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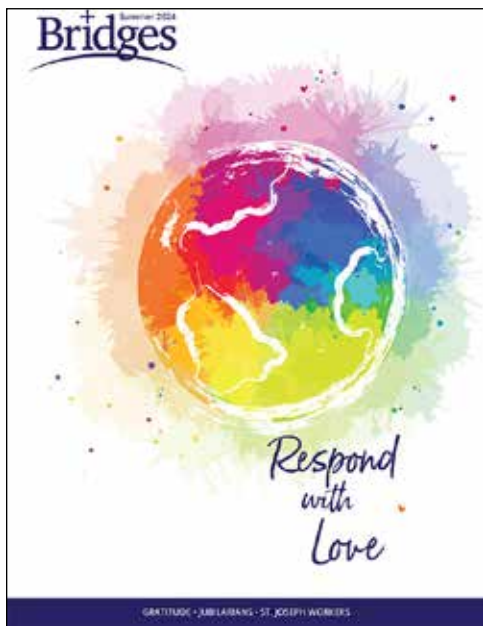
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On the Cover

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for their own interests, but everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave."
Philippians 2

We strive to be a courageous, compassionate and transforming presence in our beautiful yet wounded world. As we look at the signs of the times filled with conflict and polarization, we recognize that all of us are united in God's love and transforming grace. When we encounter our world's rough edges, may we respond with love.

Listening for the Charism

Frederick Buechner said "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Sister Karin Nuernberg resonates with Buechner as a way to reflect on where God is calling you to thrive and be the most happy in life. For some, that may be married life while others may choose a single life. Another option is religious life; serving God with a community of sisters.

If you have felt that call to something more, then Sister Karin is someone you should meet. "Some people will look around and check out many congregations, and that can be a good thing," says Sister Karin as she describes how people come to consider religious life. "Other times, people just know, like finding a deep sense of knowing that you are home."

People explore the vocation to religious life from all kinds of backgrounds, though it's more than looking for a home and sense of safety. Having a heart to serve others is a sign, as is a desire to foster unity and reconciliation. "I try to listen for the charism," explains Sister Karin. A charism is a gift that flows from God's love to people and is endowed with a particular character. The charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph can be described as love that brings people to God and to each other. Our mission and various ministries flow from the charism.

There are countless paths toward discovering a vocation, and it can begin in Exploring the Call to Religious Life with a group of like-minded women (see the program at the right). Individually, a seeker can connect with Sister Karin. Where you are in living out God's desire for you can be a starting point for a conversation.

The process of exploring the call to religious life can be very private. While some will treat their exploration as no big secret, discretion may be extremely important to others. Sharing this deep discernment with work colleagues, friends or family carries unique circumstances with every unique person. Therefore, privacy for highly confidential conversations is a given.

The important thing is to take a step. "Don't put the question about religious life aside," advises

Sister Karin. "It's a wonderful option to live your life. There are people who many years later say 'I was interested, but no one asked me.' If you're feeling that call, don't disregard it. Take a step. Even if it doesn't lead to entering a religious order - maybe that is not an option for one reason or another - it will lead somewhere that is worth discovering and knowing."

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Exploring the Call to Religious Life

Do you wonder to what God is calling you? Join us for a 9-month series for women who are discerning their next steps in life. Each session begins with Sunday Mass at 9 am, followed by brunch, and a program from 11 am to 1 pm. To join in, contact Sister Karin at vocationcsj@csjorange.org.

September 8, 2024

Exploring the Tapestry of Call

October 13

Living from a Discerning Heart

November 10

The Spirit of Synodality

December 8

Advent Retreat

January 12, 2025

Exploring Different Styles of Prayer

February 9

Understanding the Vow of Obedience

March 9

Understanding the Vow of Chaste Celibacy

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Understanding the Vow of Poverty

May 18

Gathering the Graces

Thank You for Your Yes!

Sisters celebrated Jubilee Years in 2023 and are celebrating in 2024

Jubilarians in 2023

40th Jubilee

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Read about Sisters celebrating Jubilee years in 2024 on page 10.

Service Brings Joy

Sister Mary Geneva Bonhote, CSJ
40th Jubilee in 2023

Shortly after joining the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, Sister Mary Geneva found enjoyment in seeing how the ministry of physical therapy helped others.

"My favorite part of ministry in the whole of in-patient rehab is that you have time to get a relationship with your patient."



A major transition Sister Mary Geneva experienced was leaving St. Jude Medical Center, after serving there for 18 years, to assist Sisters at Regina Residence. The change offered opportunity for Sister Mary Geneva to grow closer with all of our sisters.

The closer relationships can make saying goodbye much harder, but it also provides Sister Mary Geneva with gratitude for the time with them.

"I would say that I've watched a lot of our sisters go to heaven, and that's so hard, but at the same time, we believe that we'll see them again. That piece isn't easy. You just fall in love with these sisters more and more and that's where I count the blessing."

Sister Mary Geneva's kind heart is evident in her care for others, and she is a wonderful representation of what she hopes the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange are to others.

"I think as Sisters of St. Joseph, that's what we strive to be a welcoming group of women."

Walking the Camino of Life

Sister Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ

50th Jubilee in 2023

Every one's path in life is different.

For Sister Mary Beth Ingham, one experience taught her that you must trust the "Camino" or path your life will provide.

In 2015 and 2023, Sister Mary Beth walked along the Camino de Santiago in France towards Spain. It was a journey filled with challenges and blessings, much like her own journey as a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange.

Sister Mary Beth entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange at the age of 22. Now, she serves as the General Superior among her many roles of involvement. "I didn't enter with a high level of certainty; what I entered with was a high level of openness to whatever God wanted for me," recalls Sister Mary Beth. She knew that God would reveal to her if she was on the right path.

As she started to walk her Camino as a Sister of St. Joseph, she found joy in teaching. Her first job was at Rosary High School teaching French.

