



### **CELEBRATING**

**50 YEARS AT ST. JOSEPH'S** 

PROVINCIAL HOUSE













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Serving God and the Dear Neighbor without Distinction

# From the Province Leadership

Dear Friends,

On October 11, 2012, we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II. On June 30, 2013, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of St. Joseph's Provincial House! How fitting that we mark these two occasions at the same time!

In opening the Council, Pope John XXIII said, "I want to throw open the windows of the Church, so that we can see out, and the people can see in." Blessed John wanted an aggiornamento (time of updating) for the entire Church. The Council document, Gaudium et Spes: the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World, stressed for us the centrality of the individual person in Catholic social teaching. Perfectae Caritatis: the Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life, emphasized ongoing renewal and gave each sister a voice in shaping the future of her religious congregation. Later, other documents and encyclicals such as Mater et Magistra (Mother and Teacher) and Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) called on wealthy nations to assist third-world countries and challenged all of us to work tirelessly for human rights and world peace.

The Albany Province Leadership Team: [top row, left to right] Sisters Charla Commins, Mary Jo Tallman and Eileen McCann; [bottom, row, left to right] Sisters Nancy Gregg, Mary Anne Rodgers and Ann Christi Brink

St. Joseph's Provincial House was blessed and dedicated at the same time that many of these documents were being published. We Sisters of St. Joseph took very seriously Vatican II's call to adapt and respond to the needs of the times and its challenge to re-examine our role in the Church and in society, always in a spirit of joy and, sometimes, at the price of great sacrifice. We embraced the mandates of Vatican II to view the Church as "the people of God," to alleviate injustice wherever we see it and to work to promote the human dignity of all God's people.

Vatican II did, indeed, "open the windows" to let in the fresh air and, in so doing, the Council gave rise to an enormous spirit of hope in the Church. In this year's two issues of *CSJ Newsline*, you will see, too, that St. Joseph's Provincial House has opened its windows and doors in a spirit of welcome, and you will read of the many ways that Sisters of St. Joseph and CSJ Associates have experienced changing world views, new expressions of prayer and ministry and a deeper understanding of the common good, with the same abiding faith and remarkable courage as that of Sisters of St. Joseph for over 350 years.

Thank you for being an integral part of our faith journey. In that same spirit of hope, we promise you our prayers and ask that God's choicest blessings be yours in abundance!

Gratefully,

The Province Leadership Team, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

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Sister Carol Rohloff

Dear Friends,

This year, the Sisters of St. Joseph celebrate a triple Golden Anniversary! It has been 50 years since the opening of the second Vatican Council; the Provincial House in Latham is 50 years old; and our Sisters in the Vice Province of Peru have been bringing the CSJ charism to the people for five decades! What better choice, then, than to have *CSJ Newsline* carry the 50-year theme this year! In addition to our new full-color look, we will be changing the publication of *Newsline* from three times a year to twice a year: a Fall/Winter issue and a Spring/Summer issue.

Previously, we published our stewardship report in the Winter edition of *Newsline*, but with our new look and changes, this report will now be in the Spring/Summer edition. In between issues, in order to lessen the number of pages in the stewardship edition, we will add a new page to the development section of the province website in January 2013. The page will contain a file in PDF format, listing by state all our donors. We chose the PDF format in order to prevent the internet search engines to identify our donors. Thus, we will not be publishing the list of donors in the printed version of *Newsline*. If you wish that your name not be listed as a donor on the website, please let us know, and we will be happy to honor your request.

As many of you know the Development Office had an internal audit performed last year. Most of the changes we are making result from recommendations from the audit. We are now using a multichannel approach to communicate with you! In addition to the printed newsletter and the website, we have initiated an electronic newsletter, entitled CSJ E-News. If we have your e-mail address, you should have received your first issue of E-News. We hope you enjoyed it. If you did not receive CSJ E-News, please sign up on our website at <a href="http://www.csjalbany.org/index.cfm/Development/">http://www.csjalbany.org/index.cfm/Development/</a>.

Additional support for our development efforts has been made possible by a generous grant from the Raymond C. Kennedy Foundation whose board members granted us \$15,000. Upon awarding the grant, Mr. Paul Zindell, chairman of the Raymond C. Kennedy Foundation Board of Trustees said: "We are confident that the foundation's funding will lay the groundwork for an expanded, formal giving program that will help assure the long-term financial viability of the order. I, for one, will always be grateful to the Sisters of St. Joseph for providing me (and my seven siblings) with an excellent education at St. Patrick's High School in Catskill, NY."

