Thursday, July 25, 2019 witnessed the opening of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange Welcoming Center. Its completion is a significant step in the process of redesigning the St. Joseph Center campus - aka the Motherhouse grounds - for future ministry.

As previously reported with Phase One (major renovations to the College and Spirituality Buildings) and Phase Two (modernizing the campus kitchen and improvements to accessibility throughout the site), the construction effort is designed to meet anticipated facility needs in the decades to come. "Mission Forward" stewards resources to advance our mission of unity and reconciliation through service to the dear neighbor.

Phase Three, the creation of the Welcoming Center, puts an exclamation point on Mission Forward! The Welcoming Center serves as the new "front door" for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. If you come to visit us, this is your destination.

Previously, the front door would have been the Motherhouse building. However, the Motherhouse is not needed as a residence. There are other uses for this building to benefit the community. With the Welcoming Center established, the path is opened to renovate the Motherhouse to become Villa St. Joseph, an affordable housing community for seniors and veterans that will be operated by Mercy Housing.

Yes, that means more construction is in our future. In the meantime, there is breathing room before the next phase gets underway, and we can delight in the new Welcoming Center. And what a beautiful building it is!

It is really very simple - the Welcoming Center welcomes you. There are only four spaces within the building: Lobby, Parlor, Conference Room and Heritage Room. Yet soul-lifting details and discoveries continue to reveal themselves even months after the building opened. Here are some highlights.
TRANSFORMED BY LOVE

Inside, visitors are warmly greeted in a spacious lobby. The openness draws you toward two features just beyond the entrance.

Directly ahead is the Spirit Wall, which identifies the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange in word and symbol. A niche suspends the heart sculpture "Transformed by Love." Each moment is a new opportunity to receive and reflect God's loving presence.

Drama unfolds as visitors move into the new Heritage Room. A mixed-media History Wall features scenes from our founding in Le Puy, France to the present day. Calligrapher Barbara Close connected it all with a ribbon taken from Article 14 of our Constitution.

Mother Bernard's desk seems to float in the corner of the transparent, glass-walled room. One can visualize her with pen in hand writing to clergy, friends and business associates. Drawers on either side of the desk hold documents and personal artifacts belonging to Mother Bernard.

Tablets in the Heritage Room contain more to view and experience. One highlight is a recording of Mother Bernard's voice. Take a self-guided tour, or call ahead to arrange for a docent.

Opposite from Mother Bernard's desk is a Word Wall. Each sister was invited to share a sacred word unique to their lived story. The resulting calligraphy, also by artist Barbara Close, reveals the heartbeat of the congregation. Various languages represent the gifts and hopes of our sisters, expressed through ministry and life throughout the world.

FRAMING NATURAL BEAUTY

With long lines and numerous angles, the outside of the Welcoming Center frames the beauty of its natural surroundings. Each tilt of your head seems to reveal another photo op.

Metal panels are cut to be reminiscent of lace. Lace making was an important means of sustaining the early sisters and teaching others a trade to lift them out of dire circumstances. This is perhaps revealed even more in the shadows they cast.

The winged roof extends past the building's footprint to provide shade and shelter around its perimeter. Its numerous angles direct rainwater to the middle of the building where it is guided to huge underground tanks in the garden.

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to architect Mara Wells from architectural firm NBBJ. John Pangrazio, Liz Jacks and Kim Selby from NBBJ contributed to all three phases. We also recognize Miles Kelley Construction for building this dream. To the many sisters and craftspeople with a hand in creating the Welcoming Center, especially Sisters Mary Bernadette McNulty, JoAnn Tabor and Sarah Jordan, our gratitude abounds.
Every Day Can Be a Day of Service

"E"very time we sponsor the Day of Service I’m amazed by the gratitude participants express for being given the opportunity to serve," shares Maria Elena Perales, director of the St. Joseph Justice Center.

The Justice Center organized a Day of Service in Our Neighborhoods on the last Saturday of September for the fourth year in a row.

