected that. As a tender tribute, Clare arranged to have the piano tuned in time for her funeral!

The annual spring luncheon hosted by the Friends of Oakwood, a group of dedicated mothers in the school to raise money for a specific purpose, took place on May 10. Last year, the proceeds were used to redo the Fireside Room, our living room; this year it will be used to give the living room in Westwood a badly needed facelift. The silent auction items included beautiful framed works of art by Mary Stewart and Kinue Matsuzaki. A delicious lunch prepared by our wonderful chef Tin Phan was served on the Deming Patio by our delightful 7th Grade girls and boys. One particularly touching thing: several of

the sisters had received raffle tickets from their friends. Many of them wrote the names of our wonderful staff on the stubs, and the prizes went to them.

Sacred Heart Prep just graduated 156 girls and boys, who were eager to go forth to college and to share the gifts and talents that have been brought to life and developed by the education they have been blessed to receive. Many of the seniors belong to the Sacred Heart Society, which matches a senior with an Oakwood RSCJ. They meet weekly for an hour with "their nun" to their mutual benefit. It is a privilege to walk with them as they finish their Sacred Heart education and send out multiple college applications; then to wait with them as they anxiously hope to be accepted by the college of their choice, and the final *angst* of weighing their options and deciding. This relationship is often passed from one sibling to younger ones, and many maintain lifetime relationships.

On June 2, the school planned the party of the century to celebrate **Nancy Morris'** 90th birthday. Alums and former students came from many states to celebrate her as a beloved teacher, mistress general, and college president at San Diego during the merger. However, most of her ministry was at Broadway and here at Menlo/Atherton. She saw and initiated far reaching changes that have helped make these schools what they are today. The day began with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Charlie Gagan, SJ. Nancy had put together a brief but comprehensive video, which traced the significant events in her life, but was also a wonderful recap of the Society's evolution post Vatican II, through our transition years from cloistered religious to the vigorous community we are today – still strong in the spirit of St. Madeleine Sophie and the courageous missionary spirit of St. Philippine Duchesne so desirous of spreading the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to people and lands where he was not known. A beautiful luncheon followed on Conway Court with many tributes by

alums and classes who toasted and sang the cherished school songs.

Finally, we have just completed a much-appreciated retreat given by **Lyn Osiek** to the community and RSCJ in the area who were free to participate.

Know that we hold you, your prayer requests, the Society and our troubled and needy world in our daily Mass and prayers.

CCS

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Associate Makes First Commitment
by **Donna Dolan**

I first met Virginia Crawford in the 1980s when she was a student at Dalhousie University and lived with her when we had the Open Community on Kline Street. It was a delight to re-connect when she returned to Nova Scotia after living for many years in northern British Columbia.

For two years Virginia journeyed along with the Associates, and at our liturgy for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 23, she made her First Commitment. Her parents, Ken and Lucille Crawford, came from Ontario for the occasion. As well, she was supported by her husband, Russ Daye, minister at St. Andrew's United Church, and our local Religious of the Sacred Heart and Associates. The celebrating community, having renewed their vows and commitments, then spilled into the Barat dining room for a lovely leisurely lunch.

Virginia is the Aboriginal Engagement Lead on the Maritime Link Project with Emera Newfoundland and Labrador, a utility company. She is helping to build transmission between the islands of Newfoundland and Cape Breton, and is focused on finding opportunities for First Nations people on the project.

Her passion is her family. She has two daughters, two stepsons, a wonderful husband and an adorable grandson. She

loves creating a sense of home and hospitality for her family, friends and community.

EAST

ALBANY

by **Eve Kavanaugh**

June was a rich time for the Teresian House community. Besides a visit from Nance O'Neil (to which we look forward every summer), **Justine Lyons** gave the retreat for the little group able to participate, with a few RSCJ from Avila augmenting it. Later in the month, **Sharon Karam** came for a week to get us off to a good start for the year of prayer by sharing with us (as only Sharon can do) stories of our early mothers and their pioneering lives in the "New World."

