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SNJM Stories

Sisters Call for Civility and Decency in Presidential Election

Many of our Sisters have signed a letter from the Leadership Conference of Women Religious calling on the U.S. presidential candidates to maintain civility and decency throughout their campaigns. You can show support for their action in defense of the dignity of all citizens and the common good by reading and liking the letter, which is posted on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SistersoftheHolyNames>

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"You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics." ~Pope Francis, Address to the U.S. Congress, September 24, 2015. That's our call, too. Join your voice with the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, who are among the 5,671 women religious across the country who are calling for #CivilDiscourse for the #CommonGood.



More than 5650 Catholic Sisters Urge Presidential Candidates to Engage in Civil Discourse | LCWR

[Silver Spring, MD] More than 5650 Catholic Sisters signed a letter asking the US presidential candidates "to engage in political dialogue that reflects the principles...

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SNJM Sister Presents at History of Women Religious Conference

At the Conference on the History of Women Religious (CHWR) in California, Susan M. Maloney, SNJM, PhD presented two papers on her biographical research on Anita M. Caspary, IHM. The first paper dealt with the historical significance of Caspary as the only woman in U.S. history to hold the positions of mother general of a Catholic order of Sisters and the founding president of an ecumenical community. The second presentation discussed transitions in Caspary's spirituality.

In conjunction with the conference, Santa Clara University opened a special exhibit featuring selections from the professional papers of keynote speaker Sandra Schneiders, IHM. Among Sandra's resources were books written

by Elizabeth Liebert, SNJM and Mary Boys, SNJM. Learn more about the special exhibit at:

<https://www.scu.edu/library/asc/exhibits/schneiders>

You can see this story on the Province website: <http://snjmusontario.org/news/news/2137-snjm-sisters-participate-in-history-of-women-religious-conference>



L-R: Rosalina Baldonado, IHM, Susan Maloney, SNJM, Nan Cano, IHM and Sandra Schneiders, IHM at the Conference on the History of Women Religious.

Oregon Sisters Ask for Senator's Support of Anti-Trafficking Bill

In unity with Sisters in California, three Oregon Sisters met with a representative of U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley to request support for S. 1968, the Business Supply Chain Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act. Sisters Carole Strawn, Peggy Pillette and Delores Rashford had a productive and meaningful conversation

with Sen. Merkley's field representative Jagjit Nagra, who expressed appreciation for the Sisters' insights. During the visit, Sr. Delores' granddaughter Genevieve handed him a letter asking Sen. Merkley to support the bill and do all he can to stop human trafficking. In June, California Sisters and Associates took the same action with staff in Sen. Barbara Boxer's offices.

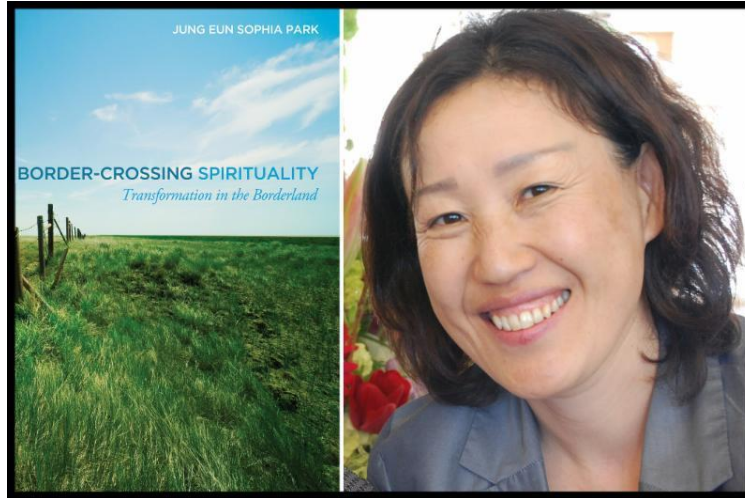


L-R: Jagjit Nagra, Field Representative for Sen. Jeff Merkley, Genevieve, Carole Strawn, SNJM, Delores Rashford, SNJM and Peggy Pillette, SNJM.

Sophia Park, SNJM Publishes New Book

Wipf & Stock Publishers released Sr. Sophia Park's new book "Border-Crossing Spirituality: Transformation in the Borderland." The book explores the spiritual importance of being "in-between," and examines the various meanings of "in-betweenness" from different religious traditions. It emphasizes the value of radical hospitality, friendship and subjectivity. Read more at:

<http://wipfandstock.com/border-crossing-spirituality.html>



Sophia Park, SNJM and the cover of her new book.

A Call to Vietnam Ministry

Four Sisters arrived in Vietnam as part of this summer's Call to Vietnam ministry. Sisters Kay Burton, Kathleen Hilton, Agnes Ly Thi Le and Mary Annette Dworshak taught English classes during their time in Vietnam as part of the ministry's collaborative work with the Sisters of the Lovers of the Holy Cross in Vietnam.



L-R: Kay Burton, SNJM, Kathleen Hilton, SNJM, Agnes Ly Thi Le, SNJM and Mary Annette Dworshak, SNJM with staff and children at Lam Bich, an orphanage in Dong Ha, Vietnam that is operated by the Lovers of the Holy Cross. It was one of several ministries they visited before English classes began.

Date Set for AHN, Silver Spring Reunion

Sisters in the Mid-Atlantic are working with Sarah Harris, Director of Advancement to bring together former students and faculty of the Academy of the Holy Names, Silver Spring for a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 8. The goal of the gathering at St. Michael's in Silver Spring is to reconnect alumnae with one another and with the Sisters who founded the school. Alumnae will soon receive a save-the-date postcard inviting them to attend the all-class reunion. See below for a photo from our U.S.-Ontario Province Archives.



AHN Silver Spring library with Sister Joan Patricia Murphy.

New SNJM Youth Justice Forum Video

The SNJM Congregational office has prepared and posted a new video about the SNJM Youth Justice Forum. The video provides a behind-the-scenes glimpse of what the forum is all about, including comments from a number of Sisters and students from SNJM schools. Click this link to watch the video: <https://vimeo.com/173506457>



This picture of students and their volunteer leaders at the 2015 Youth Justice Forum appears in the new video.

Celebrating SNJM Ministries

Celebration of the AHN Albany Lower School

Earlier this summer, more than 150 people gathered at St. Joseph's Chapel to celebrate the legacy of the Lower School at Academy of the Holy Names, Albany and those who served there.



Four Lower School principals were in attendance at the celebration in Albany.
L-R: Ann Marean, SNJM; Colleen Wahl, Lower School Division Head; Virginia Bonan, SNJM and Virginia Dunn, SNJM.

Ramona Welcomes Emerging Leaders

Students and faculty mentors from Ramona Convent Secondary School guided 40 seventh- and eighth-grade young women from 21 local schools at Ramona's first Emerging Leaders Seminar. Highlights included identifying personal leadership styles, strengthening speaking abilities, developing interpersonal skills and planning service projects to implement at their home school communities. Read more at:

<http://pasadenanow.com/pasadenaschools/ramona-welcomes-emerging-leaders/#.V360-qKzx-A>

On the Province Website

Blog: Holy Names Voices

Writers are exploring "The Arts" as our topic this month on the Holy Names Voices blog.

Click on the link below to read an essay by Janet Walton, SNJM, about the power art has to challenge and change us: <http://www.snjmusontario.org/who-we-are/blog-holy-names-voices/2146-the-arts-what-art-intends-to-do-to-us>

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