



Partners on the Journey

Sisters of the Most Precious Blood Partners in Mission Newsletter

FALL 2016

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 22
CPPS Community Day

November 6
Remembering Day for Deceased Sisters and Partners

December 17-23
Christmas Novena

March 11
CPPS Dinner Auction

April 21-23
CPPS Partners in Mission Directed Silent Retreat

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Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord through Prayer and Presence

Assembly Day for Partners in Mission was held on Sunday, September 11th. Partners and Sisters gathered for a day

themed "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord through Prayer and Presence." At the beginning of the day, there was

a buzz as the small faith communities reconnected after the summer. Lori Larkin and Debbie Whited welcomed all with prayer and song setting the tone. After which, the Board described happenings in their respective committees and introduced the committee members. Committees included Communication, Development, Board Formation, Recruitment and Spirituality.

Srs. Carol and Ginny presented an overview of several types of prayer: Lectio Divina, guided
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New CPPS Partner in Mission Janie Harper-Barton, Karen Grant, Kris Jackson, Rosemary Pieper, Chris Lloyd, and Chris Crawford

Small Faith Communities--the  *of Partners in Mission*

Hope Community

With their name reflecting a virtue they so much depend on and our world so much needs today, the Hope Community can be found gathered monthly around a home cooked meal to share prayer and faith. Under the mentorship of Sr. Marie Fennewald, Liz Allmeyer, Sandy Denis, and Linda Moerhle have created a safe place for over four years to gather to support each other.

Over the years, they have supported not only each other, but also many others in the greater community. Together they participated in Handicapped Encounter Christ. Each year they also provide a basket for the Partners Trivia Night. Liz

is active in parish life at Assumption in O'Fallon—RCIA, leading Bible studies. Linda volunteers at the Crisis Nurse and helps to care for family members. Sandy, too, is very active in parish life at her parish of All Saints in St. Peters and very dedicated to supporting the causes of her sorority Beta Sigma Phi. Although Sr. Marie was recently

elected to the new CPPS Leadership Team, she still finds time to be an active member of the group. In the sharing of Sunday readings at their gatherings, Sr. Marie finds it to be a simple way for them to connect with each other and God.

Thank you Hope Community for your inspiration!

—Debbie Whited



Sr. Marie Fennewald, Liz Allmeyer, Linda Moerhle, and Sandy Dennis

“Our Precious Blood...”

Susan Bruker



Susan Bruker

Susan was born in Illinois into the Bruker family, the second of seven children. She attended Edwardsville High School and University of Kentucky. She has been married to Jeff Brown for 31 years and has two grown children Henry and Ella.

What inspired her to become a CPPS Partners in Mission was the passing of her mother. At that time, she felt it was a spiritual experience and the only other thing spiritual in her life was working with Sr. Marie Orf and the other Sisters. Susan

was the architect of the repositioning of the Motherhouse in O’Fallon.

Susan has been a Partner for 5 years. Being a Partner is about being a reconciling presence in your day-to-day life. She feels being the second child and her job as an architect for 30 years, where she is the glue that keeps the projects together, gives her this opportunity.

Her favorite travels were when Susan and her husband took their children to South-west Texas, where they did

primitive camping under the stars. She has been a life-guard, swim instructor in high school, a professional cook in college and now is a principal architect at Lawrence Group specializing in eldercare.

In October, Susan will volunteer for two weeks at the Nazareth Immigrant Hospitality Center in El Paso TX. Her desire is to get younger women (specifically her daughter) involved in CPPS Partners In Mission.

—Helen Brown

Sister Delores Schilli

Sr. Delores Schilli's life journey began in St. Louis but she grew up in New Offenburg, Missouri. She lived there with her parents, her two sisters and one brother. She attended Our Lady Help of Christians elementary school in Weingarten then St. Joseph's High School for two years. In her junior year, she headed off to O'Fallon to attend St. Mary's Academy. After graduating, she became a postulant and attended St. Mary's College. She first felt the call to join the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood

when she was still in elementary school, where she was taught by the Sisters.

Sr. Delores has served in a variety of ministries. She taught for eight years at elementary schools in High Ridge, Flint Hill, San Antonia and O'Fallon. She also taught at St. Mary's College for seven years. She moved into parish ministry and has worked in Illinois and Springfield, Missouri.

She is beginning her 19th year at St. Vincent's in Perryville. Her main work is in the RCIA and Adult Education programs. She finds it very rewarding be-

cause she sees that people have a thirst and a need to join the church, to learn more about their faith and to share that faith through study and discussion.

Sr. Delores has a message for the Partners: "Thanks for responding to the call to become a Partner in Mission. You are a sign of hope for us and the world. I thank God and thank you!"

Thank you, Sr. Delores, for answering your vocational call and for your years of service!

—Nancy Haselhorst



Sr. Delores Schilli

What Does Orange Have to Do with Violence?



"Wear your ORANGE ribbon, blouse, jacket, or scarf. TELL people why you are wearing that color..."

Sr. Carol Boschert heads up the effort to increase awareness of violence against girls and women.

After approval from the Gospel Justice Committee, Sr. Carol has given the gentle reminder every month on the 25th as a part of an international campaign. She has even brought orange ribbons to O'Fallon Council meetings and given them to members. Orange

ribbons seem to garner the most attention from others. While still a relatively new practice, Sr. Carol hopes the awareness will combat this global problem!

So, show your support and put on your ORANGE!