Michael DeFabio, board member of the Raymond C. Kennedy Foundation, presents Sister Carol Rohloff a check for \$15,000 to assist the province.



We are grateful to The Kennedy Board, and we are also so grateful to each and every one of you. We hope you continue to join us in support of our mission and ministry. Sister Elizabeth Thomas, my novice mistress and novice mistress for many of our Sisters, frequently quoted Hebrews 13:8 to us: "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever."

Blessings on you and your loved ones!

Sister Carol Rohloff, CSJ Director of Development



Since our beginning, we Sisters of St. Joseph have been reading the signs of the times and acting for justice. We see this action as an essential part of our spirituality. Today we are speaking out against the horrors of modern-day slavery in the form of human trafficking.

Human trafficking, 21st-century slavery, involves transporting, primarily women and children, within or across borders to be exploited sexually, to work in sweat shops, to be domestic staff, to be objects of sex tourism or to be mail-order brides.

Sisters Doreen addresses those who are gathered in Utica for one of the stops of "nuns on the Bus." The national movement is an attempt to motivate opposition to a House budget that would sharply reduce spending on social services.

At the meeting of the US Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph, held in St. Louis, Missouri, in the summer of 2010, we worked with Kim Ritter from Nix Conference and Meeting Management, and together, we were instrumental in encouraging the Millennium Hotel to sign the ECPAT Code of Conduct. (EPCAT, an acronym for "End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes," is a nongovernmental organization of the United Nations, which was formed in 1990 in response to the increasing practice of child prostitution worldwide.)

In addition, the Albany Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, has

contributed to the opening of a safe house in New York City for the victims of human trafficking. Presently, the residence and its staff are helping four women recover from their traumatic experience of being trafficked. We are making presentations about this situation in schools and

in parishes; we are advocating for federal legislation against human trafficking, and we are using our influence as investors to pressure companies to examine their policies on the issue.

This past summer, a number of Sisters of St. Joseph joined other individuals on a tour of

Sister Doreen Glynn

Central New York as part of *Nuns on the Bus*. The group visited Binghamton, Cortland, Utica and Syracuse, and participants raised their voices for those on the margins of society. During a press conference, in speeches and in visits to congressional offices, the Sisters emphasized that the poor economy is leading not only to severe unemployment problems but also to economic cuts in programs that have long helped Americans in need. The situation, the Sisters stated, is devastating to struggling families, the elderly and the disabled throughout the country.

As we celebrate 50 years later the farreaching effects of Vatican II, we see more clearly and know more deeply that the struggles and anxieties of the poor and oppressed are also our own. What a direct call to action!



### CARONDELET MUSIC CENTER

Sister Patricia St. John

## Inviting the neighbor — working with lay musicians

During the Summer of 1992, after receiving approval from the Province Leadership Team to create Carondelet Music Center, Sisters Mary Elise Heick, Jane Theresa Murphy, Mary Catherine Rich, Jerome Joseph Romano and Patricia St. John began the arduous task of cleaning out the Ground-A studio rooms to make way for the newly purchased pianos that would establish Carondelet Music Center as one of the finest music studios in the Capital Region. Years of history had collected in those rooms — memorabilia from former students, mountains of old sheet music, malfunctioning metronomes, to name a few precious remnants which recall cherished music lessons between beloved teacher and admiring student. Amidst that clutter, it was clear that the Sisters of St. Joseph had established a rich heritage that honors the aesthetic spirit and fosters musical expression.

That legacy is documented in the hallway connecting the A-Wing to the *Kindermusik* rooms, performance space and piano lab where years of dedicated musicianship is celebrated in the photos of former and present music teachers. This history gives current Music Center students and their families a context out of which CMC was created. And that long-standing heritage continues to echo in those studios, permeates the hallways and resonates today in the hearts of our current faculty.