"Participants come back at the end of the day a little tired, yet happy to share how they have made new friends and are very thankful for the opportunity to serve the dear neighbor," continues Perales.

The idea of the Day of Service is to venture into the neighborhoods and work together with others to meet the needs they have found. It is the same action taken by the first Sisters of St. Joseph nearly 370 years ago in Le Puy, France, and still carried on today by sisters and like-minded friends around the world.

Over 100 volunteers met at St. Joseph Center in Orange for prayer and reflection, before being sent to their service sites. Service sites are pre-arranged locations throughout Orange County that have a need for volunteer assistance. Participants could pick from 14 different sites from which to volunteer.

Volunteer groups assist at their site for a few hours before returning to St. Joseph Center for refreshment and conversation about the day. Volunteers come back year after year, though often select a new site to experience.

Each Day of Service has included a different list of service sites. Sites are usually within a few miles in communities like Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange and Santa Ana, though volunteers may travel as far as Brea, Irvine or Stanton if there is a need to be met. The Family of Joseph is also known for organizing simultaneous Days of Service in other communities like Humoldt County.

Some needs must be met with specialty skills or physical effort, though overall anyone with a heart to serve can volunteer. There is room for everyone.

In 2019, volunteers enthusiastically prepared lunches, played games, cleaned kitchens, organized food pantries, decorated, gardened, wrote letters and even started to crochet blankets.

"It is wonderful to witness how volunteers go out to serve, hoping that their work will make a difference in someone’s life," Perales expresses. "At the end, they are surprised to find out that it is their lives that have been impacted by the people they have met and the work they have done."

Though the Day of Service is offered in September, service sites are often in need of volunteers year round. Volunteers may continue to serve at a location which they tried at the Day of Service. Anyone seeking to volunteer at a service site throughout the year may contact yaltamirano@csjorange.org. Every day can be a day of service.

Save the Date
Fifth Annual Day of Service
Saturday, September 26, 2020
Helping People
FIND THEIR WAY

Divide the city...
Find out the needs...
And with people of
like heart, serve the
Dear Neighbor
without distinction.
Global Sisterhood
Q&A with Sister Jayne Helmlinger

Sister Jayne Helmlinger currently has a dual role as General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange and President of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR). She was elected in 2018. LCWR is an association of the leaders of congregations of Catholic women religious in the U.S. Its members represent about 36,000 Catholic sisters. The conference works collaboratively to further the mission of the Gospel in today's world. This brief Q&A shares some of her experience thus far.

What are your responsibilities in the role as LCWR President?

The “Office of the Presidency” operates as a three-person presidency: President, President Elect and Past President. The Office of the Presidency and the Executive Director of LCWR work together as a Team, representing LCWR nationally and globally. The President chairs the LCWR National Board and together with the National Office Ministers, leads the organization.

There are times when it is appropriate for the President to represent LCWR, either with her presence or through interviews with the media. The statutes of LCWR refer to the President as the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. There are certain times when it is the President who represents LCWR, such as leading the annual Rome visits with the various dicasteries that comprise the Roman Curia.

What called you to serve LCWR this way?

It was a combination of the support I received from various LCWR Regions across the US, as well as from individual members of LCWR. The gifts needed for LCWR at this time lend themselves to my own gifts. Another compelling aspect was the ever-growing international focus and understanding of the
“global sisterhood.” Given the make-up of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange in terms of diversity, as well as our own desire to remain connected globally, this movement was in sync with my own sense of where Religious Life is moving now and in the future.

**In what ways does your LCWR work benefit the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange?**

While the role is first and foremost for the organization of LCWR, it does benefit my congregation because I bring back to our Sisters what I’m learning about the thinking and movements of Religious Life, globally. In addition, I bring my own lived experience of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange – a microcosm of what is occurring globally in terms of intergenerational and intercultural living.