BOSTON

by **Gail O'Donnell**

Gail O'Donnell attended the 50th reunion of the Class of 1967 of both Nottingham Academy (Buffalo), the weekend of June 2, and Grosse Pointe, the weekend of June 9. It was amazing to see these women and hear their stories after fifty years. They were unanimous in their praise of their Sacred Heart education where they said they learned "to think and to love."

Nancy Kehoe has been invited to Ireland from June 16 to 24 to do some work with the Religious of Christian Education, with whom she has worked before. At the end of June, she is moderating a panel on the arts and healing at the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) convention in Washington, D.C.

MAINE

by **Mary Jane Ferrier**

The Conservation Law Foundation of New England had its annual joint board meeting in Portland on May 17. I was invited to address the board that day, along with two other environmental folks,

in a rather unique way. At noon we all boarded a harbor cruise boat and set off into Casco Bay to visit the sites of recent environmental activities. We visited a water treatment facility that is helping to clean up effluent from rivers that flow into the bay, where one of the leading scientists behind the effort spoke to us. Then we swung by a number of sea farming sites: mussels, scallops, oysters, and seaweed, where another man involved in that development spoke about the enormous benefits derived from these farms, not only for the fishing industry, but for the cleansing effects these farms have on the waters of the bay. Really fascinating stuff. Then we cruised by the piers and tank farms along the shoreline of South

Portland where the Portland Montreal Pipeline wanted to load tar sands oil onto tankers. I spoke then about the work that Protect South Portland had done in mobilizing the citizens of South Portland to oppose this initiative, and the process of developing the Clear Skies Ordinance passed in the summer of 2014. Then I “tag teamed” with Sean Mahoney, CLF vice president resident in Portland, describing the legal battle that has ensued since the Pipeline sued the City in 2015, alleging interference in interstate commerce. It was a fun way to attend a board meeting for sure, and a wonderful opportunity to talk with people from all over New England dedicated to protecting our planet.



From the Medical Benefits Office

End of Fiscal Year Reminder

It is hard to believe that the end of the Fiscal Year is upon us once again. Please remember that all Medical Reimbursement requests for services received and paid, from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017, need to be in the mail and postmarked no later than August 31st in order to be reimbursed. You may also send in your request via email attachment to dvespa-schutz@rscj.org or fax (314-880-0564). Requests for reimbursement on receipts that were paid during the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year cannot be reimbursed if postmarked after that date. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Vespa-Schutz via email at dvespa-schutz@rscj.org or by phone at 314-880-0563 or Kim Pecoraro via email at kpecoraro@rscj.org or by phone at 314-880-0565. Enjoy your summer!

RSCJ Birthdays

July & August 2017

7/01 - Sheila Hammond	8/01 - Adele Caire
7/05 - Maureen Glavin	8/03 - Shell Olson
7/07 - Anne-Marie Conn	8/05 - Irene Herbst
7/07 - Carolyn Mouton	8/07 - Norma Heffernan
7/08 - Elizabeth Shearman	8/09 - Bridget Bearss
7/09 - Beverley McNamara	8/09 - Leontine O'Gorman
7/09 - Hilda Carey	8/09 - Madeleine Desloge
7/10 - Jane O'Shaughnessy	8/11 - Anne Dyer
7/11 - Dorothy Murray	8/13 - Regina Shin
7/11 - Maria Luisa Cotto	8/15 - Ann Smith
7/11 - Theresa Teshima	8/16 - Magdalena Posada
7/12 - Linda Hayward	8/18 - Ellen Nelson
7/13 - Mary Stewart	8/22 - Annette Schmeling
7/14 - Antonia Ramos	8/22 - Annette Zipple
7/16 - Joan Magnetti	8/22 - Mariann Burke
7/17 - Virginia Rodee	8/23 - Judith Vollbrecht
7/17 - sharon karam	8/25 - Margie Conroy
7/18 - Frances Tobin	8/25 - Natalie Runfola
7/18 - Mary-Jane Ferrier	8/26 - Betty Nakato
7/18 - Maureen O'Halloran	8/28 - Lynne Lieux
7/19 - Hiroko Okui	8/28 - Mariko Watanabe
7/21 - Ellen Collesano	8/28 - Theresa Monroe
7/21 - Lucy Hayes	8/29 - Gwen Hoeffel
7/25 - Anne Davidson	
7/27 - Rose Chen	
7/28 - Loretta Somerville	
7/29 - Angela Bayo	
7/29 - Lucie Nordmann	
7/29 - Susan Maxwell	
7/30 - Mary Wolff-Salin	
7/31 - Anne Wachter	
7/31 - Laura Anderson	



Please pray for...