When the Music Center opened its doors 20 years ago, Sister Mary Elise Heick and Sister Mary Catherine Rich were among its faculty. Today, the mission and values of the Sisters of St. Joseph are exemplified in the six lay faculty members who work side by side with Sister Patricia St. John, founder and executive director. Interviews with prospective faculty include discussion



- 1. Sister Patricia St. John with Baby Lily
- 2. Four young students at the piano
- 3. Caption for "Little Drummer Boy"
- 4. Teacher John Charles Cook with student Matthew Payne
- 5. Mary Ann Bach with adult student Kelly Murray
- **6. Teacher Barbara Brothers**



about the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who and how we are in the world, and how members of the faculty represent more than themselves; they represent "The Sisters" to their students and their families. Because CMC is situated in the heart of the Sisters' home, behavior and interactions must reflect a spirit of hospitality and respect to all *without distinction*, an important part of the CSJ charism.

Of particular importance in these interviews is the understanding that we have always ministered to the working class. That orientation makes clear our desire to make music lessons and musical experiences affordable and available; that value finds its origin in our history. Believing that musical expression is something that shapes the whole person, we desire to nurture a life skill that provides enrichment and enjoyment. This, too, is grounded in the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph who seek

harmony with neighbor and neighbor with God. This mission resonates with John Paul II's charge "to all who are passionately dedicated to the search for new *epiphanies* of beauty, so that through their creative work as artists they may offer these gifts to the world." In his *Letter to Artists* (1999), the pope reminds artists (implied here is the inclusion of musicians) of "the close alliance that has always existed between the Gospel and art." In that letter, he invites artists "to use your creative intuition to enter into the heart of the mystery of the Incarnate God and at the same time into the mystery of humanity."

We are blessed at Carondelet Music Center to have such a dedicated faculty that forms a seamless thread with our mission and ministry from our early days at St. Joseph's Conservatory in Troy to Carondelet Music Center today as the members of that faculty continue the inspiring work of our sponsored institution.

FEBRUARY 25, 1960 CSJs buy garage, barn & more land. JUNE 5, 1960 Council sets preparatory commissions. AUGUST 1960 Infirm CSJs move to St. Mary's Hospital & Saratoga. AUGUST 1960 Construction bids are awarded.



Vatican II reminds us again and again that God's Spirit directs the life of each one of us.

We Sisters of St Joseph have tried "to open our own windows" to the work of the Spirit. One way has been to change the way in which we select leadership for our province and congregation.

For many years, leaders were appointed, usually with consultation and always with prayer. In the years immediately following the Council, sensing something new, we held elections, with each member casting a ballot to indicate her choice. This approach mirrored the American democratic process.

However, soon we began to reflect and to ask ourselves whether or not a purely democratic approach allowed the Spirit sufficient room. Something new emerged: a communal discernment process involving prayer, reflection, dialogue, naming of province and congregational needs, and freedom. We have moved into a different process, asking God for discerning hearts and the grace to welcome the leadership we believe God desires for us.

It's quite simple, actually: we come together in small groups, pray, raise up names of sisters and ask them to consider leadership. We write to these sisters, noting the gifts we perceive but also asking questions. Each sister must decide whether or not God is calling her to continue in the process.

Eventually, the group of willing sisters move into communal discernment with the help of facilitators. These days, prayerful and honest, can be difficult as each one looks at her gifts, shortcomings, willingness to help form a team, to be stretched, to learn new skills. Little by little, it becomes clear that certain

Sister Katherine Hanley

sisters are being called at this time in our history.

Finally, the group returns to the province or congregational chapter with their recommendations. A vote of affirmation follows, current leadership affirms the new team, and the gathered community celebrates.

In true, communal discernment, each sister participates, and each sister places her trust in the Spirit. Each sister called to leadership knows that she has the support of the larger group.

Please join us in prayer this year as we choose new leadership teams on both the provincial and the congregational levels!

# The Poor in Need

by CSJ Associate Dorothy Hathway, Mary Mark and Sister Kathleen Heffron, CSI

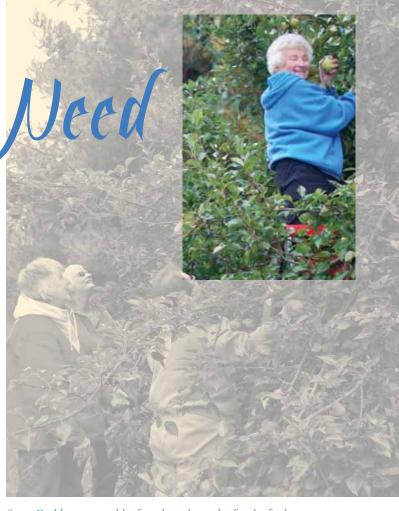
One of the new ministries that began with the renewed call for us to be concerned about the needs of the "dear neighbor" is a ministry which seeks to serve the population of the rural towns of Cortland and Chenango Counties in New York State. The ministry was established by three Sisters of St. Joseph: Sisters Maureen Burns, Genevieve Glennon and Kathleen Heffron.