**What are the emerging trends among women religious? How is LCWR addressing these trends?**

I’ve been a part of the Emergent Planning Design Team since October 2018 and the process continues. After surveys, interviews, zoom calls and bringing various groups together to discern what God is asking of LCWR at this time, we’ve named five “emerging orientations” about LCWR now and into the future.

- Global
- LCWR Porous Boundaries
- Integrative Partnerships for Religious Life and Mission
- Mission Focus in the Public Square
- Technologically Astute

We will continue articulating what each of these orientations mean for LCWR; and I will continue to use these as a way to dialogue with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange as we move into the future.

**What has surprised or delighted you in your service with LCWR? What are some highlights of your service thus far?**

I’ve enjoyed the people with whom I journey within and outside of LCWR; in particular, the sisters in the National Office, the LCWR Board and the sisters who comprise the Office of the Presidency. In addition, I’ve been a part of the Design Team with five other sisters, and a member of the Contemporary Religious Life Committee.

Because of my role within LCWR, I’ve been able to attend other conferences, including the InterAmerican Conference (Guatemala, Mexico, US and Canada) gathering in Chiapas, Mexico where we shared our experiences of assisting those in the migration crisis impacting all our countries.

Another experience that was important in terms of better understanding the Roman Curia was the visits to the various dicasteries in the Vatican. Meeting with the various Cardinals and Bishops who oversee the work of these dicasteries and engaging in dialogue in a small group setting, was helpful for all of us to better understand one another. The relationship building that LCWR has and continues to do with the Roman Curia is important. Relationships are the heart of how Women Religious engage with the world; including the Roman Curia!

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How a Little-Known Spiritual Practice Helps You Hear God

Spiritual Directors are in demand. The Art of Spiritual Direction program helps to form them.

If we are intent on responding ever better to the love of God, we will find the kind of quiet in which the movement of God in our life becomes all the more apparent. – St. Ignatius

We all have times when we feel … unsettled. Sometimes we know what’s causing our unease, but not always. Maybe we have suffered a loss or are facing hard times. Maybe we long for something more. Maybe we feel our prayer life is dry, and we want to get closer to God. Might these feelings actually be a message from God?

Seekers have been bringing these questions to wisdom figures since the beginning of time. The guidance that once came from ancient Christian desert monks now comes from places like parishes, retreat centers, and even private homes. It’s a little-known practice called spiritual direction, and it can change your life.

A “Powerfully Graced Time”

Ask Spiritual Director Jane DeLisle, CSJ to define spiritual direction and she’ll tell you, first, what it’s not. “It’s not counseling, although some skills are the same,” the co-director of Emmaus Spiritual Ministries’ says. “Spiritual directors don’t tell people what to do. Instead, we companion. We listen deeply, ask questions, and help people move deeper into the experience of feeling God at work right then and there. We help identify the action and presence of God in the midst of ordinary and sometimes extraordinary times. Directees discover their own answers through God’s grace.”

It’s an opportunity to reflect on God’s presence in your life.

Shirley Lew, La Palma, CA, says spiritual direction sessions helped her “recognize God. It surprised me, because it’s not part of my Baptist tradition, but it helped me see the urging in my heart was God speaking to me.”

It helped Tammy Gonzaga, as well. Raised a Seventh Day Adventist, the Tustin, CA woman says she began seeking spiritual direction during a particularly difficult time in her life. “It was suggested several times that I see a spiritual director,” Gonzaga says.

Global Sisterhood Q&A

Continued

The whole topic of the Global Sisterhood also captures my heart and my imagination. Because of our own demographics as a Congregation, and the relationships we have with specific congregations across the world, this is already part of the fabric of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. Having this emphasis with LCWR only enhances our ability to look beyond ourselves and engage our world wherever God calls us.

How does your involvement with LCWR influence your experience of and connection with sisters in the U.S. and around the world?

The Catholic Church is growing more culturally diverse and the experiences we have on the West Coast are a microcosm of what will become of our Church in the decades ahead.