"I love teaching. I love interacting with the students. I love dealing with students at a time in their lives when they're really making life decisions."

A life-long learner, Sister Mary Beth continued teaching as she obtained her PhD in Philosophy from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.

Along her walk in the field of education, she faced a challenge that turned out to be a blessing, though she did not know it at the time.

"When I was 29, I was going to be sent on to do my PhD work and that was the year I was making final profession, and my mother died very suddenly in March. And so, at the time, it was an unexpected tragedy, not just a challenge."

This unexpected tragedy caused Sister Mary Beth to reflect on her path as a Sister of St. Joseph and to decide if the right choice was to leave and help care for her father.

A retired sister, Mother Louis, is the reason she

chose to stay. It turns out that Mother Louis had faced the same experience right before making her final vows.

"I went to see her, and she said to me, 'right before I made final vows, my mother died. So, I'm thinking that you're thinking about leaving to take care of your dad, and I'm saying to you, don't leave. Because it's a natural desire that you have to take care of your father and God will help take care of your father. You just carry on and do the best you can, but don't let this shake your desire to make final profession.'"

From this experience, Sister Mary Beth's area of focus and location of her PhD studies was impacted.

"The big blessing that comes from that event is, because I was not able to go to do my PhD when my mother passed, I actually ended up going to Fribourg, where I did my doctoral work on Franciscan philosophy and Franciscan intellectual tradition."

Sister Mary Beth's favorite memory since joining the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange is because of the challenge she faced. In 2021, she was honored to be invited to an affiliation with the Franciscan order.

"It actually represents the culmination of my entire life. It's like the pinnacle, because it brings together my academic work, my scholarship, my publications, my teaching, it brings together the pastoral dimension in my life, the spiritual dimension of working with another order, and the way that I've been able to contribute to the formation of young friars."

During Sister Mary Beth's experiences in life, God's Great Love has always been present.

"Our original sisters were lace makers, and lace makers have to focus on tiny things, tiny threads, pulling them together in just the right way, and I think that's how I experience God's great love: in little ways, in small incidents, in small experiences, personal kindnesses, somebody calling to ask for something, things happening when I need it. That's



what I'm experiencing more and more."

Through God's love and direction, Sister Mary Beth was able to know that her choice of becoming a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange was the right one.

Gratitude for the Gift of Life Sister Katherine "Kit" Gray, CSJ 60th Jubilee in 2023

When discussing the Congregation of the Great Love of God, Sister Kit shares what it means to her as a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange.

"My sense of who we are and what we're called to be is to be God's great love for others."

It is through God's love and direction that Sister Kit made her final vows as a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange. That special day is a memory that she will always cherish.

Two high school teachers, Sister Pat Tierney and Sister Bernice Jordan, served as the stepping stone on her path toward religious life.

"God used those two people to draw me here."

Since then, Sister Kit has continued to honor the decision that she made that day of grounding.

"It's not just the day, it's the living it out."

Sister Mary Beth's Camino has provided for her, and her path is a reminder to us all that, no matter what you face on your path, keep going.

Her ministry roles of teaching high school, serving as a principal, and dedication to her 10 years as General Superior have all encompassed her commitment to being a Sister.

As Sister Kit reflects upon her Jubilee year, she is hopeful for what is to come for new sisters. If she could share a piece of advice with a younger version of herself, it is to be a life-long learner.

"Be a lifelong learner. Be open to constant conversion. Be patient with yourself and others. Stay in the conversation with God, yourself, and others. And develop a spirit of gratitude because everything is a gift."

Life is precious and Sister Kit treats every day with gratitude for what is to come.

"God, how do you want me to live? What do you want me to do for the rest of my life, God? What do you want me to do today, God?"



Finding Hope in Everything Sister Dorothy Stelzer, CSJ 60th Jubilee in 2023

For Sister Dorothy Stelzer, she experiences God's Great Love in all that she encounters.

"I see it as God being in the small things and in the big things."

Sister Dorothy finds joy in the Community Days that she and other Sisters take part in. She appreciates those special days, always being there.

"It's something I can count on."

Her appreciation and enthusiasm for being a sister is clear to see, not only through her past ministry experiences of teaching but also in her care for the community. When thinking about the future, Sister Dorothy highlights the value of hope.

"What always remains is God as the source of our hope."

Sister Dorothy's admiration for her sisters in the community is easy to see and reflects her appreciative nature as a person.

When thinking of her Jubilee year, she expresses her gratitude for the congregation's generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.



God's Plan Will Lead You

Sister Elena Jaramillo, CSJ

70th Jubilee in 2023

Sister Elena is not one to turn down a call when it is asked of her by God, and this is what led her to serve for 30 years in El Salvador.

"One day, I was asked if I would go to El Salvador. I had no reason to say no."

She arrived in El Salvador when a war was taking place within the country.

Sister Elena recalls a time where there were more than 40 refugees within the basement of the Cathedral Church, and she was there to help them.

"The job was to go and just be with the people, to accompany them from one village, get on a bus, and go back to another village which hadn't been destroyed."

Before she made her way to El Salvador, Sister Elena served as a teacher for close to 30 years.

Sister Elena hails from Oregon, where she grew up on a farm with 12 siblings.

She never thought that one day she would join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, but the priest back home encouraged her to consider it.

"He said, 'I've been working with your family, and they have that same spirit that the sisters had who taught me.'" Well, I couldn't fight against that. So, he said, 'I think that is the place that God is calling you.'"

It is through this experience, among many others in her life, that she has learned that God's plan will present itself.

"You don't have control over life, God will lead you where he wants you, whether you like it or not."



Teacher With Many Names

Sister Joyce Anne Thomas, CSJ

75th Jubilee in 2023

Sister Joyce Anne Thomas is known by other names. To some she is Sister Joy, and others might call her Ms. Thomas. The multiple names come from decades of teaching ministry. In her 52 years as a teacher, about half were in Catholic education though she also taught in public schools. Sister Joy was a teacher at Bell Junior High School in San Diego for 25 years.

