

# SISTERS OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARTNERS IN MISSION NEWSLETTER



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CPPS  
Community Day



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Tim and Debbie Whited have been members of the Hospitality Small Faith Community for the last two years. They have brought with them

a love of their faith and enthusiasm to be of service to the sisters.

Tim joined the Catholic Church in 2006. During Tim's RCIA process, Debbie and Tim met Rick Heitman. As a result of this friendship, they began to explore Partners in Mission. Sister Joan Schnorbus serves as their prayer partner.

The Whited family moved to the O'Fallon, St. Peters area in 1984 from Monroe, Michigan. Tim and Debbie have been married 36 years and have two daughters, Jessica and Kimberly. Their 6 grandchildren give them much joy. Debbie and Tim are very thankful for the gift of family.

Tim and Debbie have been active with their Small Faith Community by participating in several activities. Debbie's third grade class made Christmas stockings and sang Christmas Carols for the sisters. Debbie and Tim assisted at the Kuhlman's annual picnic and helped plan the Trivia Night

In addition to Partners in Mission, the Whiteds serve at All Saints Parish as facilitators in Couple to Couple Marriage Preparation, as extraordinary ministers of home communion, as greeter/hosts for Room at the Inn. Tim is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and works with RCIA. Debbie enjoys praying the Rosary with the elderly at an assisted living facility.

The Whiteds enjoy many outdoor activities, kayaking, hiking, biking, soaking up the sun on an ocean beach. But their favorite activity is spending time with their grandchildren!

by Shirley Petrosky

## On The Journey

by Ellen Jones

Having completed CPPS Partners in Mission Exploration, ten ladies are continuing the journey as candidates to become Partners in Mission. Kathy Bolduan, Susan Bruker, and Betty Mues are studying in St. Louis, while Jeanne Palombo, Lori Larkin, Mary Reynolds, Doris Bridegan, and Rosalie Avis are meeting in O'Fallon and Elaine Pinar, Marie Clifton and Elizabeth McAee are gathering in Perryville. Beginning this September, these women will be spending time together each month, bonding and sharing individual perspectives on the information provided, granting all a genuine spiritual growth. We all pray that this next year of fellowship and reflection leads each of them to a more blessed and fulfilling relationship with our Lord. Congratulations to all of them for accepting this invitation!

(no photo available for O'Fallon group)



St. Louis Candidates



Perryville Candidates

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## A Day Filled With Many Blessings and Much Gratitude

*By Sr. Rose Marie Dobelman*

Our CPPS Partners in Mission met with many CPPS Sisters on Sunday, September 11, 2011 to celebrate Eucharist together commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11; a remarkable reminder of our charism of RECONCILIATION.

After the liturgy we gathered in the newly renovated room, Alpine Heights, for the rest of the day's activities which included prayer, reflection, conversation, hospitality and a presentation given by Sr. Toni Temporiti, CPPS.

Sr Toni's presentation was very informative. She explained with words and pictures her involvement in MicroFinancing Partners in Africa. The mission of MFPA is to empower those living in extreme poverty to lift themselves up with dignity through access to financial services and education. MFPA provides grants which strengthen the various MicroFinancing Programs in Africa. The pictures Sr. Toni showed were worth a thousand words. Microfinancing's mission to eradicate poverty in African communities has begun! We thank God for Sr. Toni's expertise and dedication.

The rest of the day's agenda allowed the Small Faith Communities time to discuss meeting times and topics for this year, as well as, some envisioning for the future. Many ideas surfaced in the Small Faith Communities and will continue during the coming year. What is the future as CPPS Sisters and CPPS Partners in Mission relationship continues to evolve?

The day was a blessing filled with much gratitude and was concluded by sharing a meal with all the Sisters in O'Fallon.



## Partners in Mission Prayer and Commitment Service

*By Donna Pulliam*

On September 11, 2011 the Partners in Mission came together with many of the CPPS Sisters at the Partners prayer and commitment service. After prayer and joyful song, we welcomed seven new members, Cindy Ryon, Nancy Ruth Roark, Liz Allmeyer, Terry Sheinfeld, Claire Vogt, Chris Grady and Chris Cheak to the Partners in Mission family. Liz Allmeyer shared an inspiring reflection on her relationship over the years with the Sisters, and her discernment path to becoming a Partner in Mission.

Barbara Groneck, Joanna Harmon, Dora Lara and Lori Spieker were recognized for their 10 years of service as Partners in Mission. Doris Jung and Conchita Ongjoco celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary as CPPS Partners in Mission!

After the prayer service the fellowship and sharing continued during a delicious meal in the dining room.