My goal is to both influence and be influenced by the global sisterhood that I experience because of my role in LCWR. I bring my own congregational experiences with the global sisterhood by the intercultural and intergenerational makeup of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

How do you keep yourself grounded and/or refreshed in spite of a grueling schedule?

The members of our Council are very supportive. They have taken on more responsibilities so that I can give the attention that is needed in my LCWR role.

I've consistently kept my daily prayer and reflection time no matter where I find myself. Sometimes it means getting up earlier or staying up later for this; without it, none of what I do makes sense!

It is a lot to juggle and I'm committed to not letting the responsibilities for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange or LCWR slip. The key has been keeping an eye on what is needed and when; and adjusting my schedule to attend to both roles.

I also bring back to the congregation my reflections and learnings through the LCWR experiences because they are on this journey with me.
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“It was what my heart had needed and been longing for. The experience finally led me through the debris of my own life to God. I thought, ‘I am home.’”

In fact, Gonzaga and Lew were so moved by their experience that they felt a powerful call to share it with others. They enrolled in Emmaus Spiritual Ministries’ Art of Spiritual Direction (ASD) program to become spiritual directors themselves.

Becoming a Spiritual Director

God calls people to the ministry of spiritual direction, but to enroll in the Art of Spiritual Direction (ASD) - a training and formation program offered by Emmaus Spiritual Ministries and Loyola Marymount University - you also have to have been in spiritual direction for at least two years.

“We train you, but your credentials come from God,” Sr. Jane says. “It's a three-year formation process rooted in Ignatian spirituality, which helps you find God in all things. An essential aspect of the program is the spiritual community that is formed, which enhances the learning experience.”

The ASD program, today housed within the Sisters’ Emmaus Spiritual Ministries, has its roots in the Sisters’ ancestral past.

“We've been companioning people on their spiritual journey since 17th-century France, and here in Orange since the 1980s,” says Cynthia Mueller, Program Manager for Emmaus Spiritual Ministries. Herself a graduate of the ASD program, Mueller says the program is rich in its diversity and inclusive of people from all walks of life and faith traditions. “All presenters are experienced spiritual directors and possess a deep wisdom and expertise in their topic. The curriculum draws from a broad range of human experiences.”

Gonzaga, who completed her training in 2018, says the program’s emphasis on experiential training helped draw her to it.

“We explored issues of social justice, sexuality, and psychology in the context of human experience,” Gonzaga says. “Many of the presenters used art, drama and music to help students process the material well. I loved the learning environment with qualified teachers, practicum, mentor groups and reflection time. We always were reminded that Jesus is central, and that the Holy Spirit guides us.”

Lew, who graduated in 2014, says her experience nourished her personal spiritual growth, as well as her ministry in her American Baptist church.

“Everyone became very close,” she says. “We all had a willingness and openness to learn that God is not in a box. It helped tear down the walls that can divide people. Today, I use what I learned in my ministry with families. I ask, 'What do you think God is asking you to do?' Spiritual direction helps them see what the possibilities are.”

“We all felt like family,” Gonzaga adds. “My heart still feels like it’s going to explode with joy. This is what I was made for. I love it.”

The Art of Spiritual Direction trains and forms people to become spiritual directors. Programs like The Grace of Supervision and The Sojourner’s Well offer support for ongoing training, formation and refreshment in the ministry of spiritual direction. For more information about these and additional programs at Emmaus Spiritual Ministries, please visit EmmausSpiritualMinistries.org.
Since its founding in 1988, the CSJ Educational Network has ministered alongside Catholic schools up and down California. Often these schools have deep ties to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. But one such school, Rosary Academy, was never a member. Until this year.

The process was almost too easy once it got started.

After an encouraging conversation with Sister Jo Ann Eannareno, a member of Rosary’s board, Bret E. Allen, Director of the CSJ Educational Network, connected with Shawna Pautsch, Head of School at Rosary. Since the Educational Network had primarily worked with elementary schools, joining was never on the radar for Rosary, a Catholic high school in Fullerton. But Pautsch was immediately enthusiastic.