Her long ministry in education rewarded her with an abundance of former students who still recognize and warmly greet her. The funny thing is that Sister Joy never expected to be a teacher. She wanted to be a nurse. This desire grew in her from

an experience she had as a teenager while serving at a hospital in Washington DC. She witnessed racism toward African American workers and patients at the hospital and wanted to care for them in a loving way. She already had a sense of the Sisters of St. Joseph's charism within her; a desire to serve the dear neighbor no matter who they were.

After entering the convent, the congregation did not need nurses at the time. Teachers were needed. She embraced it and found she enjoyed the classroom, applying her skills at every level from Kindergarten to high school.

Sister Joy also has a love for her home community of San Diego, where she spent most of her teaching ministry including time at St. Agnes School, St. John of the Cross, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, and Rosary High School (San Diego), in addition to her quarter-century at Bell Junior High.

Following retirement from the classroom, Sister Joy has continued to live in San Diego, caring for family and friends while also serving as a parish volunteer and music minister.



God's Creation is Life's Art

Sister Madeleva Williams, CSJ

75th Jubilee in 2023

Art is a creative outlet for many who love to paint, draw, and more. For some, it's a hobby, but for Sister Madeleva, art has served as a lifetime passion.

At a young age, she and her siblings were fond of cartoons. Captivated by the work, Sister Madeleva taught herself to draw.

"We liked the cartoons, so when I was about in the 5th grade, I was looking at Prince Valiant, and I saw his hands and I copied them. I started by learning how to copy hands."

As a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange, her love of art was given the chance to blossom.

While teaching, she had the opportunity to attend Immaculate Heart College as an art major.

Her teacher, Sister Corita Kent, was a popular artist at the time, and one skill that she learned from Sister Corita was to create silk screens.



Sister Madeleva always came back to her joy of drawing. For many years, Sister Madeleva created a poster to recognize St. Joseph Day on March 19. The posters would have a quote that described St. Joseph. Her renowned St. Joseph posters and similar works are shared in local hospitals and schools where the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange served, as well as finding wall space in other businesses, homes and ministries.

She created smaller, bilingual reflection cards too; English on one side and Spanish on the other. Her creativity has been seen on hundreds of prints.

Sharing her talent and encouraging other artists is her way of expressing God's love. Sister Madeleva paints a brighter future for those seeking God's presence.

Being a Light to All

Sister Miriam Eckery, CSJ

75th Jubilee in 2023

Sister Miriam Eckery served as a nurse for over 40 years. Her six years in Papua New Guinea during the 1960s was a memorable time for her. "I treated every disease. If I didn't think that I was capable of treating, I'd take them to the next island where there was a doctor."



At hospitals in California, Sister Miriam was the nurse in charge of surgery. "Hospitals were smaller then. You didn't have many other nurses in surgery, so, every time a surgeon wanted to perform surgery, you were on duty, day and night."

Her dedication to helping others never stopped, even after she retired. Sister Miriam served as a night companion at Bethany, which was a place of support for women who were transitioning from homelessness.

As the years have passed by, Sister Miriam's compassion for others has always remained and her love for God has only grown stronger. "I just seem closer than ever to him and just at ease."

She is grateful for her calling to become a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange, and the positive influence that Sister Benedict had on her.

During her retirement, she loves to play card games with her community. She laughs and smiles as she shares her enjoyment of the games. "I still enjoy playing even though I don't win."

Salvadoran Farmers Prevail in Land Dispute

In the early 1990s, people who had been exiled during the Salvadoran civil war returned to areas of the country which were not formerly their homes. Some farmers, also referred to as campesinos, were allocated land, but the land had debt far beyond the ability of the campesinos to pay. Given the magnitude of the debt, these campesinos would eventually be displaced. Their family incomes were about \$100 per year. It was not enough money to buy seed, fertilizers, oxen or plows.

Sister Elena Jaramillo, who ministered with the Pastoral Team of the Salvadoran Coastal Zone, was present in this area of Jiquilisco, Usulután, which included land owned by the Normandia Cooperative.

Sister Elena brought the impending tragic story of what the campesinos were facing to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange General Council when Sister Nancy O'Connor was the General Superior. The Council agreed to set aside hundreds of thousands of dollars to be used to assist the campesinos in establishing cooperative farms. This funding formed the basis of a loan company, FUTESCAM (Foundation for the Land, Hope of Campesinos) Romero.

For decades, the campesinos drew on this no-interest loan to pay for their agricultural expenses, and each year paid the loans back. They also paid off land debt. They were able to support their families, grow their agricultural business, and even develop their own credit history so they could purchase tractors to replace the plows and oxen.

This was a long, hard effort with great solidarity and integrity. The cooperatives faced many obstacles including the weather, finding markets for their crops, building unity among themselves, and owning some of the most desirable land in the country.

The future looked hopeful until unjust claims were made on the land by people who had unlimited funds to persist in court, and political influence to add weight to their claims. Again, the Sisters of St. Joseph helped the farmers by funding tens of thousands of dollars for

legal fees. The farmers, too, had to reach into their cooperative and personal funds for the legal fight.

After sixteen years and three lawsuits, the campesinos won clear title to their land in June 2023.

The Sisters of St. Joseph and San Salvador real estate lawyer, Carlos Amaya, supported the farmers efforts with substantial funding and advice in two earlier cases. The third case was resolved in favor of the cooperatives.

On Saturday, August 8, 2023, Normandia Cooperative held a huge celebration for the legal victory. The celebration also represented a moral victory that grew over many years in this cooperative.

We are grateful to have played a modest role in this saga of social justice. We are also grateful for the contributions of the Pastoral Team of the Coastal Zone, and the directors of



FUTESCAM, which were acknowledged in a congregational letter to Associates of the Normandia Cooperative.