The service began when the Sisters wrote a proposal to the province leaders that they might serve the rural communities. The ministry, which began in Cincinnatus in 1987 under the umbrella of Catholic Charities of the Syracuse Diocese and funds received from the Hope Appeal, now celebrates 25 years

The simple mission of Cortland-Chenango Rural Services is to serve whoever comes in the door; their needs are the priority of the ministry. As the organization continues, its theme is "Into the Future with the Power of Volunteers" because the gifts of over 60 volunteers have built the ministry and contributed to the area communities. This service and the generosity of many individuals who provide the necessary funding to enable this ministry to those in need call to mind and concretize the words of Scripture: "As long as you did it for one of these least of my brethren, you did it for me."

The programs at the Rural Center are based on the needs of the community. A nearly new clothing store provides clothing needs for the entire family. The food programs try to provide fresh food through a farmers' market and a Food-Sense Program. The Food Pantry is open daily during the regular hours of the center (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m.-12 noon on Saturday).

The building provides office space for the agencies (Office of the Aging, Food Stamp Application, Cooperative Extension, etc.) which bring their services to the area. The ministry works with



Sister Kathleen, assisted by friends, picks apples for the food pantry.

the school and the medical clinic to care for the health needs of the people. However, it is not only the distribution of goods that makes the ministry or any ministry effective; it is the time one gives to listening to the individuals and to learn their stories. It is by doing both that their cares and anxieties are heard and healed. Sometimes, it is difficult for people to know and understand the needs of the poor. A man recently explained how he came to understand such needs. His wife said that their washing machine was in need of repair, so they went to shop for a new one. The man then realized that if he were poor, he would not have been able simply to go and buy a new machine.

Perhaps, the words of the Vatican document, Gaudium et Spes, says it best: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ." (Preface)



n June 20, 2013, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Joseph's Provincial House in Latham, New York. For half a century, the Provincial House (PH) has served as our home, as our infirmary, as our administrative and meeting center and as a place of hospitality to many! There is reason to celebrate!

The actual preparation for the building of the Provincial House began on February 4, 1958 when Provincial Superior Sister Helen Patricia Delaney signed the agreement which sold the "Seminary," our former home in Troy, to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. On December 5, 1959, then Provincial Superior Sister Athanasia Gurry signed the deed to purchase the land on which our present Provincial House stands. During the next four years, Senior Sisters were moved to St. Mary's Hospital, Amsterdam, and St. Peter's Convent, Saratoga; construction bids were awarded; a group of Sisters moved into the "Little House" on the newly acquired property; crews cleared the land and began construction; Sisters and families prayed, held sales and saved Green Stamps to make the PH dream a reality!

As 1963 began, obvious progress led to tangible excitement! On January 25, 1963, the stones for the chapel mosaic arrived from Italy into New York Harbor, followed in a month by the Italian mosaic artist, Gino Lazzerini. On



March 3, the Last Supper frontispiece from St. Joseph's Seminary was installed in the dining room, and the main and side altars arrived, with the construction all the while continuing! On April 17, 63 Sisters from South Troy moved into the PH, and on April 19, Sister Verena Joseph Doherty was appointed first superior. On May 16, Mass was celebrated for the first time by Father Paul Tartaglia, chaplain. In June, the novices and postulants arrived to complete last-minute tasks. June 20, 1963 was a double-header with the opening of the boiler house and the official dedication of the altar! By the summer, the Senior Sisters were moved from Amsterdam and Saratoga, and the first reception and profession ceremonies were held.



