



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

## *Connections*

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**November 13, 2015**

### **Dr. Mary Boys, SNJM Speaks on Jewish-Catholic Reconciliation**

Following a Kristallnacht remembrance at Loyola-Marymount University in LA, **Dr. Mary Boys, SNJM**, Dean of Academic Affairs at Union Theological Seminary, and **Dr. Amy-Jill Levine**, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, were the featured speakers on the topic: "A Jubilee for Nostra Aetate: The Vatican II Revolution - the Ongoing Struggle for Jewish-Catholic Reconciliation." Including humor and reflection on their own faith traditions, Mary and Amy-Jill shared about the power of dialogue, listening and being open to the truth of other traditions as a way to further reconciliation. The event was hosted by LMU and the Catholic Jewish Women's Dialogue prior to its Annual Conference. See below for a photo.



L-R: Daleen Larkin, SNJM, Mary Boys, SNJM, Jo'Ann De Quattro, SNJM and France White, SHCJ. Not pictured: Sylvia Rousseve, Associate.

### **November Prayer at Myrtle Hill Cemetery**

Sisters and Associates of the Tampa Mission Centre gathered recently at the Myrtle Hill Cemetery for prayer and sharing of memories. **Ann Regan, SNJM** led the prayer and sharing. See below for a photo.



Standing, L-R: Patricia Torres, Associate, Maureen Raimo, Associate, Judith Perrella, Associate, Joan Mann, Associate, Wanda Frederick, Associate, Dolores Wehle, SNJM, Mary Glavin, SNJM and friend Margaret Frederick. Seated, L-R: Mary Patricia Plumb, SNJM, Ann Regan, SNJM, Margaret O'Brien, SNJM and Anne Turner, SNJM.

Photo: Cecilia Vargas, Associate.

### **Associate Sponsored Retreat at Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz**

California Sisters and Associates gathered at Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz for the Annual Associate Sponsored Retreat on November 6-8. The theme for the weekend was "Blessing, Joy, Gratitude: Pathways to Holiness," presented by **Therese Fenzl, Associate, LC** (East Bay). The Northern CA Associate Team thanks all who made this retreat such a success. Save the date for the next one: November 11-13, 2016 at Villa Maria del Mar, prepared by the Southern CA Associate Team. See below for a photo.



Northern CA Planning Team, L-R: Therese Fenzl, Associate, LC, Presenter; Molly Neville, SNJM, Associate Team; Sabina Gotuaco, Associate, Associate Team; Judy Borland, Associate, Coordinator; Marilyn Mackinnon, Associate, Associate Team.

### **Solar Panel Installation at Kateri House**

Yakima Nation Tribal School students recently installed solar panels at Kateri House, a SNJM-owned property in Toppenish, WA. The students are enrolled in a pre-engineering class with Heritage University's **Dr. Michael Durst**. Province capital improvement funds paid for the project. See below for a photo. You may also view a video slideshow about the solar panel installation at: <https://youtu.be/62ki99wWlaY>



Yakima Nation Tribal School students work with teacher Mary Looney, a Heritage University graduate.

## **On the Province Website**

### **Chapter 2015 Photo Galleries**

Three photo galleries from the Province Chapter 2015 are now available to view in the password section of the Province website at:

<http://snjmusontario.org/snjm>

## **Links**

### **Nuestra Casa Embarks on Clean Water Project in Rural Washington**

As reported in Connections last month, Nuestra Casa in Sunnyside, WA was recently awarded a contract to help rural families in Sunnyside receive clean water, as nitrate pollution in drinking water is unusually high in the area. Numerous homes in the affected area are occupied by immigrant families. Since Nuestra Casa exists to educate and serve immigrants, it was chosen to participate in testing wells and providing reverse osmosis filtering systems for families affected by the pollution. **Blanca Bazaldua, Associate** and **Esperanza Lemos, Associate** are involved in this project. Read recent news coverage at:

[http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/lower\\_valley/crusade-for-clean-water-in-the-lower-valley/article\\_c895ec5a-812e-11e5-aaef-f7476b47b7cb.html](http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/lower_valley/crusade-for-clean-water-in-the-lower-valley/article_c895ec5a-812e-11e5-aaef-f7476b47b7cb.html)

### **New Post on Congregational Blog**

**Jeannine Cornellier, SNJM** (Quebec) invites you to enter into conversation with her on the second post of the Congregational blog at:

<http://www.snjm.org/blogue/english-what-to-do-in-the-future-to-continue-my-vocation/?lang=en>

### **Path to Paris**

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns has prepared four weekly prayer-study-action guides in preparation for the United Nations Climate Summit, which will begin on November 30 in Paris. Resources for joining in global prayer and preparation for the Summit are available at:

<http://www.maryknollogc.org/article/path-paris-extreme-weather-and-cry-poor>

### **AHN, Tampa Athlete Organizes 'Cross Out Cancer' Fundraiser**

Academy of Holy Names, Tampa junior **Elizabeth Dolan** has organized a 5K race to raise money for children and their families dealing with cancer. The Cross Out Cancer 5K, named after a nonprofit started by the 16-year-old, will take place November 21 at Picnic Island Park in Tampa. All proceeds will go to families struggling with the costs of pediatric cancer treatments. Read more at: <http://www.tbo.com/sports/preps/high-school-runner-going-extra-mile-to-aid-kids-with-cancer-20151107/>

### **Prayer Requests**

From **Dr. Anne Brooks, SNJM** (Mississippi): My new consulting neurosurgeon will remove my entire brain cyst on December 16 at the North Shore Neurosurgery Institute in Illinois. Prayers are appreciated!