Happy Jubilee!

*Sisters Celebrating a Jubilee Year in 2024.
Thank You for Your "Yes!"*

Tagging Along with the Holy Spirit

Sister Maria Lai, CSJ
40th Jubilee in 2024

"I believe it is important to have a discerning heart as to remain in God and as God remains in me," writes Sister Maria. "I am grateful to be tagging

along with the Holy Spirit and seeing God's glory in you and me each and every day." These quotes are straight from Sister Maria's own website - sistermarialai.com - which she created to reflect her own gratitude to God for His abundant blessings, and to use as a tool for sharing of the heart and to learn about herself too. Check it out!

Sister Maria can be found on campus at Loyola Marymount University where she serves as a Campus Minister for Graduate Students and as a Resident Minister. Spiritual Direction is a big part of her ministry. "Any undergrad or graduate student can come to me if they want to try it out," she explains. Sister Maria will often have a first session, which is free for students, then refer them to someone in her large network if she doesn't continue meeting with them herself.



"Name anything you don't want your children to do and I can tell you they do it all," says Sister Maria. Sometimes people will be skeptical about how a nun will relate to them, to which she issues a challenge: "Try me." She calls it a privilege to hear their sacred stories and at times to help them release their pain. After a few meetings, Sister Maria often witnesses a change in front of her eyes. "It's like a miracle."

Sister Maria also journeys with people by serving at St. Bridget's Chinese Catholic Parish. "I'm an echo of the Good News and help people come to know about God."

Growing up in Hong Kong with a big, traditional Chinese family was a gift for Sister Maria. You don't talk a lot; you learn a lot by watching. Listening and being an astute observer has served her well in ministry and relationship building. "I'm grateful to the congregation for helping me continue to learn to see God's face in everyone."

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Sister Anna Louise Leveille, CSJ

Read about Sisters who celebrated a Jubilee year in 2023 on page 4.

Gratitude for the Many Faces of God's Love

Sister Joanna Carroll, CSJ
50th Jubilee in 2024

Sister Joanna knew she wanted to be a sister when she realized how many children were suffering in the world. "When I was younger, I used to think I wanted to have lots of kids," recalls Sister Joanna.

"Instead I became aware that what I really wanted was to help take care of other parents' children instead of having my own." Sister Joanna fulfilled that desire and then some.

"As a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange, I taught elementary school for over 21 years, and I ended up having hundreds of children in the classroom instead!" After two plus decades in elementary education, Sister Joanna continued to be part of the lives of students at the university level. She served as a campus minister and spiritual director at Loyola Marymount University for more than 21 years and holds a title of Campus Minister Emerita.

"My years in education and ministry have been a wonderful gift and a great blessing that have helped me to become who I am and to grow in relationship

Times of Grace and Devotion

Sister Karen Clock, CSJ
50th Jubilee in 2024

"If you wanted to have a relationship with a person, in order for that to happen, you have to spend time with them. It's the same way with God. I am very grateful to God for leading me to this life that I have."

Sister Karen grew up in New York and moved to California when she was 20. She received an AA degree at Fullerton College in Secretarial Science. A few years later, she entered religious life, something that first caught her interest at age 13. Sister Karen furthered her education by earning a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Loyola Marymount University followed by a master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Chapman University.

Her ministry has been focused in multiple areas of Family and Marriage therapy, behavioral health, and

with God and all God's people!"

People tend to feel at ease in Sister Joanna's presence. She's ready to listen and quick to express gratitude and enthusiasm.

"Over my fifty years as a sister I have seen us moving forward, one step at a time, with the love and support of our sisters and our amazing partners in mission. Jesus takes our small bit of leaven and feeds the many. We do what we can, and God does the rest."

Sister Joanna shares her abundant gratitude for the giant community in her life - family, her religious congregation, teachers, students, friends, doctors, nurses, co-workers, priests, and more. She keeps her list going to caregivers, farmers, and more. She can't stop naming people through whom she has come to know the face of God.

"I'm so happy to have been a sister for fifty years. Thanks be to our awesome God and to all God's beloved people!!!"

Spiritual Direction. Sister Karen loved her time as a therapist and being able to witness change.

"When you are doing therapy work, a blessing is to hear someone share their story. They share their life, and you're in a position to help them hopefully get better or choose other steps that will make their life easier."

There are several things that excite Sister Karen about the future. In her sharing, notes of gratitude bubble to the surface.

"I like what I'm doing now, and I can be a lot older and still do it. I appreciate that we're together as a community. Inside, I'm calm. I know that I've been blessed with a very good life and I look forward to continuing my ministry and living in community."



A Family with Everyone

Sister Mary Therese Sweeney, CSJ

60th Jubilee in 2024

I've been engaged in many ministries including teaching teenagers and illiterate immigrants and bringing the healing mission of Christ to health care via mission services, mentorship, boards, and sponsorship. I moved beyond our US borders to help Salvadoran farmers with loans and legal problems (see page 9) and assisted our CSJ sisters in all the Latin American counties where they are present. All these interactions encouraged, taught, and shaped me.

The tools I have gathered through education in theology, business, language, art, psychology, brain science, history and writing have provided the inroads and flexibility to serve whatever the need and to enter into joys and sufferings far beyond what I would have imagined. Strange as it is to say, I am not so afraid of the dark that I can't risk being present anywhere or to anyone. Life is so full of surprises. It is my joy that our Asian sisters called me to understand their world perspectives. With them, I have searched to see the Asian visage of God and the way love manifests in cultures different from my own.

I love our community story as it has spread through time to make millions of lights throughout the world. The generations of our ancestor sisters are not different from us today. They struggled, went without, were not extraordinarily gifted in ways often measured, yet their humble, unpretentious acts of love and courage are awe inspiring. Writing books about them inspires me to keep going, keep loving and to rejoice every day in the CSJs present in my life.



