Deepening Faith on El Camino
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Father Junipero Serra, OFM, who will be canonized a saint in September by Pope Francis, probably walked over 15,000 miles in his lifetime. Sister Teresa Yoon, CSJ, has now walked about 1,800 miles. She still has a ways to go. A grace that Father Junipero Serra and Sister Teresa share in common appears to be persistence in the face of challenges.

Meet Father Serra

Father Serra was born in Majorca, an island off the coast of Spain in 1713. He entered the Franciscan Order at the age of 16. In time he earned a degree as a Doctor of Philosophy and was renowned as a teacher and preacher. In his early 30s, he asked to be sent to New Spain as a missionary. Once landed in Veracruz, Father Serra and his companions walked over 250 miles through mountainous terrain to reach Mexico City. On this journey, he was bitten on the leg by a poisonous insect, leaving him with a chronic sore that never healed and caused him great pain for the rest of his life. He served as a missionary in the Sierra Madres and as a professor of philosophy in Mexico City until he was 54. In 1767, he was sent to Baja California to take over the missions from the Jesuits who had been expelled for political reasons. Two years later Serra travelled with the Portola Expedition to Upper California where he became the leader in founding the 21 California missions. Junipero Serra died at the age of 71 at Mission Carmel and he is buried at the foot of the altar there.

Meet Sister Teresa Yoon

Longing for Faith

Sister Teresa Yoon's spiritual journey began when her aunt took her to Mass for the first time. Teresa was six years old. Born and raised in Korea, her father followed the teachings of Confucius, her mother was Buddhist. Teresa cherished her first visit to the Catholic Church. "The atmosphere was so holy, 'a wave of black and white,'" she called it. "All the men had black hair and sat on one side of the church; all the women wore white veils and sat on the other side." When she returned home, Teresa took a clean diaper from her baby brother's supply and using it as a veil she "played Church" in a corner when no one was looking. "Over time my aunt taught me about the Church and the depth of her faith and the mystery of the Eucharist," she remembers, "I wanted what she had." When Teresa was in her early teens she went with a friend to Mass each Sunday, attended RCIA and memorized the Baltimore catechism. Because of her age, she needed her parents' permission to be baptized, but they did not approve.

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It wasn't until she came to the United States that Sister Teresa began to consider religious life. One day she approached the superior of a Korean congregation, telling the story of her conversion and what she believed to be God's call. "You're too American now for a Korean community," the nun told her. Dismayed and discouraged, Teresa walked away. Looking back, however, she believes this woman gave her good advice. "In time", she says, "I became grateful for her wisdom." Teresa was nearing forty. She feared that she was now too old to be accepted into religious life.

In 1991, she made an appointment to see Sister Jane Delisle, CSJ, the vocation director in Orange, but when she arrived, Jane was not there. Teresa had come a week too early. "It was when I walked back to my car that I saw the statue of St. Joseph in front of the Motherhouse. It was March 19th, his feast day; I took that as a good sign. I was nervous about meeting Sister Jane because I didn't think my English was very strong and so I prayed, 'God, if you really want me, you've got to help me communicate.'"

"Sister Jane listened to my story, shared with me about other congregations and asked me to check them out. I did what she said. I explored and learned more about religious life. Ultimately, I came back to Orange. I knew that this is where I belonged."

Today, Sister Teresa Yoon, who has a Master's Degree in Social Work, ministers as an oncology social worker at St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton. In addition, she is a spiritual director for the growing Korean community in Orange County.

Life Begins at 60

"Many Korean people believe that real life begins at 60."
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60. It is then that one is mature and better able to understand the meaning of life. So in Korea, at 60, it is a time to pay attention to oneself,” says Sister Teresa, “a time to enjoy life and to seek its deeper meaning. As I was turning 60, I saw this as a turning point for me to reflect on my past and what might be asked of me in the future.”

In 2012, Teresa asked for and was given permission to take a sabbatical. “I would like to go as a pilgrim to the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain,” she wrote, “I will follow the footsteps of St. James the Apostle who proclaimed the Kingdom of God to the people of Spain. I will walk by myself, my companions will be St. James and Jesus and the Holy Spirit.” Before she began the pilgrimage, Teresa visited her mother in Korea. Her mother was both ill and fragile and Teresa thought that she might not see her again.