“To me, it seemed like a no-brainer to belong to the Educational Network,” she said. “I think any high school, especially Catholic high school, it’s important to understand your roots. Yes, we’re a Diocesan school and we do value that but we are also very connected to the sisters, and I think being connected to an order and their traditions is important for any school to understand its history.”

WHO WE ARE

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, under the direction of the LA Archdiocese, founded Rosary in 1965. When the Diocese of Orange was established in 1976, the school came under its jurisdiction but the impact of the sisters never diminished. Pautsch felt it was essential to continue honoring the sisters’ involvement.

“I think connecting with the Educational Network is really important because it helps us to remember the charism [and] to keep the charism and the tradition of the sisters alive, that sense of who we are as a campus,” Pautsch said. “The sisters did create a lot of the legacies that are here at Rosary.”

She got to see this firsthand earlier this year when the Class of 1969, the first to graduate from Rosary, held their 50th reunion. During the gathering, Pautsch heard alumnae say again and again how influential the sisters were in their school experience and in making Rosary what it is today.
THE FUTURE

For now, Rosary and the Educational Network’s relationship is the same as with any other member school. But moving forward, Allen knows they will need a unique approach to working with Rosary.

“The process that I’ve learned in working with high school is, for one thing, not everybody teaches religion,” he said. “Not everybody, necessarily, would want to come to Ministerial Formation. It wouldn’t necessarily be appropriate. So, I [am] very conscious of the fact that their needs as a secondary school would be different than an elementary.”

Rosary may also herald a new future for the Educational Network. At the moment, they are only one of two high schools who are members, the other being St. Bernard Academy in Eureka. However, Allen sees an opportunity to bring in more high schools, which he believes would be “a benefit to everybody.”

“Part of it is just the expansion of possibilities and the perspective that secondary educators bring to the mix,” he said. “Because the way in which education is done has similarities across the board but elementary teachers are focusing on skills and skill development for students to be competent in high school and the high school folks are taking [students] and moving them onto the next plateau. There’s all kinds of potential that could be part of this collaboration.”

As for Rosary and St. Bernard’s, they couldn’t be more different. Whereas Rosary is all girls and located in a suburban area, St. Bernard’s is co-ed, has foreign exchange students, and is in a more remote location. But that doesn’t mean they can’t learn from one another and perhaps even partner in long-distance learning. Allen is hopeful that Pautsch and Paul Shanahan, President/Principal of St. Bernard’s, will be able to meet and swap ideas, particularly at one of the meetings for Educational Network principals (pictured) that is held twice a year. In addition, Pautsch and Allen see the potential for Rosary to be of service to the Educational Network’s elementary schools.

“What ideas could surface?” Allen wondered. “What kind of possibilities exist where a secondary school can really have a positive effect on an elementary [school] and vice versa?”

Pautsch shares this hope. “We’re excited about what the future of being a part of the Educational Network can do.”

A New Partnership With the Diocese of Orange

In June 2019, the CSJ Educational Network hosted a retreat day for Diocese of Orange educators. Among the attendees was Dr. Denise Valadez, Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools. A conversation between her and Educational Network Director Bret E. Allen about how the Educational Network could be of service to the Diocese grew to eventually involve the Superintendent, Dr. Erin Barisano. The fruit of that discussion is a new Peer Leadership Program, a two-year experience for individuals in their second and third year of serving as principal.

The Peer Leadership Program offers professional development, spiritual formation, and the chance to hear from other successful principals. It also guides participants in creating the means and methods of advancing their schools. Participants gather for three sessions each year and Allen intends to visit each participant between sessions to check-in and provide additional resources if needed.