Over the years, in response to the CSJ call "to respond to the needs of the times," and Vatican II's challenge to develop "a greater measure of engagement with the modern world," we opened the doors of the Provincial House in a spirit of welcome. Today, the PH is home to the Carondelet Music Center and the Carondelet Hospitality Center. We provide space to the Town of Colonie for an adult respite-care center. We have a convenience store, a gift shop, a beauty parlor, a woodworking program, a computer lab, health services, and an activities department. We invite our neighbors and friends to our daily Liturgies and offer theological updating opportunities to

them as well. We boast a wireless environment throughout the house and try to be as "green" as possible. With our Sisters' interacting with our many guests and staff members, the PH is, indeed, a place of spirit and welcome!

We Sisters of St. Joseph have responded to Vatican II with energy and creativity, and that enthusiasm has spilled over into the halls of the PH; so we celebrate our home, and we honor the generations of Sisters who have lived and died at the PH. Beyond the bricks and mortar of this beloved building, we also celebrate and thank all of you, our living stones. Your love and support have brought us to this day!

**MARCH 25, 1963** The side altars arrive.

**APRIL 17, 1963** CSJs from "Little House" arrive.

**APRIL 17, 1963** CSJs from South Troy arrive.

**APRIL 18, 1963** Mass is offered in 2A Chapel.

# EARS



### **CSJ CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CSJ PRESENCE**

### IN VICE PROVINCE OF



### by Sister Mary Rose Noonan

On August 3-5, 2012, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet celebrated their 50 years of presence to the people of Peru. The Sisters began their mission in Peru on August 4, 1962. The days were celebrated by the sisters in Peru, hundreds of friends and many sisters who had been missioned in Peru over the years. Sisters and guests enjoyed a weekend of prayer, Liturgy, storytelling, visiting and feasting! The first sisters, Sisters Mary Arthur Meyer (LA), Jeanne Teresa Dieman (SP) and Richard Clare O'Brien (SL), arrived on August 3, 1962 to serve in Hospital Militar Central in Lima. The three were joined on September 13, 1963, by Sisters Rita Clare Brennan (SP) and Candida Freitas (A). Within a few years, the sisters were serving in Lima, Ica, Chimbote and Areguipa. Today, the sisters in our growing vice province serve as teachers, school administrators, catechetical ministers, social workers and pastoral assistants. Sisters Doreen Glynn and Alma Jones, who had served in Peru, were our province representatives to the celebration; Sisters Doreen and Alma share some of their reflections.

#### Sister Doreen Glynn, CSJ

My visit to Peru for the 50th anniversary was grace-filled. It brought home to me in a very convincing way the ways in which my years in that beautiful country have forever influenced me and shaped my spirituality.

One afternoon and well into the evening, we spent more than four hours telling stories. A younger sister would ask specific questions of one of us former missioners about a mission where we had served. Many vivid memories were shared, and, I believe every one present learned about or relived some long-forgotten, humorous, sad or seriously dangerous situation she had lived

**APRIL 19, 1963** Sister Verena Joseph Doherty is appointed 1st superior.

MAY 16, 1963 Mass is said in main chapel.

**JUNE 3, 1963** Pope John XXIII died.

**JUNE 6, 1963** Father Paul Tartaglia arrives

through. How important is telling the story! How delightful, too, it was to get acquainted with our younger members and hear their hopes and dreams!

On another day we engaged in conversations about the 2007 Acts of Chapter about *Deepening Communion*. Each conversation circle had sisters from across the congregation, offering a great crossfertilization of ideas.

The Eucharist on the day of the celebration, with a bishop and several priest celebrants, was joyful and inspiring. The large chapel was adorned with beautiful floral arrangements. Hundreds and hundreds of people streamed in with hearts full of gratitude and abundant praise for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Family members, members of other religious congregations, priests, colleagues, former students and former members, people from many parts of the country arrived to celebrate with us. During the reception that followed, many persons took the microphone and praised the congregation for its 50 years of presence in Peru as glasses were raised and a toast proclaimed.

For two weeks prior to the events of the "official" celebration, I was blessed to share in the sisters' ministry. I spent a day in the Lima prison where Sister Maria Schuh works and where I had worked. She and I then traveled to Arequipa where we visited with dear friends and worshipped with them at four Masses in the various communities where our sisters had served during the last 25 years.

From there I bused it to Tacna and spent a few days accompanying the sisters who minister at Fe y Alegria School. Then I went to Huanaco to spend several days with the CSJ community ministering at the Home for Abandoned Children.