When I add it up, I've come to learn that everyone we know in love lasts forever. The memories of kindness metabolize into our beings whether they can be articulated or not. Memories expand to create membership in a family that can encompass everyone. Even when there are good reasons to withdraw, there is an infinitely greater draw beyond reason, reward, and fear. Because love lasts forever, the promise of eternity we hope for that began many generations ago, is present now and will never end.

Trusting in God's Presence

Sister Paulette Deters, CSJ

60th Jubilee in 2024



"I am so fortunate to belong to a community of faith-filled women who are multi-talented, generous, supportive and hopeful."

Sister Paulette finds peace in being a part of this congregation, one which she first met at Rosary High School in San Diego. Her relationship to God is central to her life.

"I believe that God is always there for us because I know that God is there for me. I trust in God's presence, being with me and us, no matter what."

Sister Paulette feels blessed to have served in the teaching ministry for over 40 years. She still appreciates

those special times like reading a chapter of *The Chronicles of Narnia* every day after lunch to her 6th grade classes; or when the school children's voices of "Yes, Lord, yes, we will come and follow you..." raised the roof at Holy Family Cathedral.

Today, she continues to support the congregation by serving in its finance office.

Sister Paulette has had many opportunities singing in our CSJ choirs for community celebrations in Sacred Heart Chapel. Music is a love of hers as well as a talent. For 48 years, she also sang with Orange County's professional chorus, the Pacific Chorale. The schedule and commitment could sometimes be difficult, but the music and singing together has been rewarding. "I believe music enriches our lives and gives expression to our beliefs. It is a wonderful way to praise God!"

Her love for music, God and her community encourage her to be present to each day. "Taking time for prayer, for nature, for reading Scripture, and being with and serving other people keeps us grounded in God and community," reflects Sister Paulette.

God Pushes Me Along

Sister Jeanne Marchese, CSJ

70th Jubilee in 2024

For Sister Jeanne Marchese, she never doubted her vocation. Instead, she was amazed by it.

"It's a marvel to me how God wants you where he puts you," she expresses.

Sister Jeanne felt God blessed her by placing her in the ministry of education, where she served as a teacher for 54 years.

"I'd be on the city bus, and somebody would come up and say, 'oh Sister Jeanne,' and they were all grown up, and I had them in 4th grade. I couldn't remember their names, but they really recognized me."

She recalls how meaningful the Sisters were to her when she was a student. Sister Jeanne became acquainted with the principal of her school, Sister Genevieve, a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange. Sister Genevieve encouraged her to participate in the choir and told her about the opportunity to attend

a high school for girls that are interested in entering religious life.

In addition to her fond teaching memories, she has enjoyed wonderful experiences such as visiting Holland during her 60th Jubilee. "My grandparents are from Holland. The community let me go to see where they lived, where they came from."

She shared how the start of her life determined the path that God created for her, and her decision to enter religious life.

As an only child, she lost her mother a few weeks after she was born. She wondered "If my mother had not died, I would not have become a Catholic, which means I would not have become a Sister. God has been in my life, pushing me along."



Abundant Joy

Sister Phyllis Tallerico, CSJ

70th Jubilee in 2024



Serving as a teacher brings a lot of joyful moments with students. For Sister Phyllis Tallerico, it was her favorite part of the teaching ministry.

Sister Phyllis taught multiple subjects over her six years of teaching like music, American History, and Chinese History. She was a teacher on a mission too, literally, as she served in Papua New Guinea for two years.

Her joyful spirit comes from her enjoyment of being a Sister of St. Joseph.

"Well, I always loved to be a clown. To make people

laugh is a joy for me." Sister Phyllis has a vivid memory of acting in "The Ride of Paul Revere." I can remember the reverend mother and Mother Felix just bending over laughing."

Her love for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange started when she was a kid, and she knew religious life was her calling in the 4th grade. Sister Anna Louise, also a Jubilarian this year, was one of her favorite teachers.

Sister Phyllis finds herself grateful for all that she has been a part of since being a Sister and especially for her ability to serve as a Chaplain in hospitals for close to 40 years.

"To me everything was a blessing because I learned something about myself. But it was in the hospital, people that I met that were dying and the loved ones of the dying, I learned a lot from them."

Sister Phyllis has heart for service that comes from her love for God and her love for making anyone she meets feel welcomed. To prove it, she shows off a candy dish which is ready for any visitors.

Humility and Gentleness

Sister Roseanne Cecillon, CSJ

70th Jubilee in 2024



Living humbly is a value of the Sisters of St. Joseph that Sister Roseanne experienced even before entering religious life.

"My father accepted immigrants in my house. He was a wonderful boss, a wonderful man, and he worked hard too. Through his actions, I saw the beauty of

someone who my parents welcomed in my house, even if we didn't have much. It touched me that God touched them."

This humble spirit that she grew up with in Canada continued into her life as a sister when she moved to California in 1954.

While serving in healthcare ministry for almost 70 years, Sister Roseanne served as a nurse with specialties in oncology, genetically-acquired diseases, and radiology.

"Each person that I contacted, touched my life in a very spiritual way. I loved my work."

Sister Roseanne's healthcare ministry included caring for Mother Bernard Gosselin, the founder of our congregation, in her later years.

"I was very honored to take care of sisters who started our community. You don't always have that privilege. In my simple way, I was able to do that."

Sister Roseanne has immense gratitude for those that have supported her along the way.

"I am very grateful for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange all my life. I'm very grateful for God, for his love and care for me, as Roseanne. I thank my family, my friends, who love me as the woman I have become. And, my sisters, for their prayers, but also for their gentleness, because that means a lot to me."

Community is a Great Gift That is Alive and Well

Sister Suzanne Sassus, CSJ

70th Jubilee in 2024



Sister Suzanne Sassus has experienced wonderful memories since entering the congregation in 1954. It's hard to choose a favorite. "Seventy years and you want me to select one memory?!" she teases.