In actuality, the Peer Leadership Program isn’t new for the Educational Network but this iteration required a bit of revamping. Right now, there is one cohort consisting of second-year principals. But in 2020, there will be two cohorts as the current one moves into Peer Leadership’s final year and a different group of second-year principals forms a new cohort. The ongoing commitment between the Educational Network and the Diocese means that the cycle will repeat moving forward.

“It opens up all kinds of possibilities for us and the impact that the Educational Network can have with individual schools and with principals and with faculties rolling unity and reconciliation forward across the Diocese,” Allen says.

There’s also the increased exposure such a partnership provides the Educational Network, which is in year two of a three-year strategic plan to increase membership to between 25 and 30 total schools. In 2019, they’ve already picked up four schools, bringing them to 23.

Could the one-on-one experiences with principals help schools see the benefits of joining the Educational Network? Sure, but that’s not Allen’s main goal. He’s more focused on being of service to schools, principals, and the Diocese because that “radiates down” to being of service to teachers, students, and parents, which is what the Educational Network is all about.

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WE ARE ONE
St. Joseph Workers Create Their Community Covenant

In August, six women arrived in Orange, CA to start their year in the St. Joseph Worker Program. Before they dove into their service opportunities, they engaged in a week of learning about the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, the needs in Orange County, the program's core values, and one another. As orientation closed, the six St. Joseph Workers (SJWs) worked out how they would live in intentional community. The result is their Community Covenant.

“From the beginning, we knew the importance of building our community on two foundations: honesty and authenticity,” Annie says. “In creating the Community Covenant, we emphasized the importance of direct communication and, most importantly, the values we strive to live out day-to-day together.”

The Community Covenant includes a mission statement (see page 14), weekly schedules, and spiritual commitments. It identifies the causes the SJWs will support: raising money for the Pregnancy Resource Center and creating “health bags” to pass out to homeless persons. It also breaks down simple things, like cleaning and cooking schedules.

Lutonia points out “[it] provides a clear role for each community member, we all have a chance to help one another out when we go through busy schedules, and this prioritizes our community time together.”

The process wasn't without challenges. Though the six women shared a commitment to the program, they came from different backgrounds and faith experiences. Some had never used a vacuum cleaner while others were still adjusting to Southern California. Plus, they were still getting to know one another.

“We brought our ideas on the table. Some of them [were] linked with our culture, up-bringing or previous experience but out of those we made a creative and beautiful Community Covenant that works for everyone,” says Honorine.

Mary admits she was concerned about cooking. A recent college graduate, she was used to pasta and late-night pizza, which she knew wouldn't work now. “I was relieved when we decided to pair up when cooking for community dinner nights, and the rotating schedule involves everyone in an organized way,” she says. “I have already become more comfortable in the kitchen since being here and the cooking process has become a fun way to bond with people.”

The group even took the initiative to make cooking and cleaning schedules for all 11 months. “Although it seemed a lot of work, it was very simple and now it’s not something we have to think about in the future,” Ana Maria explains.

The six women also built in time each month to have dinner with sisters.

“One of my favorite parts of the agreement we made for the upcoming year is the time that we set aside...
to visit with the Sisters of St. Joseph at Regina Residence,” Mary says. “No matter what kind of day I have had, I always walk away from a meal at Regina with a smile on my face. The sisters are an amazing example of what it truly means to be in community with others and how to share love with all you meet, regardless of their background. It is encouraging to see how excited and invested the sisters are in our growth throughout the program, and it brings great comfort to know how supported we are by their community.”

The other SJWs agree. Annie points out that the sisters are the “source” of the values and mission of the congregation, after all. For Honorine, being an SJW is a way of continuing the sisters’ legacy. “We belong to the same family.”

Creating the Community Covenant turned out to be an incredible bonding experience for the six women. “Sitting around our dining table and drafting our Community Covenant together is one of the most meaningful moments I have spent with my community,” Honorine says. “It sent me messages of hope and joy for the entire year, because we are all new to this experience. We all came from different corners of the world and carried our own strengths and weaknesses. We have different backgrounds and want to spend one-year instilling in ourselves and the people we serve the values of spirituality, leadership, social justice, and simplicity.”

