

From the Province Leadership Team

A Prayer for Advent

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.



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SNJM Stories

Final Vows of Sophia Park, SNJM

On November 21, feelings of joy and thanksgiving overflowed at Holy Spirit Chapel in Campbell, CA as the Sisters of the Holy Names celebrated Sister Sophia Park's profession of perpetual vows.



L-R: Sisters Jane Hibbard, Mariellen Blaser, Kathleen Hilton, Sophia Park, Mary Ellen Holohan and Marcia Frideger.

Solar Panel Installed at Kateri House

Yakama Nation Tribal School students installed solar panels at Kateri House, an SNJM-owned property in Toppenish, WA. The students were from a pre-engineering class at Heritage University. Province capital improvement funds paid for the project. You can view a video slideshow of the solar panel installation by clicking this link or the image below: <https://youtu.be/qMPaUwzixq0>



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

Following a Kristallnacht remembrance at Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles, 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 Loyola-Marymount University and the Catholic Jewish Women's Dialogue.



L-R: Daleen Larkin, SNJM, Mary Boys, SNJM, Jo'Ann De Quattro, SNJM and France White, SHCJ.

Molly Neville, SNJM Shares Her Experience 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 in Menlo Park, CA. As a panelist, Sister Molly Neville shared her experiences as a vocation director, retreat director and working with Associates. Read more in Catholic San Francisco at: <http://www.catholic-sf.org/ns.php?newsid=22&id=63943>



Molly Neville, SNJM

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.



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

Celebrating SNJM Ministries

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

Janet Walton, SNJM is this year's visiting SNJM scholar at Holy Names University. This fall, she offered lectures to eight different classes and met with faculty and staff. In the mysticism class taught by Sophia Park, SNJM, Sr. Janet also 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>

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

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 to education on water. Anna Keim, SNJM received the award on behalf of the school.



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.

SNJM Thought of the Week

We are adding weekly SNJM quotes to the public calendar page on the Province website. Check in each week to see a new quote from one of our Sisters. To see the calendar and this week's quote, go to: <http://snjmusontario.org/news/calendar>

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