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Along the way I met pilgrims from Canada, the United States, Austria, Ireland, New Zealand, Poland, Korea and South Africa. Some had small flags attached to their backpacks to represent their countries. Whatever our languages, we greeted each other with ‘Hola’ and ‘Buen Camino’.

I can’t begin to describe the joy of the pilgrims when we reached Compostela. There was much celebrating, jumping and hugging. During Mass that day I cried in gratitude for how much I was loved by God.

The conclusion of my sabbatical was sending my mom to God. She had asked to be baptized and after that she was more peaceful and gentle with the family and her nurses. I was with her saying the rosary when she died. It was a profound grace for me.”

Walking in Father Serra’s Footsteps

In 2014, Sister Teresa was inspired by Father Serra’s zeal and fortitude to walk the 740 miles of the El Camino Real. She invited a number of friends, who she had been accompanying through the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius, to join her.

“Because I was the leader on this trip,” she recalled, “I spent months before-hand studying the roads and stopping-off places. Safety was an issue. We started in San Diego and did at least one trek a month between missions for thirteen months, ending in Sonoma. We walked about 20 miles each day, starting by 6:00 AM, eating a hasty lunch at McDonald’s and spending most nights at Motel 6. Each day we attended Mass at one of the missions and asked the celebrant to give us a blessing for our journey. We prayed together in Korean along the way. I learned a good deal about the history of California on that journey. Most of all, I learned, by God’s grace, to be a humble leader. There was much give and take along the way. Sometimes I was the one who had to give. Month to month, I came to a deeper understanding of myself before God – that I was but a humble human creature that I could and would make mistakes in life, that in spite of my human flaws I was deeply loved by God. Sisters of St. Joseph are called to a self-emptying love. It was on this journey that I experienced for the first time the grace of radical emptiness. Our pilgrimage ended this past April in Sonoma. There is much to learn on a long walk with God.”

Did Father Serra Set Foot on our Property?

Sister Marián Madden was absolutely convinced that Father Serra, his fellow missionaries and a number of leather-jacketed soldiers, tread upon our property in Orange during the month of July in 1769. As members of an expedition led by Gaspar de Portola, Father Serra and his companions were the first Europeans to set foot in California. Traveling northward over rough trails from Loreto in Baja California, the first task of the Portola Expedition was to found a mission near San Diego Bay. It wasn’t easy. One of the ships bringing food and supplies to San Diego was lost at sea and never heard from again. Two other ships bypassed San Diego and sailed far to the north before recognizing their error and turning southward again. On the feast of St. Joseph, March 19th, one of these ships found their way to San Diego. The majority of the sailors died of scurvy at sea or several days after landing. Some of the soldiers from the land expedition died of starvation. The indigenous population near San Diego was not eager to share their land.

After Father Serra planted a large mission cross in San Diego, the Portola Expedition headed north by land in search of Monterey Bay. On July 27, 1769, they camped on the bank of Santiago Creek — a stone’s throw from the Sister’s future Motherhouse. On July 28, 1769, they camped on the left bank of the Santa Ana River (near Lincoln and Batavia). There was a strong earthquake early that morning with four aftershocks. The soldiers named the river Rio de Santa Ana de los Temblores (Santa Ana River of the Earthquakes). Today on Main Street just south of Chapman, a mission bell marks the path along the El Camino Real. A mission bell, unauthorized by the State, stands on our property too. It’s a reminder that this is holy ground.
It's not easy though. TSJ trainees need to be on time every day, with the right attitude, and remain drug free. Not everyone can do that. Some in David's group found it too hard and dropped out early on. Yet the group that remained is fully committed. They appreciate the support and recognize the opportunity. “We were trouble makers,” said a fellow trainee. “Now we’re brothers. We cheer each other on.”

“Tscher School prepares people for our industry,” declared Brad Silva, the National Training Manager at Bergelectric Corporation. Silva shared his experiences of Taller San Jose with his industry colleagues at the luncheon. He encouraged them not only to come alongside TSJ financially, but to volunteer and share their industry experience. Coach them. Participate in mock interviews. Silva explained “There’s nothing like the enthusiasm of a young person ready to get a job.”

The Builder’s Lunch is a generous effort by the construction industry to support young adults in TSJ’s program. Builders give and they get the satisfaction of seizing an opportunity to do some good, and get a skilled workforce with an attitude to succeed. John McRitchie from McCarthy Construction welcomed the professionals to the lunch and described the changes he had seen in Santa Ana thanks to Taller San Jose.