There is a lot of learning and growing ahead, including from each other.

“I want to know their cultures and how they have been molded through them,” Ana Maria says. “I want to learn the different ways they connect with God and others, how to be one with people, and how they uniquely use their gifts and talents to serve others.”

“I want to learn to be more open with my community,” says Lutonia, “and to also try new ventures, such as cooking, hiking and being more confident with myself around different people.”

“Something that I hope the SJWs take from me is not being afraid to do something new outside of one’s comfort zone,” Annie comments. “A sense of adventure is always around the next corner; don’t be afraid to try new things.”

Meet the 2019-2020 St. Joseph Workers

Lutonia Naicker
Hometown: Durban City (East coast province of South Africa)
Transitioning from: Culinary Career (New Zealand)
Service Site: Isaiah House and Mary’s Kitchen

“I strongly believe that food can truly bring everyone together. We all come from different walks of life, and yet, still we believe everyone can make a difference. Sometimes that way can begin by sharing a simple meal. I was looking for a way to give back on a long-term basis, in hopes I could do so alongside the Church.”

Chelsea Yu-Hsien Lin
Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan
Transitioning from: Loyola Marymount University (Health and Human Science)
Service Site: Hurtt Family Health Clinic

“I’m passionate about learning more about theology. I enjoy continually practicing my faith and also enjoy how fascinating the human body can be. I find it interesting to mix religion and science together to explain the mysteries of the world. I hope that this year I can gain more experience in both of my passions.”

Mary Furlong
Hometown: Old Orchard Beach, Maine
Transitioning from: Stonehill College
Service Site: L’Arche Wavecrest

“I was a Health Science major and was passionately involved in Best Buddies and My Brother’s Keeper during my time at Stonehill, which inspired me to pursue a year of service. I look forward to staying away from the snow this year and exploring a new part of the country!”
WE ARE ONE

We are MESSENGERS from four corners of the world, united and devoted to freely explore our values and honor our diversity as a source of communal strength.

We are CHAMPIONS of social justice and leadership, open to celebrate the joys of discovery and embrace all the dimensions of our humanity.

We are SERVANTS of the Kingdom communicating the good news with kindness and support, compassion, and commitment.

We are READY to build and lead our world on the basis of service to our dear neighbor and communion with the Holy Trinity.

We are ONE, as the body of Christ, the Church, is one.
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SISTER LORRAINE THIBUALT, CSJ
June 10, 1928 - October 7, 2019
71 Years a Sister of
St. Joseph of Orange

SISTER FLORENCE HUND, CSJ
September 17, 1920 - November 7, 2019
78 Years a Sister of
St. Joseph of Orange

SISTER TERESA DOLORES MONTANEZ, CSJ
August 29, 1936 - November 29, 2019
61 Years a Sister of
St. Joseph of Orange

Paying it Forward
How to Make a Gift Where It's Most Needed

"Because you taught me...because you healed me... because you were there when I thought I was alone."

These are some of the reasons that accompany generosity which individuals and families have entrusted to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

We always want to bring people together and bring them to God. It's our mission, and the way we strive to fulfill the mission has taken many forms of action and ministry.

What's remarkable is how mission, ministry, relationships and generosity are interconnected.

It is often because someone walked alongside us in an effort to serve the dear neighbor (or maybe you were the dear neighbor being served) that a gift is made in gratitude. The sentiment is "I want someone to receive what I received."

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Provides spiritual companionship to people of all faiths seeking spiritual nourishment and strength for living in today's busy world. This ministry nourishes those who often serve others. Generosity here provides financial assistance for anyone to benefit from programs offered (scholarships).

Sister Joan Cunningham Scholarship Fund for Nursing Education
Provides tuition assistance for those called to become nurses.

How to Make a Gift Where It's Most Needed
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