



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

## *Connections*

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November 25, 2015

### **A Prayer of Thanksgiving**



You are invited to read A Prayer of Thanksgiving, on the Province website at:

<http://snjmusontario.org/who-we-are/spirituality/prayers>

### **Ramona Receives Water Stewardship Award**

At the California Interfaith Service for the Climate and the 2015 Cool Climate Awards, Ramona Convent Secondary School, Alhambra received the Water Stewardship Award for their commitment and education on water. **Anna Keim, SNJM** (Southern CA) received the award on behalf of the school. See below for a photo.



Gathered to celebrate with Sr. Anna are, front row, L-R: Mary Rogers, SNJM, Anna Keim, SNJM and Kathleen McCabe, OSF. Back row, L-R: Michelle Garlinski, SNJM and Carol Fleitz, SNJM.

### **Thanksgiving Gathering at Kateri House**

Sisters and Associates of the Yakima Mission Centre recently gathered at Kateri House for a special Thanksgiving gathering and prayer. At the end, they celebrated November and December birthdays. See below for a photo.



Charlyne Brown, SNJM and Daniel Ortega, Associate blow out birthday candles together, while members of the Yakima Mission Center look on.

### **Kate Buzard, SNJM Receives Community Champion Award**

Molina Healthcare of Washington recently named **Kate Buzard, SNJM** (Spokane) a "Community Champion," and made a charitable donation of \$1,000 to Our Place Ministries in her name. Sr. Kate was nominated by **Cherie Moss**, Development Director at Our Place for her extensive volunteer work there. See below for a photo.



Kate Buzard, SNJM with her Community Champion award.

### **Pat Parachini, SNJM Leads Episcopalian Retreat**

**Pat Parachini, SNJM** (Mid-Atlantic) recently presented and facilitated a fall retreat, focused on discipleship in the Gospel of Luke, for 150 clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. See below for a photo.



Pat Parachini, SNJM, center, with Bishops Ted Gulik and Susan Goff.

#### **Human Trafficking Break Free Run in Oakland**

Holy Names High School students participated in the Human Trafficking Break Free Run, held at Lake Merritt in Oakland, CA on November 7. **Dianne Nixon, SNJM** (East Bay) and **Barbara Nixon, SNJM** (East Bay) volunteered at the event. One HNHS student placed first place in her division. See below for a photo.



Dianne Nixon, SNJM and Barbara Nixon, SNJM with student participants.