

SNJM Stories

Spirit of Hospitality Continues at Former Properties

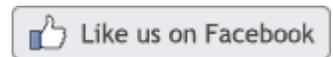
Some former SNJM properties in Seattle are serving as places of welcome for immigrants and refugees. Last summer, St. Joseph Parish purchased the Sisters' Faculty House near Holy Names Academy, Seattle. They plan to use it for emergency housing for refugee families. A former SNJM convent building now houses the St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center, which offers an Immigrant Assistance Program that provides ESL tutoring, legal services, citizenship preparation and volunteer opportunities. It is heartwarming to see these properties carry on the spirit of hospitality.



Sisters, Associates, friends and neighbors gathered at St. Joseph Faculty House to mark its closure as a local SNJM house in Seattle in August 2016.

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SNJM Community Voices Support for Refugees and Immigrants

As stated the SNJM General Chapter Acts of 2011 and 2016, the Sisters of the Holy Names are called "to partner with immigrants, refugees, and indigenous people to resist racism, advocate for human rights and create welcoming communities." In recent weeks, the SNJM

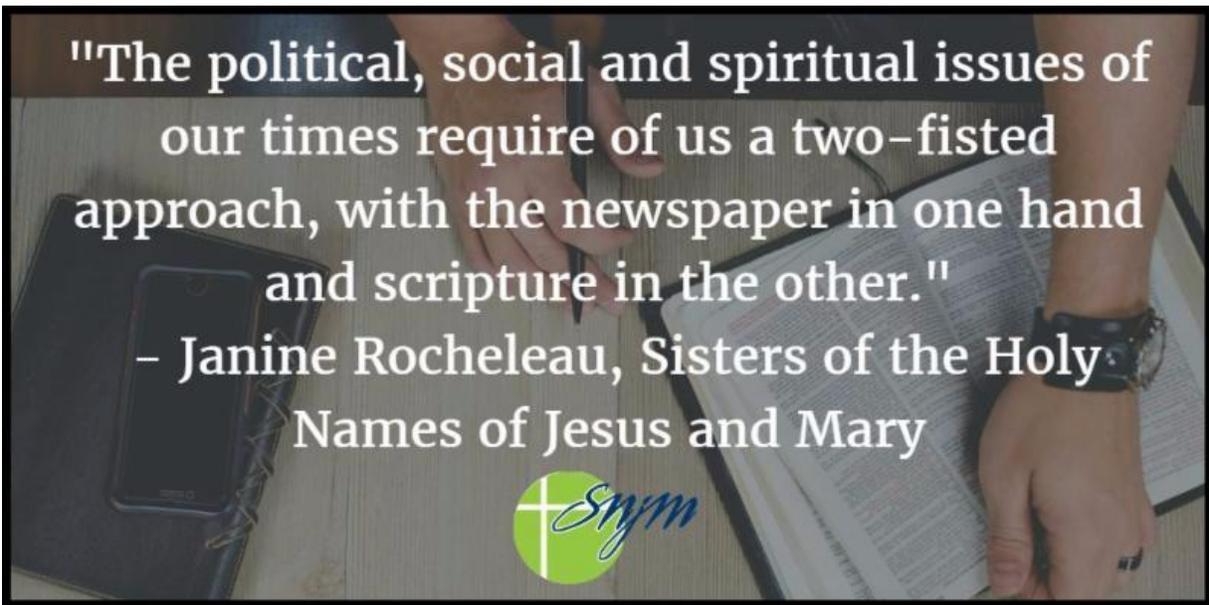
community has been presented with many opportunities to stand up and speak out against the unfair treatment and villainization of immigrants and refugees.

On Feb. 8, the Province Leadership Team issued a public statement calling for a "just and reasonable resolution" following the executive order seeking to bar refugees and immigrants from entering the United States. [Click here to read the SNJM statement](#). This was in response to the public statement of concern by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious on Jan. 30, which is available to read on their website. [Click here to read the LCWR statement](#).

Soon after the public statement was released, the Province Leadership Team joined an interfaith amicus brief supporting the case *Darweesh v. Trump*. The case challenges the President's executive order of Jan. 27. In keeping with the Gospel value of "welcoming the stranger," the Province joined over 50 faith groups in support of this case including the LCWR, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Massachusetts Council of Churches, African American Ministers Leadership and Catholic Charities Community Services, NY. [Click here to read the brief and all those who support it](#).

As part of National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) from March 8-14, the Province Leadership Team called on the SNJM community to continue to advocate for the human rights of immigrants and refugees by writing to elected public officials. The Province Communications office distributed a specially designed "Welcome the Stranger" template to use for the letter-writing campaign.

In addition to promoting the letter-writing campaign during NCSW, the Province office used Twitter and Facebook to share quotations from Sisters, like the one pictured below. The quotes are from a calendar that the Congregation published in 1993 as part of the 150th SNJM anniversary celebration. To see the other quotes, visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.



Documentary About Apostolic Visitation

America Reframed, a social-issue documentary series, broadcast the film "Radical Grace" on March 14 on the World channel. The documentary follows Sisters Simone Campbell, Chris Schenk and Jean Hughes in the aftermath of the 2008 apostolic visitation. The documentary can be streamed online on the World channel's website. [Click here to stream the documentary online.](#)

Celebrating SNJM Ministries

Tutwiler Clinic's Future Is Bright

The Sun-Sentinel of Charleston, MS has published an article about the history and positive future outlook for the Tutwiler Clinic. [Click here to read the article.](#)

HNA Students Attend Anti-Trafficking Vigil in Seattle

Holy Names Academy students participated in the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center's anti-trafficking vigil in downtown Seattle on Sunday, March 6. IPJC sponsors this monthly vigil

to bring attention to the issue of sex and labor trafficking. [Click here to learn more about the vigil.](#)



On the Province Website

Holy Names Voices Blog

Newspaper writer Carrie McClish's journey as an Associate candidate began when Carol Selak, SNJM (East Bay) asked her an intriguing question. In our most recent blog post, Carrie writes about what she has learned along the way. [Click here to read her story.](#)

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