



Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary
U.S.-Ontario Province

Connections

October 30, 2015

Namaste Celebrates 30 Years

On October 24, Sisters and friends gathered at the Historic Laundry Building at Marylhurst to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of Namaste, the spiritual life ministry of **Pat McCrann, SNJM** (Marylhurst). Namaste currently offers sacred spaces for rest and renewal, spiritual direction, and directed retreat opportunities. See below for a photo.



Sisters Mary Breiling and Pat McCrann. Quilted banner by Sr. Jacqueline Quinn. Photo by Sr. Moe Oliver.

Human Trafficking Awareness Events at AHN, Albany

The Sisters of Mercy recently hosted a human trafficking awareness workshop for Academy of the Holy Names, Albany students. That same week, AHN, Albany high school students attended a special human trafficking assembly with author and humanitarian **Annu Subramanian**; the theme was "Be the Voice of the Voiceless." After the assembly, Ms. Subramanian offered a writing workshop for all seniors. These opportunities brought to life the SNJM charism which calls us to lend support to all marginalized persons. See below for photos.



AHN Senior class after their writing workshop with Annu Subramanian.



At the Sisters of Mercy human trafficking awareness workshop, L-R: Joyce Houle, SNJM, Jasmine Grace, Debbie Fowler, Jennifer Buckley, Fran Dempsey, CSJ and Doreen Glynn, CSJ.

Fatima Sisters Join Retreat

Sisters at Fatima Villa gathered on October 16 for the closing liturgy of a four-day retreat provided by the SNJM Pastoral Team with **Thomas Splain, S.J.**, presiding. Resident Dominican Sisters and a Carmelite nun joined for the retreat and renewal of vows. See below for a photo.



Fatima Sisters at retreat. Photo by Nicki Thomas.

West Oakland Deanery Retreat at Villa Maria del Mar

Senior Members of the West Oakland Deanery recently took part in a retreat program at Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz. The bi-annual retreat, started by **Shirley Sexton, SNJM** (deceased) three decades ago, offers daily Mass, reflections, group sharing, prayer, rest and enjoyment of nature. The retreat at the Villa was carried out by **Liz Davis, SNJM** (East Bay), **Rosemary Delaney, SNJM** (East Bay), **Joan Doyle, SNJM** (South Bay), **Marilyn Miller, SNJM** (San Francisco), **Inez Sherwood, SNJM** (Saratoga), Next Step staff member **Peggy Presley** and friend **Fr. Paul Vasser**. The prayer of this unique group is that Sr. Shirley's loving legacy will continue. See below for a photo.



Retreat attendees at Villa Maria de Mar.

Message From the Province Justice and Peace Network

You're invited to make a difference. How? By turning off lights and/or using LED bulbs. More information will be provided at your next Mission Centre meeting.



On the Province Website

Jonestown Durocher Service Development Newsletter

You can read the October issue of the Jonestown Durocher Service Development newsletter at: <http://snjmusontario.org/jonestown-durocher-service-development>

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Blog Announcement From SNJM Congregational Office

Be a part of an ongoing conversation about our Congregation and religious life now and in the future. About every two weeks there will be a different thought-provoking conversation starter on the new Congregational blog. We invite you to read and respond to the ideas expressed and to encourage your friends, Sisters, Associates and others to make their comments. We hope for a lively conversation among many people. The original article will be posted in French and English. You can read and join the English blog at:

<http://www.snjm.org/blogue/?lang=en>

Prayer Requests

From **Janie Ibarra, Associate** (Yakima): Please pray for my cousin **Johnny Gonzales**, who is taking radiation for bladder cancer and is not doing well. Please also pray for my friend **Steve Selvog**, who is undergoing chemotherapy for stage 4 bone cancer.

Rest In Peace

From **Judy Ryan, SNJM** (Seattle): Please pray for **Deacon Bill Taube, Associate**, who died of a brain tumor in Issaquah, WA on October 23. Please also pray for his wife, **Joanne Taube, Associate** and their daughter **Lisa**, who will dearly miss him.

From **Lois MacGillivray, SNJM** (Saratoga): Please pray for the happy repose of **Elly Dorries**, long-time friend of **Arline Ensminger, Associate** (deceased). Elly was a nurse who offered to

help Arline when Arline's post-polio symptoms had reduced her mobility. Elly gave Arline many years of living in a family home and then regular visits when she needed more care. Elly died peacefully on the morning of September 30.

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