Shawna Smith, Taller San Jose’s Executive Director and CEO, praised Mike Carver of R.J. Noble Construction for providing $100,000 (actually a $300K commitment spread over 3 years) to help TSJ expand its successful programs by adding another site in Anaheim. The Anaheim expansion planned for late 2015 will serve 200 more youth annually in addition to the 350 attending programs in Santa Ana.

As if a starting bell had rung, McLamb raised his voice with a rhetorical question: how’s the economy doing? That was the signal for industry attendees to start a sort of roll call of support for TSJ. Hands went up. Names were shouted out. Clark, PCL, Bergelectric, HDC, Control Air, Land Mark Electric, Southland Industries, A.O. Reed, Conco, Critchfield, Helix, CMG, A.J. Kirkwood, Murray, Pilot Paint, J&B, Northstar, Outside the Lines, Rebar Engineering and others seized various levels of partnerships and support. In minutes, over $100,000 was raised. “Our subs [subcontractors] are second to none in the country,” declared McLamb with pride.

As the construction pros departed for their job sites, some lingered to talk with trainees. When the event concluded, David and his classmates huddled together, cleaned up and went back to class.
Sister Christine Schleich

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JUBILARIANS 2015

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange rejoice in gratitude for the gift of our 2015 jubilarians and their response to God’s call.

Sister Rose Marie Redding

“Yeah, I Guess I Can Do That.”

It’s not surprising when a Sister of St. Joseph makes the best out of the situation she finds herself in, but it’s no less remarkable when she does it. Sister Rose Marie Redding is that kind of person. She has been on God’s front lines, offering a compassionate presence to those she encountered.

Sister Rose Marie entered the community at the close of World War II. She immediately found herself assigned to a kindergarten classroom. “Ready or not, you fill in where you were needed. It was just obedience,” Sister Rose Marie states.

“I really love teaching and seeing the light go on in a student’s eyes when they learn something new,” she says. Sister Rose Marie taught grades K-12, and served in many of the Sisters’ stateside schools from Eureka, California to Lubbock, Texas.

By the mid-’70s, Sister Rose Marie had served in the classroom in four decades. A new assignment brought her to Orange to work with Sister Henrietta Savageau. “She was an amazing woman,” Rose Marie describes with admiration. “Nothing stopped her.”

Rose Marie taught CCE and religious release time education. With the probation department, she started a class for incarcerated minors called Creative Options. The class was designed to teach kids to find a way out of situations that could get them into trouble. Then she read about Vietnamese refugees at Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

While teaching a religion class at Pendleton, a Vietnamese priest stopped by and said “I need you at my camp. Can you come on Monday?” When Sister Rose Marie arrived and entered the designated tent, the small group she expected turned out to be well over 100 strong with all generations stuffed into the confined space. The priest brought her to the front and explained to the congregation in melodic Vietnamese that Sister would help them learn the Mass in English. “As the Mass continued, I felt my world was expanding and God was stretching me. I felt totally at home,” she remembers.

Sister Rose Marie was hooked. She and Sisters Henrietta and Denise soon helped to place refugee families out of Camp Pendleton. “There was so much to do all over the place,” recalled Rose Marie. Catholic, Lutheran and Jewish “volags” (volunteer agencies) worked hard to get sponsors for the people to help them transition and integrate. But sponsor was a vague term.

Everyone was concerned about human trafficking, though it wasn’t called trafficking then. The sponsor process was careful at first, then began to speed up. Some sponsors were wonderful, others unscrupulous. One group sponsored 80 families, which became a pool of slave labor. “I know this because I helped to rescue them,” recalls Sister Rose Marie.

Sister Rose Marie tends to find little niches to serve people in need. In the early ‘80s, she helped deaf students in Pomona with Adult Basic Education (ABE). She assisted developmentally disabled adults through the Orange County Association for Retarded Citizens. For a few years, she served as a coordinator at Regina Residence. By the early ‘90s, through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, she worked with the younger siblings of kids in Juvenile Hall. While visiting the Hall, the Catholic Chaplain said he needed her to volunteer there. “Yeah, I guess I can do that,” she replied. Sister Rose Marie has been serving in juvenile justice detention ministry ever since.