Faithfulness to daily communal prayer, even when it must be at 6:00 a.m., to shared daily meals, to shared ministries, to simplicity of living, to the option for the poor and to accountability to one another for pastoral and community goals are all givens in the lifestyle of this vice province and are values I hold dear. Life in Peru has profoundly shaped me and my spirituality.

### Sister Alma Jones, CSJ

To remember is to live. Those are the words that greeted us on a large bulletin board at our Center House, and this is what we did as we celebrated our 50 years of CSJ presence in Peru. Along with our sisters of the vice province, 11 of us who had served in Peru have had the privilege of being there to remember and re-live the spirit of that history.

As with all major Peruvian celebrations, ours lasted three days. We began on Friday, August 3, with a visit to the cemetery. There we prayed and shed tears together as we remembered our sisters buried there: Gabriela, Elena and Carmen. Upon entering the CSJ mausoleum, I was touched to see there the pictures of all our sisters who had died in the States but had been missioned in Peru. That afternoon was again spent "remembering," as our newer members of commu-

nity asked questions leading to our sharing of our works in the different areas where our sisters are no longer present. Stories flowed forth of our time in the Military Hospital, schools in Chimbote and Ica, the mountain houses of Moho, Ocobamba, Yanaoca as well as memories from Casma, Tate and Arequipa. As one of our young Peruvian sisters said, "Today all our history came alive." How important it is to share our history for the present is built on it!

Saturday morning found us ready for the official picture-taking time, followed by a sharing of our lived experiences of the 2007 Acts of Chapter: *The Communions*. We were then treated to a presentation of a Peruvian dance by our sisters who wore their native dress. Just watching brings alive the beauty and joy of our people there!

The highlight of our Jubilee celebration came that afternoon with the Eucharistic celebration. True to the Peruvian culture, it began a half-hour late as people continued to fill the church. I think all of us were overwhelmed by the people who came from near and far to be with us, people who, over the years, had opened not only the doors of their homes to us but also the doors of their hearts. Our prayer was truly one of gratitude.

We ended our Jubilee days on Sunday with Mass at the Center House, followed by dinner at the Brisas del Titicaca restaurant where we enjoyed a delicious meal, Peruvian music and dancing as we continued to share our stories!

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Tim Janis Concert, PH** December 5, 2012

**Donor Liturgy, PH** January 6, 2013

Peace Retreat, PH Sister Anne McCarthy, OSB January 18-19, 2013

**Linger Over Breakfast** Sister Katherine Hanley February 9, 2013

> Ziti Dinner, PH March 23, 2013

**Linger Over Breakfast** Sister Anne Bryan Smollin May 18, 2013

Sister Joan Chittister, PH June 20, 2013

**Golf Tournament** Shaker Ridge Country Club June 24, 2013

**50th Anniversary of PH** June 30, 2013



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YEARS

**JUNE 23, 1963** Pope Paul VI elected

**JUNE 22-23, 1963** PH has first open house. **JUNE 24, 1963** Sisters' Day is held **JUNE 25, 1963** The tertians arrive.

### CSJTRADITION

by Sister Patricia Conron















Top-down, left-right: The entrance to the Carondelet Hospitality Center. | The Carondelet Hospitality Center: A Place of Welcome. | One of the Hospitality Center's large meeting rooms. | Carondelet Hospitality Center Co-Coordinators Sisters Pat Conron and Katie Eiffe. | Carondelet Hospitality Center Staff (sitting) Patty Thorton, Sister Catherine Doyle, Sister Pat Conron, Sister Katie Eiffe; (standing) Sister Jean Albert Burns, Sister Judy Howley, Will Farnam and Sister Gloria DeCotis. | One of the groups taking advantage of the Center. | Patty Thornton, caterer for the Hospitality Center.

### **CARONDELET HOSPITALITY CENTER CONTINUES**

### **CSJ TRADITION OF SERVING THE DEAR NEIGHBOR**

The Sisters of St. Joseph responded to the invitation of Pope John XXIII to return to the spirit of our founders in many ways, one of which was the creation of Carondelet Hospitality Center.

After much research, prayer and conversation, the sisters unanimously decided to re-create the old, below-ground-level, cinder-block, seldom used auditorium into a state-of-the-art conference/gathering center!