Carol Haggarty, RSCJ who died on June 18, 2017

Rosemary “Wickie” Sheehan, RSCJ who died on June 20, 2017

Mary Blish, RSCJ who died on June 21, 2017

Sarah Elizabeth “Betsy” Walsh, RSCJ who died on June 22, 2017

Stephen Sothy, brother-in-law of Sister Josephine Wright, RSCJ who died June 16, 2017

Janey Fisher Tucker, sister of Liz Fisher, RSCJ died on April 4th.

Balthasar Chen, brother of Rose Chen, RSCJ early June in Shanghai.

Mrangaye Koudroh, Great Grandfather, of Juliette N'guemta, RSCJ who died in June.

THANK YOU

I apologize that this message is so late arriving. Please know that my delay is no measure of my overwhelming gratitude for the outpouring of support and prayer I received from a great many RSCJ at the time of my mother's death. Many of you knew my mother and you know how much she loved the Society. She was a great lady and I am so very grateful to have had these past six years so close to her. Much love and prayer,

Barb Quinn

RSCJ DIRECTORY 2016-2017 Corrections & Changes

Pg. 29: **Marilyn McMorrow** NEW ADDRESS 2111 Wisconsin Avenue NW #706
Washington, DC 20007 Phone: 518-640-2798.

Going Going Gone...
RSCHPH Email Address

by Jeff Daggett

As of September 1st, 2017, the rscjph.org email addresses used by some Provincial Team members and Provincial House staff are being consolidated into their main rscj.org email addresses.

For example:

shammond@rscjph.org has changed to shammond@rscj.org.

While the shutdown of the rscjph.org email is not occurring until later this summer, I encourage you to begin using the rscj.org email now. Please update your address books and contact lists.

Here is the list of accounts being consolidated:

aconn@rscjph.org has changed to aconn@rscj.org

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bdawson@rscjph.org has changed to bdawson@rscj.org

dvespa-schutz@rscjph.org has changed to dvespa-schutz@rscj.org

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Daggett at jdaggett@rscj.org.

SUMMER COVERAGE FOR THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE

Dates	Team Members to cover
July 18-31, 2017	Diana Wall Cell# 425-753-7833
August 1-3, 2017	Sheila Hammond Cell# 314-341-7366
August 6-19, 2017	Mary Finlayson Cell# 510-926-2118
August 20-26, 2017	Sheila Hammond Cell# 314-341-7366
August 26-31, 2017	Anne-Marie Conn Cell# USA 314-320-5702 CAN 902-719-8978



VACATION SCHEDULE FOR THE PROVINCIAL TEAM

Team Vacations	Dates
Meg Causey	August 7-19, 2017
Anne-Marie Conn	August 1-27, 2017
Mary Finlayson	May 26-June 9, 2017
Sheila Hammond	July 24-31, 2017 August 4-7, 2017 August 8-12, 2017 LCWR (Orlando, FL) August 13-19 August 27-31, 2017
Diana Wall	August 1-31, 2017

PROVINCIAL TEAM CALENDAR

Meg Causey

July

July 7-12: Provincial Assembly (St. Louis)

July 12-16: Spirituality Forum (St. Louis)

July 28-31: Away

Anne-Marie Conn

July

July 7-12: Provincial Assembly (St. Louis)

July 12-16: Spirituality Forum (St. Louis)

Mary Finlayson

July

July 1-6: Assembly Prep (St. Louis)

July 7-12: Provincial Assembly (St. Louis)

July 12-16: Spirituality Forum (St. Louis)

July 17-31: Berkeley

Sheila Hammond

July

July 7-12: Provincial Assembly (St. Louis)

July 12-16: Spirituality Forum (St. Louis)

Diana Wall

July

July 7-12: Provincial Assembly (St. Louis)