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Sister Ellen O’Leary  60 years

A Deep Capacity for Compassion

In 1968 Sister Ellen O’Leary was teaching at Christ the King School in Lubbock, Texas and also directing the school. With a relatively small student body, the football team was called on to participate in the musical including learning the Scottish marriage dance. Many high school football players would balk at the idea of performing on stage but under Sister Ellen’s guidance these boys had such a wonderful time they promised her they would make guests at their own weddings perform the dance too. It wasn’t the first time Sister Ellen had inspired her students to do something they thought was impossible and it wouldn’t be the last.

“I had so much love in my heart. I just wanted to give it to them,” she said about her students. A teacher for 24 years, Sister Ellen still hears from some of her students decades later. When they show and tell her how she encouraged and impacted their lives, she’s often overwhelmed. “I didn’t even know I had that much love in me.”

When the time came to move on from teaching, Sister Ellen felt a call to get involved with justice work. In 1981 she became the Program Coordinator at Casa Teresa, a ministry that serves homeless pregnant women. She continued her work there for 12 years and during that time she joined the Sisters’ Eco Justice Committee, a role she continues in today.

Sister Ellen is still passionate about impacting young people. She combines this with her love for nature as a naturalist and teacher at the IRWD San Joaquin Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. There she provides children, many of whom come from the inner city of Santa Ana, with a safe, peaceful place to learn and connect with nature. She hopes they can experience the goodness of God the way she has in her own life.

“I know in the deepest part of myself that I am not alone, that God has been with me. No matter what the circumstances in my life, I know that I am walking with a faithful God.”

Sister Judith Fergus  60 years

Bringing About the Kingdom of God

“When I entered 60 years ago, I thought I would die in the habit in an 8th grade classroom,” says Sister Judith Fergus with a matter-of-fact, hyperbolic delivery that is her trademark. In reality, sisters get called to do lots of things. Sister Judith has been a teacher, administrator of the retirement residence, served in congregational leadership and as a novice director, and spiritual director. All of the callings included some element of teaching which Sister Judith still loves to do.

“Everything I’ve been asked to do has turned out blessed for me,” confides Sister Judith. For the past nine years she has been teaching out of the Mission Integration Department at St. Joseph Health. Instead of eighth graders, health care professionals are her students.

Sister Judith produces a daily reflection that is shared throughout the health system office and reaches hundreds of additional partners in mission at hospital sites. She leads presentations for Mission and Mentoring, Mission Gains Momentum and LoFT programs. Each of these programs teaches employees about the Sisters of St. Joseph’s heritage and why sisters do what they do.

Where it really gets interesting is her Mission and Mentoring presentation on religious life and the history of the Sisters. Participants can anonymously ask any question they want about what it’s like to be a nun: “Why do few enter the community today? Have you ever wanted to leave? Are you happy? What is it like to live with vows?”

Sister Judith enjoys the opportunity to get to a deeper level. Many questions carry an underlying reverence for the Sisters of St. Joseph and concern for carrying the mission into the future.

Sister Judith lights up, “that’s what gets me excited! When lay people pick up the mission, I know the future is going to be fine with or without us. I am asked to bring about the Kingdom of God. There’s a lot of work to do in this little Kingdom. It’s good to have someone to do it with.”

Sister Diane Hejna  50 years

Mission Innovation: The Irresistible Impulse to Create

“Creative juices run hot through our veins,” says Sister Diane Hejna, who believes that God gave each of us the gift to create, organize and fashion. “When creativity is flowing freely, work doesn’t feel like work. Inspiration, the spirit within us, gets us moving. Idea builds upon idea and action steps naturally fall into place. We’re a little braver than usual and a little wiser than we’ve noticed in the past. There’s a certainty to our thoughts and actions that feels right.”

Creativity is big at The Innovation Institute where Sister Diane is clearly proud and energized to serve as Vice President of Mission Integration. Though The Innovation Institute is a for-profit company created to benefit the healthcare industry, much of the young company’s heritage is Catholic, making the Institute’s mission and values look very familiar. The Institute recognizes employees with Values in Action awards and also celebrates St. Joseph’s Day.

Sister Diane participates in decision-making and strategic development as an active member of the Institute’s executive management team. She communicates the mission and values to everyone in the Institute. Sister Diane is excited about the Institute eventually establishing a foundation – a separate non-profit – that will develop low cost services and products that meet the needs of the most vulnerable and underserved.