This half page cannot do justice to Sister Suzanne's years in the congregation and impact where she has

served. "Ministry roles in education, leadership, and healthcare" is a simplified summary that undersells her influence through the decades. Considering each of those ministry areas, she holds a PhD in

Modern Languages, served as General Superior, and helped start St. Joseph Health System. Wherever she is, things happen to advance the mission of the congregation.

Her significant contribution to Catholic healthcare included challenges and blessings. Her passion is still present. "Can we extend the healing ministry of Jesus in this ministry? If we can, let's really fight and be creative and see how to do it."

Sister Suzanne nurtured other ministries too, having a hand in the founding of the Center for Spiritual Development (CSD), and a dance company in Santa Ana that is known today as the Wooden Floor.

Reflecting on this Jubilee year, Sister Suzanne shares "I love the sense of community. Community to me is a great gift in my life and I have found it alive and well where I have been placed."

She could not picture God's direction of her life being anything else. "My whole life has been so blessed. I wouldn't trade this for anything, God has blessed me."

A Sense of Humor and the Right Fit

Sister Clare Oldfield, CSJ
75th Jubilee in 2024

There can be moments that alter our life. For Sister Clare Oldfield, it was receiving a letter.

Years after finishing boarding school in Australia, she received a letter from a sister that was a former teacher of hers. The former teacher described how she felt that Clare was meant for religious life. As they say, the rest is history.

Now, as she celebrates her 75th Jubilee, Sister Clare reflects on what service has meant to her over the years. Her simple ability to make others smile and laugh has been an important element in her service.

"You need to have a sense of humor, in any walk of life."

Sister Clare's ministry work was focused in teaching students in Papua New Guinea, helping aboriginal people in Australia, working with the unhoused population, and serving patients with AIDS, among her other experiences.

When helping take care of patients with AIDS, she recalls an emotional experience with one family: two parents and their twins. Three of the family members had AIDS. Both parents passed away and one child with AIDS survived. She found it to be a difficult but meaningful ministry.

"At least I could talk to the Sisters about it, and then just pray about it."

When teaching students in Papua New Guinea, she helped them learn skills to bring back to their own villages. "It was so important because it gave them a means to support themselves."

God has provided Sister Clare with a life that was the right fit for her. She laughs as she shares how God's humor for her call in life was no coincidence.

"I guess it was the right call because I'm still here!"



God Waits for Your Prayer Every Day

Sister Anna Louise Leveille, CSJ
85th Jubilee in 2024

"I was in the second grade, and the teacher was writing on the board. And she said, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' I said, 'I want to be a Sister.' She said, 'Like me?' I said, 'No Sister, I don't want my ears to show.'"

As spunky as ever at 102 years old, Sister Anna Louise continues to share her humor. Faith and humor can sustain someone through the years. She entered the congregation from Canada when she was 17 years old. Do the math. That was 1939.

As a younger sister, Sister Anna Louise served as a teacher. Her love of God and memories of teaching continue to nourish her.

"God was so good to me. He instructed me at the right time."

She once shared with the mother of a student how she saw a bright future for the student and how God would lead him there.

"Pray to God, and never forget that. And he said, 'I pray every night.' I said, 'Good, every night, every day, that's what God waits for; your prayer, every day.'"

Her heart is full of love for every child that she had the blessing to teach, and she knew that God was the reason for it.

Sister Anna Louise is thankful for the supportive community that she has experienced in her life. Being one member of a group of women that are led by God's calling for each of them has been a gift.

In her 85th Jubilee year, she is in awe of the ministry work and life that God has guided her to live.





Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation

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Addressing Unmet Needs in California for 30 Years

The Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation has provided over \$50 million in grants in the past 30 years to address the needs of the working and indigent poor in California, especially those of families and children at risk. Executive Director Barry Ross shares the history, priorities, application process, and new initiatives of the Healthcare Foundation in this brief Q&A.

What are the current priorities of the Healthcare Foundation?

The Healthcare Foundation's priorities address the social determinants of health: housing security, food security and family violence prevention. The population of focus is families with children experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of experiencing homelessness. Six California counties have been selected as places to focus our efforts over the next several years: Alameda, Humboldt, Imperial, Orange, San Bernardino, and Sonoma counties.

How is the Foundation governed?

The Foundation Board of Directors is appointed by the Leadership Team of the Congregation. There are currently ten members, which includes three Sisters. The Board sets policy and awards grants on an annual basis.

How was the Healthcare Foundation established?

In 1992, the St. Joseph Health System, which the Congregation established, sold Health Plan of America to PacifiCare. As a requirement of the sale, the State of California required the Health Plan to provide community benefit. The Health Plan through Larry Kugelman worked with Sisters Kit Gray, Eileen McNerney, Suzanne Sassus, Mary Bernadette McNulty and others to establish the Healthcare Foundation, as an independent 501c3 supporting foundation separate of the Congregation. The founders wished to use the funds to address the needs of the poor in the California communities where the Sisters have had a presence.

What type of grants are available and how does an organization apply for a grant?

The majority of grants that are available are general operating support grants of up to \$30,000 annually. Organizations that address one or more of the three Foundation priorities in the six target counties can apply online when the grant cycle opens once a year on January 15. The Foundation has awarded three larger Policy and System change grants by invitation. The online application is available on our website at csjorange.org/healthcare-foundation.



What are some of the new initiatives of the Healthcare Foundation?

The Foundation has adopted trust-based philanthropy practices, including a streamlined application, simpler reporting requirements, grants for general operating support instead of specific projects, and multi-year funding instead of single year funding. These strategies are designed to strengthen our relationship with community-based organizations who know best how to serve the community.

We have a commitment to racial justice and encourage minority-led organizations to apply for funding.