—Peggy Hoefel

For Your Spiritual Journey...

Again this year, four of our beloved CPPS Sisters, Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz, Sr. Carol Orf, Sr. Doris Rechiene, and Sr. Joan Schnorbus, are offering their



Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz

service of spiritual direction gratuitous to any CPPS Partner in Mission.

Sr. Carol Orf describes spiritual direction as “a relationship in which the director listens to your story with an ear to the holy, to the divine. It’s a confidential conversation in which

God is present as you talk about your journey in faith.

Your director is:

- a companion for your journey who assists you in recognizing the presence and call of God in your life.
- not a therapist, but rather a listener who can be helpful as you open yourself more fully to the action of God’s Spirit.

You don’t need to come to spiritual direction with any



Sr. Carol Orf



Sr. Doris Rechiene

great problems or concerns. God’s movement in you may be a gentle desire to spend more time in prayer or a need to discover God’s presence in the ordinary events of daily life.”

For Sr. Doris, spiritual direction is “being a mirror to play back what is in the person but that he/she might not be seeing at the time.”

All four Sister spent hours in training and have been practicing spiritual direction for many years.

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—Debbie Whited



Sr. Joan Schnorbus

An Instrument of God’s Peace

ROSE MEYER

1932-2016



*Rose Meyer,
an Irish
blessing to
all who
knew her.*

Partner in Mission, Rose Meyer, passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at the age of 84. Rose and her

husband, Paul, were married for 59 years. Together they had five children and eight grandchildren. Rose was a registered nurse schooled by the Mercy Sisters.

After retirement, Rose began looking for satisfying volunteer work. She believed God directed her footsteps to St. Agatha’s Food Pantry. It was there that she had

her first contact with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. She was impressed by the Sisters’ devotion and caring in their work to help the underprivileged.

At the invitation of Sr. JoAnn Fischer, Rose became a CPPS Partner in Mission in 1992 with the desire to become a better Christian and to know Jesus Christ more intimately. She felt Partners was just what she had been seeking—a way to improve her spiritual life. Rose later commented, “The Sisters

of O’Fallon always make me feel at home, and they and my fellow Partners have been an inspiration to me.”

Rose was a member of the Faithful Remnant small faith community. Sr. Rosemary Oellermann was Rose’s Sister Prayer Partner.

The *Prayer of St. Francis* was sung at Rose’s funeral Mass. Rose embodied the lyrics of this song so beautifully. She was definitely an instrument of peace in our broken world.

—Debbie Whited

Fun, Food, and Fellowship

Saturday August 20th was a hot day, but that made no difference as Partners and Sisters gathered at the St. Joseph – Cottleville school cafeteria where the temperature was nice and cool. The annual Partners Picnic was organized, as in years past, by the TLC small faith-sharing community. This year's attendance was the largest ever and for the first time, more Sisters than Partners were in attendance. As usual, the meat



was provided and cooked by the St. Joe Men's Club. The sides were a variety of dishes brought

by those who attended and they were all delicious. The new leadership team was recognized and introduced to the group.

Afterwards, huge applause was offered as thanks to the Men's Club for their tasty bar



Allen Serfas of the St. Joseph Men's Club and Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz

-b-que and ice cold beverages. But, by far, the highlight of the day was the fellowship. Sisters and Partners were chatting and catching up with each other. There were lots of vacation stories, grand-baby pictures, hugs and well wishes being shared all around. If you were unable to attend, you should do your best to make it next year, you will enjoy it for sure.

Thanks to the TLC SFC for hosting us. Can't wait till next year!

—Mary Reynolds

Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord through Prayer and Presence



Kathleen Bolduan,
Robyn Dannenmueller,
Terry Sheinfeld,
Sr. Joyce Schramm,
Sr. Helene Rueffer,
and
Sr. Rosemary Russell

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imagery, Visio Divina and centering prayer. This introduced some methods of prayer with an opportunity for further depth at a SFC gathering during the year. As for the presence portion of the day, Liz Allmeyer, a Partner, shared her experience of presence. Despite some apprehension, she spoke eloquently about her life experiences where presence made all the difference. It was heartfelt and touching.

Our celebration of the Eucharist was the perfect place to welcome our new-

est members with the commitment ceremony. Our six new Partners Chris Crawford, Karen Grant, Janie Harper-Barton, Kristina Jackson, Chris Lloyd, and Rosemary Pieper promised to strive to bring Christ's reconciling presence to their lives. In addition, congratulations were offered to Partners celebrating 10, 20 and 25 years as members. Assembly Day demonstrated prayer and presence to all attending.

—Peggy Hoefel

GPPS Partners in Mission

Partners in Mission strive to bring Christ's reconciling presence to those we encounter in our daily lives. We seek to carry on the legacy of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood by deepening our relationship with God, each other, and the Community to heal our broken world.

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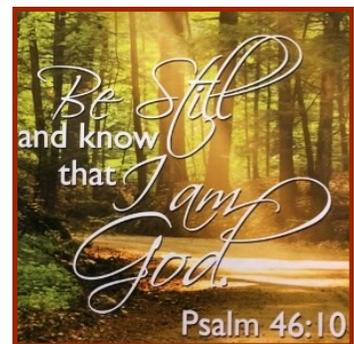
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Fr. Richard Rohr's prayer from Psalm 46:10 of the Hebrew Scriptures: "Be still and know that I am God." Use this prayer to try and draw yourself and others into a contemplative frame of mind.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.