## CPPS Partners in Mission at St. Agatha Center

By Sr. Rose Marie Mersinger



Here's an update on the members of the St. Agatha Small Faith Community. Leaders Paul and Carol Pellegrin complete almost 20

years as Partners in Mission and continue to volunteer weekly at the Food Pantry. Carol helps in the Pantry itself, while Paul maintains the buildings and computers where the underprivileged are served. Lori Spieker works at Dad's Cookies and is very generous with cookies for partners' events. Youhna Wang Ayala continues to dream of going to South America to volunteer in the Amanacer Program. Doris Jung and Conchita Ongjoco celebrated 20 years as Partners in Mission. Sisters Joan Klaas, Clare Ann Litteken, Doris Reichtiene, Loretta Sigler and Judy Orf, Prayer Partners, are an integral part of this community.

A word from Paul: "You become a part of the community of the Sisters. It's a wonderful affiliation. It gives you a whole other look – a concern for people and your faith. The emphasis is off of yourself."

A word from Carol: "I really like to make jewelry and do drawing and sketching. I would love to travel to Bolivia."

Several years ago because of their dedication to helping the underprivileged, Paul and Carol Pellegrin received the Sanguis Christi Award. With leaders like Paul and Carol, St. Agatha's Small Faith Community is in good hands!

## Envisioning the Future

By Dawn Boschert

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood will spend the next year sharing about and discussing membership and the relationship of the Sisters with the CPPS Partners in Mission. The CPPS Partners in Mission Advisory Board suggested we begin to reflect on the relationship between CPPS Sisters and the Partners in Mission now. To begin the conversation, Sr. Mary Whited passed on to us her wisdom and her vision of the relationship between the Sisters and the Partners. When asked to share her wisdom about this relationship, Mary stressed two things: keep in mind the Chapter Mandate and the importance of communication between the Partners in Mission and the community.

So we began this process at the assembly day when we asked the Small Faith Communities to take the Chapter Mandate and Sr. Mary's input back to their groups and to reflect and share on Mary's insights. We also provided four questions to help with their reflection and sharing. By Thanksgiving we asked them to send us their insights, suggestions, and questions. We hope that this will give us some ideas and thoughts on how we can strengthen the relationship of the CPPS sisters and our CPPS Partners in Mission.



Dear Partners in Mission,

Thank you for your very generous gift of \$200.00 to Alternatives With Education. Over 300 prisoners received educational programs this year at the St. Louis City jails and at the state prisons in Potosi and Boone Terre. From the 60 year old man who learned meditation and has been practicing it for 7 years -and is near release- to the 49 year old who decided last month it was time to learn to read—all of us thank you!

Gratefully,  
Sr. Barbara Schlatter



**What:** NACAR  
(North American Conference of Associates and Religious)  
**When:** June 1-3, 2012  
**Where:** Chicago, Illinois

**Who:** Joyce Rupp, OSM, is the keynote speaker. The theme of the conference is "A Journey of Blessings." Joyce Rupp is a well known writer, retreat leader, and conference speaker. Consider going and receive "a journey of blessing." For more information, go to [nacar.org](http://nacar.org)

## Summertime Fun....Partners Style!

By Rick Heitman



On Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, the TLC group hosted their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Partners in Mission Picnic at St. Elizabeth's Academy.

As in past years, the day featured bright sunshine and high temperatures. Unlike

previous years, the temperature simply didn't matter; this year's event was held indoors, in the air conditioned comfort of the cafeteria!

Some fifty Partners in Mission and Sisters attended. The TLC group provided hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks, a beautiful sheet cake, and their incomparable organizational and cooking skills. Everything else was a true pot luck....side dishes and desserts brought by the attendees.

Gathering began at 2:00 p.m. Visiting was certainly a highlight; catching up with friends who hadn't been seen in a while, playing board games with the competition both fierce and intense!

Before supper was served, there was both large and small group reflection and sharing on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading. Petitions and intercessory prayers were offered.

The meal was both plentiful and appetizing, with an almost cornucopian variety of items to feast on. The day provided an exclamation mark on a fine summer season!

One final blessing: the Partners in Mission purchased and donated a gas grill to St. Elizabeth Academy in thanks for their many years of hospitality to us!

Thank you, TLC, for a job well done, and a blessing extended to us all!



Dear Partners in Mission,

Thanks you so much for your wonderful gift to MicroFinancing Partners for Africa. We enjoyed being with you; please know your gift of \$200.00 for support of the program is so appreciated.

We were excited with your questions and your response to our information about MFPA and truly experience you as "partners in ministry" as well as "partners in mission."

May your energies for the things of God continue to burst forth in goodness even as we felt it on Sunday, September 11, the Assembly Day.

Gratefully,  
Sr. Toni