We recognize that many of the underlying issues related to our priorities will require policy and system change, so our Board has approved an Advocacy Policy. Over the past 15 months, we have taken 38 advocacy actions to address legislation, regulation and budget issues impacting our priority issues. I also support capacity building, by participating in Executive Coaches of Orange County as a coach to nonprofit organizations.

An exciting new initiative is our Program Related Investments, which are low-income loans to affordable housing projects. In the past year our Board has approved a \$250,000 loan to Jamboree Housing for 42 units of permanent supportive housing for seniors experiencing homelessness in Huntington Beach, and a \$500,000 loan to the Imperial Valley Housing Authority for the purchase of five mobile homes for low-income families.

What is the impact the Foundation hopes to have in the communities it serves in California?

The Foundation would like to see progress in preventing families from becoming homeless, and if they do experience homelessness, that it is a brief and rare event. We would also like to see that the need for food



assistance and that family violence are both rare occurrences. We recognize that to have this impact we will need to partner with many community-based organizations, funders, policymakers, and the larger community to address the underlying causes of these issues we have prioritized. We are continuing the legacy of all Sisters of St. Joseph since their founding in 1650; going into the community, identifying the needs, and working with others to meet those needs.

To learn more about the Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation, visit our website at csjorange.org/healthcare-foundation or contact Barry Ross, Executive Director at 714-633-8121 x7109.



St. Joseph Workers: Service as the Guide on a New Path

Three St. Joseph Workers (SJWs) - Belle Morris, Katelyn Dewberry, and Karina Correa Yepes - completed a year of service in Orange County, CA. They enjoyed their journeys and share what they experienced in themselves and in the places they served.



For **BELLE**, a Northern Alabama native, her love of volunteer service started in high school for the Red Cross.

Her continued passion for service while obtaining a BS degree in Molecular Biology and Genetics at Sewanee: The University of the South, along with her Catholic faith, is what led her to become a SJW.

"I wanted to be a St. Joseph Worker to expose myself to new

ways of life and to learn more about others different than myself. Cultural competence and communication skills will be necessary for a career in the medical field, and I wanted to grow these skills."

Belle plans to attend medical school close to home due to the love that she has for her family, especially her two younger siblings.

As an SJW, she gained insightful experiences for her future goals.

One of her first experiences at the South Orange County Family Resource Center where she serves, Belle encountered an older man that needed immediate housing help.

"He pleaded for help explaining that he and his wife were being evicted and he had recently gone through surgery and was unable to work. At the center we were able to connect him with multiple housing agencies, and we arranged an appointment for free legal counsel. Though the man still had challenges to face, we were able to listen and alleviate some worries. This stirred my heart because so many people need help, and this experience opened my eyes to the area's current housing crisis. This gave me more passion to continue working on my current projects and at the front desk to serve people like the elderly man I saw that day."

Through her experiences, there was one hope that she wanted to achieve this year: learning Spanish.

"One of my hopes for the service year was to learn Spanish so that I can communicate with my placement's community. I also wanted to understand more about the process of immigration and how individuals affected by immigration status can be helped, especially in the medical field. I hope with the lessons learned and connections I make this year that one day I can bring these lessons with me into my medical career. I hope to work in free clinics that not only offer care to underserved communities but that also offer resources."

While learning Spanish was a hope for Belle, learning English was an important goal for Karina.

KARINA is from Cali, Columbia, and she traveled over 2,000 miles to join the SJW Program. Her past professional experience in business administration, included working for a pharmaceutical company for 15 years.

A leap of faith led Karina to join the SJW Program for a new opportunity where she felt connected.

"I wanted to become a St. Joseph Worker because I identify with the program's values, and I wanted to learn and delve deeper into them. I especially wanted to find many answers to the questions I have within me, as I am in a stage of redesigning many aspects of my life."

Her courage to move to a new country to serve was led by her strong relationship with God and how the SJW Program and her ministry site, Christ Cathedral, fits within it.

"I hoped to look within myself, discover and know myself more, learn to listen to God's voice in my heart, and understand what He expects from me. Through



the wonderful opportunity of volunteering, I hoped to enhance my strengths and work on my weaknesses, learn from the values of the Sisters of St. Joseph community, apply them at all times, live in simplicity,

internalize the sense of community, strive for social justice, lead through service, and deepen my spirituality. Like them, I hope to be a testimony to how great God's love is if we allow our lives to be transformed by it."

From the beginning, one mentor helped Karina feel at peace with her transition into the program: Sister Joanna.

"It has been a great gift from God to know her and see her love for others, her patience, and her total dedication, even in difficult situations. Her commitment to God is greater than adversity, and I deeply admire her. Her life is inspiring for those of us who have the privilege of knowing her."

Fellow St. Joseph Worker, **KATELYN**, has also embraced the SJW experience after moving to the West coast for the first time.

Hailing from Southern Virginia, Katelyn has an educational background including a BA in English and Communication Studies (with a concentration in Journalism) from Averett University, and an MA in Public Relations from Emerson College.

Her interest in the SJW Program was influenced by the program's focus on faith and the areas of service that the workers are passionate about. For her, she desired to help the unhoused population and to improve her communication skills.

Her two ministry sites, the HUB Resource Center and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange's Communications department, provided her with both opportunities.

"I was looking for an opportunity to better serve those that are lacking resources, to learn how to aid a person looking for a job or housing, and to also remind each of the patrons that I meet how important they are, and that we want to help them succeed. I also wanted to utilize my communications background and strengthen my skills in writing."

While serving at the HUB, she is grateful for the experiences with people she encountered.

"My favorite experience comes each day when interacting with the patrons. I have met some of the kindest individuals who are extremely grateful for the resources that the HUB provides. There is one gentleman that I have grown to know better, and he always says "God bless you" every time that I see him. He gets so happy to speak with me and he tells me how God has helped provide for him since he has been struggling on the streets for the last 7-8 months in California. He has the kindest smile, and it makes my day to see him and to know that he is working on taking better care of himself and striving to make changes in his life."

