

SNJM Stories

Province Leadership Transition Celebration

Distance was no obstacle for Sisters of the Holy Names as they shared a celebration of blessing for the transition of U.S.-Ontario Province leadership teams. Some Sisters and Associates participated via webcast while others stood shoulder to shoulder in the Chapel of the Holy Names in Lake Oswego, OR. Waving handmade star "wands" and singing together, the SNJM community welcomed the incoming Province Leadership Team, thanked the outgoing team, celebrated with managers and staff, and received a message of confident hope from Maureen Delaney, SNJM, a member of the incoming team.

Click on this link to view a video recording of the celebration: <https://vimeo.com/152723256>



Maureen Delaney, SNJM (center) leads a final blessing for everyone attending both in person and virtually at locations throughout the Province.

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Sisters participating virtually from home.

Awareness Is the First Step: Working Against Human Trafficking Nationally

January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Sisters, Associates and students took this time to cultivate human trafficking awareness in their local communities. Teaching comes naturally to the Sisters and building awareness is the first step toward dismantling the networks of human trafficking in the U.S., Canada and worldwide.

In Albany, Sister Joyce Houle is a member of the Coalition to End Human Trafficking. The Coalition sponsored an ecumenical prayer service on human trafficking in January which brought their diverse community together for a common mission.



Coalition to End Human Trafficking Committee members gathered for a photo at the ecumenical prayer service in Albany. Joyce Houle, SNJM is

In Northern CA, January 21 was the kick-off of the "No Traffick Ahead" media campaign in San Francisco supported by over 60 agencies and groups collaborating on the issue of human trafficking. The goal is to set up a system of resources for trafficked persons prior to, during and beyond the Super Bowl. See below for a photo of Sister Rosemary Everett supporting the campaign, and learn more at: <http://www.no Traffick Ahead.com/>



L-R: Rosemary Everett, SNJM, Marilyn Wilson, BVM and Sharan Dhanoa, Coordinator of the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking, the umbrella agency for No Traffick Ahead.

In Southern CA, Los Angeles-based organization Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) partnered with Catholic Sisters and other organizations to host "Walk 4 Freedom." Sisters of the Holy Names and students from Ramona Convent Secondary School in Alhambra joined the walk as part of the SNJM commitment to opposing modern slavery in all its forms. Our community attends this event annually.



L-R: Susan Maloney, SNJM, Ramona teachers Maggie Averill and Anna Keim, SNJM with students from Ramona Convent Secondary School.
Photo taken by Bob Juarez, Associate.

Celebrating SNJM Ministries

AHN, Albany Students Create Quilt for Local Rescue Mission

Pre-K and Kindergarten students at Academy of the Holy Names, Albany created a quilt to donate to the City Rescue Mission in Albany, NY. Our schools help students get involved in community service to inspire our young people to lives of service.



Pre-K and Kindergarten students at AHN, Albany share a quilt they made to donate to a local rescue mission.

St. Mary's Academy Test Drives Google's New Virtual Reality Technology

Representatives from Google recently visited St. Mary's Academy, Portland as part of the company's innovative Expeditions Pioneer Program, which is currently touring the U.S. and training selected schools on how to give virtual field trips using Google Cardboard. St. Mary's Academy instructional technology coach Alyssa Tormala shared, "Being a part of Google's beta testing and getting the chance to give our own feedback helps put us on the cutting edge." Read more at: http://blog.oregonlive.com/my-portland/2016/01/google_expeditions_pioneer_pro.html



St. Mary's Academy students use Google Cardboard to view the deep sea during the Expeditions Pioneer Program.

Mississippi Says Goodbye to Teresa Shields, SNJM

The Mississippi Catholic newspaper recently profiled Teresa Shields, SNJM, outgoing director of the Jonestown Family Center for Education and Wellness, as she prepares to retire after 30 years of ministry work in the Mississippi Delta. Read more at:

<http://www.mississippicatholic.com/2015/12/14/sister-teresa-shields-retiring-after-three-decades-in-delta/>



Sister Teresa Shields

On the Province Website

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Visit our calendar page to read words of wisdom from our Sisters and see upcoming date of importance to our community:

<http://snjmusontario.org/news/calendar>

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