



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

Connections

November 6, 2015

Annual Refugee Fundraiser Dinner in Windsor

The Windsor SNJM Refugee Support Group, along with the Angela Rose House, recently invited guests and supporters to gather at Angela Merici Hall for a special fundraising dinner. The Dinner for Refugees helps to raise money that is directed to the needs of refugees in the region. It helps with family reunification and refugee family life from first arrival to establishing a new life in the community. See below for a photo.



Helen Petrimoulx, SNJM, second from left, with volunteers. Photo by Mike Kovaliv.

Mary Burke, SNJM Gallery Opening

The Quetzal Bird Gallery, located on the third floor of Mary's Woods at Marylhurst, recently hosted an opening for an exhibition of photos by **Mary Burke, SNJM** (SE Portland). See below for a photo.



Marilyn Nunemaker, SNJM and Mary Burke, SNJM

Sustainability in Action in Spokane

Taking action to reduce their carbon footprint, Spokane Mission Centre (with the incentive of a great Costco sale) is providing one 60-watt LED bulb to each Spokane Sister. A team from the Spokane Mission Centre Justice group, led by "A Bright Idea" (aka **Frances Kendrick, SNJM**) personally installed the LEDs in each Sister's apartment at Brookdale South Regal on October 31. It was a Halloween Trick or Treat in reverse, with a little candy on the side to further brighten the scene. See below for a photo.



"A Bright Idea" (Frances Kendrick, SNJM, at right) demonstrates the power of an LED to the astonished delight of Victoria Ann Adlum, SNJM.

Update from Junior Associates in Yakima

Yakima Junior Associates met at Kateri House in Toppenish with **Charlyne Brown, SNJM** and **Kathleen Ross, SNJM** on October 30 to decorate Halloween cookies, and then visited a local nursing home to present them individually to residents. See below for a photo.



L-R: Elizabeth Chavez, Associate, with Jennifer Baca, Sayda Salazar, Myra Ayala, and Sharon Duran.

New East Bay Mission Centre Team

Sisters from the East Bay Mission Centre recently selected new members for the Mission Centre Team. The Associates will soon select their representative for the team as well. See below for a photo from the blessing.



L-R: Sisters Rosemary Delaney (Mission Center Coordinator), Carol Fleitz and Barbara Nixon.

Congregational Justice and Peace Network Coordinator

We would like to remind you of the November 9 deadline to nominate yourself

or someone else you believe has the necessary gifts for the position of Congregational Justice and Peace Network Coordinator. Refer to the October 26 letter for details. Please send your response to **Barbara Spears, SNJM** at bspears@snjmuson.org.

Message from Villa Maria del Mar

Villa Maria del Mar will be open for Sisters and Associates wanting a few days of R&R from December 26 until the afternoon of December 31. Please call **Mary McConnell** at 831-475-1236 to make a reservation or send an email to villamaria@snjmuson.org.

On the Province Website

Spiritual Nourishment Sessions

Transcripts of previous Spiritual Nourishment Sessions are now available to read in the password section of the Province website under "Associate Resources" at: <http://snjmusontario.org/snjm>

Manitoba Newsletter

The Autumn *Prairie Winds* newsletter from the Manitoba Province is available to read on the Province website at: <http://snjmusontario.org/prairie-winds>

Links

HNU's Visiting Scholar Janet Walton, SNJM Shares 'Living Theology'

Janet Walton, SNJM (Mid-Atlantic), this year's visiting SNJM scholar at Holy Names University, recently offered lectures to eight different classes and met with faculty and staff. In the mysticism class taught by **Sophia Park, SNJM** (East Bay), Sr. Janet led students in an exercise about living theology. Read more at: <https://www.hnu.edu/about/news/sister-janet-walton-visiting-snjm-scholar-discusses-organic-theology-and-liturgy>

Molly Neville, SNJM Featured on Diocesan Panel

As part of the Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese of San Jose organized a panel presentation to the seminarians of St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park. **Molly Neville, SNJM** (South Bay) shared her experiences as vocation director for the Diocese of Monterey. Read more in *Catholic San Francisco* at: <http://www.catholic-sf.org/ns.php?newsid=22&id=63943>

St. Mary's Students Recognized For 'Exceptional Scholastic Promise'

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized 12 young women from St. Mary's Academy, Portland for their exceptional scholastic promise. Of those, four have been named 2016 National Merit Scholarship Corporation semifinalists. Read more at: http://blog.oregonlive.com/my-portland/2015/11/twelve_st_marys_academy_senior.html

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