Carondelet Hospitality Center opened wide its doors on January 13, 2007, welcoming well over 1,500 groups since that day. The main part of the "Center" consists of a large, airy space with flexible walls which enable us to welcome not-for-profit groups of all sizes. In addition, there are two lounges, each with living-room furniture and a large conference table, and a third meeting/conference room for smaller gatherings. All of our meeting spaces are equipped with the very latest technology. We are happy to be able to offer overnight lodging to 48 guests.

We have been delighted to welcome many groups from the Albany Diocese, colleges groups, health-care agencies, groups of different religious communities, choirs, musical groups and various performances. Our ecumenical guests represent many denominations, including Buddhists, Baptists, Church Women United, Unitarian Universalists, Methodists, Tri Cities Non-Denominational Christian Women, Lutherans, as well as many other denominations.

We have been blessed with marvelous concerts by Albany Pro Musica, Tim Janis & his Ensemble, NYS Senior Symphony, Siena College Chorus with Musicians of Ma'alwyck, and our own faculty and students from Carondelet Music Center.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are so blessed to continue to "serve the needs of the dear neighbor" through the ministry of the Hospitality Center!

**JUNE 27, 1963** The senior sisters arrive.

**AUGUST 6, 1963** Reception & profession are held.

**AUGUST 25, 1963** Departure ceremony to Peru is held.

**SEPTEMBER 9, 1963** Rosati Branch of Saint Rose opens.

Sisters Reflect on the Council's Impact on Their Lives

October 12 marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, a momentous occasion that shaped the Catholic faith as we know it today. The legacy of Vatican II is in the heart of each of us. Many of us lived through the Council and saw firsthand the transformational wonders of the documents; some of us have had no lived experience of a pre-Vatican II Church. In the following, Sisters Joyce Gadoua and Jean Keating, who *entered* the Sisters of St. Joseph during Vatican II, and Sisters Joan Mary Hartigan and Betsy Van Deusen, who were *born* during the Council years, reflect on the ways in which the Council affected their view of Church.

### Sister Betsy Van Deusen, CSJ

I was born on October 23, 1962. The only Church I have ever known is the church of relationship, community, the Body of Christ, the People of God. When I hear stories of pre-Vatican II times, I find myself grateful for having been born when I was! Now that I see so many individuals who wish that the Council had never happened, I pray more earnestly that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide our Church to empower lay ministers, to give women and men a voice and a place in the mission of





Jesus. Our challenge is to read the signs of the times, to live that preferential option for the poor and the tenets of Catholic social teaching that are so desperately needed in our place and time. I can stake my life on the success of that challenge!

#### Sister Jean Keating, CSJ

On that rainy day of my First Communion, my world was, I thought, completely predictable. The plan was to become a Sister of St. Joseph, wear a habit, attend Mass celebrated just as it was that very day, become a teacher who lived



in a convent, and spend my life sharing the experience of God with children. For a brief time, I did live at St. John the Baptist Convent in Syracuse and taught biology. Then Vatican II happened, and it was as if someone in the playground had spun the merry-go-round as fast



and as hard as possible, and nothing was as it had been when I got on! Today, I have no habit and do not live in a convent; I manage property and periodically lead a communion service at a local parish. Nothing is as I had imagined, but I have loved the ride!

#### Sister Joyce Gadoua, CSJ

For me, Vatican II was all about theology, and it wasn't until I studied it in the 70s and 80s, experienced it and taught it that it had any real significance in my life. Losing the side beads from the habit in 1966, hearing about the documents in my last year of juniorate, giving up "the habit" in 1968 on my first mission, all told me something was afoot, but what became clear only when I studied at St. Michael's College in Vermont where I was treated to the works and teachings of the best theologians





**SEPTEMBER 15, 1963**59 postulants arrive

**SEPTEMBER 29, 1963** Council's 2nd session opens. CSJs from St. Joseph's Infant Home arrive.

DECEMBER 4, 1963 Constitution on Sacred Liturgy issued. We were young students from all over the world, all pretty much on the same page, given those few in which the studies did not "take." We shared with one another in an environment that exhaled God everywhere: in the mountains that surrounded us and spoke of God's grandeur, in well-developed daily liturgies with great song that put one in mind of the best of all possible Sabbaths, and in having every day a new homilist whose insights and exhortations lifted our spirits and gave us challenges we had never dreamed of, and, of course, in that Spirit which came from the mouths of our teachers whose wisdom opened us up to an exciting world of new thought.