“We’re a young company, but we’re rooted in mission,” says Sister Diane. “Working in a culture of mission and values is what we do.” Sister Diane knows how to nurture this. She began her healthcare ministry as a nurse and later served in leadership roles at St. Jude Medical Center, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, St. Mary Medical Center and St. Joseph Health. In addition to her experience in health care, Sister Diane is a Trustee on the Mercy Housing, Inc. Board and has served in congregational leadership.

We rejoice with gratitude for our Sisters and their response to God’s call. Celebrating Jubilee years in 2015 are:

What is The Innovation Institute?

Sister Diane’s place of ministry is an idea incubator for the healthcare industry. The Innovation Institute nurtures creative ideas of employees and physicians to bring breakthrough processes and products to where they can help people. To learn more about The Innovation Institute, read Sister Diane’s full story on the Sister Stories page of our website.

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Sister Rose Marie Redding

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Sister Christine Schleich
Sister Ellen O’Leary
Sister Hildegard Dittrich
Sister Judith Fergus
Sister Mary Jean Pezza
Sister Patricia Wagner

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Sister Sarah Jordan

Look for more stories featuring these remarkable women in 2015.
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By special remembrance in the Sisters’ daily prayer and Mass offerings, we honor the following people at the request of their friends and relatives. The following are Honorees between February 1, 2015 and May 19, 2015.

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- Joseph A. Gordon
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Memorials

All deceased CSJs by
- Kenneth & Gloria Gaddis
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- Charles & Mary Pratto
- David Martin Beu
- Fredrick H. & Carol Beu
- Virginia Bilante
- Joseph A. Cricello
- Earl Blaick & Linda Blaick
- Roberto Black & Roger Brockman
- Viola M. Beets
- Charles T. Cullen
- Salle Jac Schafor
- Sr. Joan Cunningham, CSJ
- By Ruth P. Duonce
- Sharon S. Dolan
- By Gary Dolan
- Afla Galaviz
- Diane Gesler
- Luisa Gonzales
- Nicholas Guan
- Juanita Gutierrez
- Mila Gutierrez
- Miguel Lopez
- Perla Lopez
- Angelica Mendoza Macias
- Margaret Mapes
- Margarita Martinez
- Mariela Mejia
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- Maria Elena Perales
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- Shelly Summers
- Paul Tuccio

Bequest Gifts

We deeply appreciate the estate planning of deceased partners in mission who included the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange in their will and trust in 2015.

- Faith Corey
- Beverly B. Kempkey

In Memoriam

SISTER KAREN WILKINS, CSJ
October 30, 1931 - April 16, 2015
67 Years a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange

- Mary T. & Paul Drazba
- Walter & Harriet Drazba, Jr
- Rosemary Drazba
- Susan Frankrich
- by Charley & Mary Pratto
- Sr. John Gabriel, CSJ
- by Marilyn Shukilin
- The Gough Family
- by Jeanette M. Gough
- Faith Marie Haack
- by Walter & Harriet Drazba, Jr
- Jorgo Jarevki
- by Donald & Sheila
- Rose & Charles Kovac
- by Peggy S. Lawton
- Thomas Lawton
- by John E. McEligott
- Josefa Lopez
- by Peter J. McEligott
- by Paul Drazba
- by Adele G. Guibert
- Sr. Helen Louise, CSJ
- by Marilyn Shukilin
- Sr. Anne Lynch, CSJ
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- Sr. Kit Gray, CSJ
- Sr. Rita A. Ellis
- Sr. Pat Hansron, CSJ
- Sr. Maureen Murphy Jenkins
- Sr. Diane Hejna, CSJ
- Sr. Frank & Patricia Hall
- Sr. Mary Ellen Glauser
- Sr. Sarah Jordan, CSJ
- Sr. James & Susan Gardner
- Sr. Madeleva Williams, CSJ
- Sr. Mary Ellen Glauser
- Sr. Kentucky of Orange
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Sister Stories
Saturday, July 18
2:00 p.m. | St. Joseph Center Auditorium
Enjoy laughs and poignant moments as sisters’ stories are shared in dramatized narratives by professional actors and LMU students.

Forum on Poverty
Saturday, October 24
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Center Auditorium
What is really happening with the poor in Orange County and beyond, and what can be done about it? This event is sponsored by the St. Joseph Justice Center.

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