Every time she experienced positive moments in

the program, Katelyn feels encouraged to reflect on how the program has been since she started.

"I have really enjoyed spending time with my community, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. I have also been pleased with how quickly I was able to engage with values of the program, such as living simply. The program can be challenging at times due to being away from family, and having a very busy schedule each week, but I would not trade the experience for anything, and I am extremely grateful to have been here."

Belle connects with Katelyn's experience and shares a similar outlook.

"The structure of the program surprised me. I also did not realize how much and how fast I would grow through this process. I have had to let go of previous ways of life so I can live a more sustainable and simple life. This has been challenging but extremely rewarding. I know that the skills I learned in the program will carry with me for the rest of my life."

Each SJW anticipates what is to come following their year of service, and seeing their mission statement continuing to unfold.

"Together as a community, we commit to a journey of healing and growth amongst not only our St. Joseph Workers '23-'24, but the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange community and beyond..."

To learn more about the St. Joseph Worker Program or to see the journeys of Belle, Katelyn, and Karina, take a look at the website at sjworange.org.





Art IN THE GARDEN



We are overflowing with gratitude at the outpouring of support for our ministries at the third annual Art in the Garden. It's wonderful to see the enthusiastic participation you bring to the day. Art in the Garden creates a fun experience reuniting with old friends, connecting with new ones, while gratefully appreciating the artists and volunteers behind-the-scenes. It lifts our hearts to see you in person amidst the beautiful setting of the St. Joseph Center Garden.

Of course, the purpose of the event is to assist our sponsored ministries including the Center for Spiritual Development, CSJ Educational Network, St. Joseph Justice Center and St. Joseph Worker Program. Through the generosity of event sponsors, bidders, attendees, and all involved in the popular wine pull, you helped raise the event to a new level this year. The four ministries share your generosity evenly, which reached over \$68,000 for each ministry.



At the 2024 event, which exhibited a festive Cinco De Mayo theme, it was our privilege to recognize the influence of our honorees. Thank you Sister Judith Royer and Sister Mariquita Domingo for allowing us to celebrate how God has graced the world through your unique and influential artistry in theatre arts and environmental arrangements.



Thank you to our event co-chairs Sister Kit Gray and Sister MaryAnne Huepper, Mimi Cora and Chuck Rooney for helping to guide this delightful gathering that empowers our ministries. We are grateful for Cathy Fletcher as well, for coordinating the generous efforts of dozens of volunteers. We must also recognize "the Julies" - Executive Director of Mission Advancement Julie Malvey, and event manager, Julie Budai, who make Art in the Garden a reality.

Just wait to see what we have in store for you next spring! We hope you will join us again.



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Legacy gifts change lives and change communities.

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The Sisters of St. Joseph provided me with the most meaningful formative experiences of my life— both professionally and personally. These amazing women with their vision and wisdom and commitment to caring for the dear neighbor... In

their sharing of themselves they

inspire each of us to be part of the help, part of the solution. I hold the Sisters in my heart like a very precious gift to be honored and protected. Now and

then I meet someone soulful and compassionate and capable of honoring the Sisters in the same way. Richard Hearn is one of those people and I knew he would treasure the Sisters the way I do. Richard and I attend the Art in the Garden event annually and he, too, immediately found a deeply personal connection to this remarkable congregation of women. I am blessed to be able to give back to help support the important and much needed work of the Sisters' ministries

Carla DiCandia, Benefactor and Volunteer

Annual Benefactor Mass and Brunch

In September 2023, we invited many of our supporters to a special Mass followed by brunch. It was our honor to recognize your support of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange and our ministries. Following Mass, guests heard the latest from the congregation and its ministries, and we recognized new members of the Mother Bernard Legacy Society - acknowledging those whom have left the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange as part of their will or estate. We are happy for the opportunity to express our gratitude!

If you would like to receive an invitation to the 2024 Benefactor Mass and Brunch on August 25, please contact Julie Malvey at jmalvey@csjorange.org.



Good News in Housing!

Villa St. Joseph to Open Soon

The long journey of transforming our Motherhouse Building into Villa St. Joseph - offering affordable housing for seniors, operated by Mercy Housing - is nearing the end of construction. As this magazine is on press, applications to be a resident of Villa St. Joseph are being accepted. A lottery for qualified applicants takes place in mid-July 2024. New residents will arrive by the fall.

The end of the building renovation is the beginning of something new. We look forward to welcoming new residents to the 49 affordable apartments that Villa St. Joseph offers on our St. Joseph Center campus. The visioning to utilize our resources in a new way to serve the community began over a decade ago. It is a blessing to finally arrive at this moment as a new way of offer hospitality and serve the dear neighbor.



The Blessing of Mother Bernard House in Eureka, CA *Thank You, Providence Supportive Housing*



In April 2024, a delegation from Orange traveled to Eureka to participate in the blessing of Mother Bernard House. Located in downtown Eureka, Mother Bernard House is one of the newest facilities of Providence Supportive Housing and is appropriately named after our founder who began our congregation serving the people of Eureka 112 years ago.

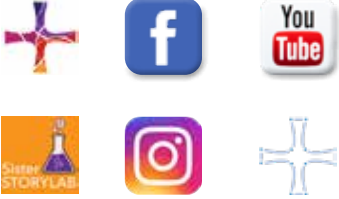
Mother Bernard House offers 42 apartments with on-site supportive services for persons experiencing homelessness. Six additional rooms serve as recuperative care units. These are for short-term stays for patients discharged from St. Joseph Hospital who need healthcare follow up and supportive

services to prepare them for permanent supportive housing. Mother Bernard House provides an essential resource to the community where we began. We are grateful for the recognition of Mother Bernard for a ministry so vital to the community.



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