Of that time, adjectives come to mind like spiritually exhilarating, inwardly freeing, fun making, mentally enlightening, ever questioning, joyful in song and praise, conscience-centered, and open-ended in one's search. That great opportunity in learning a new and lasting non-dualistic language that underpinned all theology really turned my tables upside down for good, and I am thankful for it. I once told a priest friend of mine who taught me, that I could never go back to the way things were. It is now some 40 years later, and I haven't gone back!

### Sister Joan Mary Hartigan, CSJ

I was born in 1963. I never experienced a Latin Mass, confession every Friday, or the Baltimore Catechism. In my parish school, we cut out pictures of nature which symbolized for me God's love; we sat on a floor for Liturgy in the school gym and sang guitar music, written by some "hip" Jesuits from St. Louis. I think that the Second Vatican Council did not enter my consciousness or my interest until the late 1980s when I formally studied the documents and Church polity in Divinity School. It was





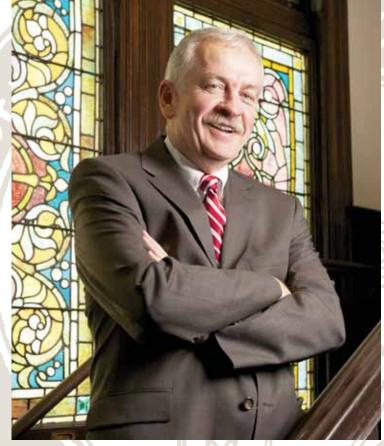
then that I realized I was one of the beneficiaries of this paradigmatic shift that took place in our Church. As one of the small number of Sisters of St. Joseph who did not experience life before Vatican II, I cannot grasp fully the profound impact that this defining moment made on the life of our Church and community simply because I have been living its light my whole life. What I do believe is that the subsidiarity, the mutuality, and the Gospel values of our Vatican II Church are part of my spiritual DNA, and anything else is counter-intuitive for me. In 2012, I experience the Church I have always known, when I pray and discern with my Sisters, when I minister at Maria College, when I participate in my parish's Eucharistic celebration, and when I watch countless women and men, like Sisters Simone Campbell, Mary Anne Rodgers and Elizabeth Johnson, publically claim for us the Church which they know to be true. Fifty years after Vatican II, I celebrate and I believe!

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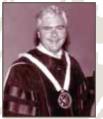
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### NAMED 9TH PRESIDENT AT THE COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE

n Saturday, October 13, 2012, Dr. David Szczerbacki was inaugurated as the ninth president of The College of Saint Rose. Dr. Szczerbacki was formally invested in the Office of the President at a ceremony at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. The ceremony was witnessed by nearly 1,000 Saint Rose faculty, staff, students, alumni, dignitaries, and

Dr. Szczerbacki's family and friends. He has served as president of Saint Rose since July 1, 2012, succeeding Dr. R. Mark Sullivan.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet founded The College of Saint Rose in 1920 with a faculty of five Sisters, two priests, one laywoman, one house, 19 freshmen and a budget of \$1,000. Today Saint

Rose boasts a population of over 5,100 students, a faculty-student ratio of 14:1, an ever-expanding campus and 116 graduate and undergraduate majors.

The dream of those first Sisters of St. Joseph has been made real in the college's 39,000 alumni who continue to serve "the dear neighbor" all over the world!

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**OCTOBER 28, 1965**Perfectae Caritatis issued

**DECEMBER 7, 1965**Gaudium et Spes issued

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And faith breathed by a Living Church;
Is holy men and women, saints of God-And sinners also in endless search
For love, for wisdom and the meaning
Of existence ... Always the Holy Spirit
Guarding and guiding human eyes toward truth, and giving souls courage to draw near it.

That dream gives meaning to these stones that rise Like some great alleluia in our skies. Here love and labor ardently achieved A home to house the love that we were bequeathed.

O, may our bells bear tidings of great joy Across these valleys shining in the sun; This house of stone sings, "Jesus Christ be praised!" Love be its meaning, and its only one!

by Sister Mary Ada (Eileen) Lomasney, 1963 (written for the dedication of St. Joseph's Provincial House)

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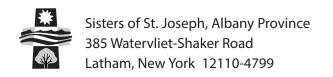
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