

# SISTERS OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARTNERS IN MISSION NEWSLETTER



Spring 2011

## Important Date

Sun. April 10, 2011

Partners in Mission  
Reflection Day

Editor: Sr. Carol Orf

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Rosemary Christie was born and raised in South St. Louis. She was the middle child and only girl, having one older and one younger brother. "Maybe a little spoiled," she says lightly. Rosemary was educated in

Catholic schools being taught by Notre Dame, St. Joseph and Ursuline sisters. It wasn't until she moved into St. Pius V parish that she became acquainted with the Precious Blood Community and it was one of these sisters who invited Rosemary to explore CPPS Partners in Mission.

Rosemary has only been with the Partners in Mission a little over a year, but she genuinely enjoys and appreciates her Small Faith Community which is predominately CPPS sisters. She says her deepest joy is being a part of and sharing the lives of the other Partners in Mission and sisters. She is very happy at 80 years young living in Our Lady of Life, describing it as a great place to spend her senior years.

"Being Catholic, Christian, having that foundation," Rosemary says, "is the greatest gift from God."

When asked how she lives reconciliation in her life, Rosemary replies, "Trying to think of the other person, what is their point of view and remembering that every person is a child of God."

Rosemary, thank you for your commitment to be a CPPS Partner in Mission.

*By Ellen Jones*

## Relax, Reflect, Reconcile

*By Donna Pulliam*

The upcoming CPPS Partners in Mission Reflection Day, Sunday, April 10, will provide time to relax, to reflect and to reconcile. The theme for our day is Reconciliation: A Spirituality for Challenging Times. Sr. Mary Whited, our presenter states: When relationships between persons and groups are strained, we long for healing. We seek bridges across the gaps that exist within our families, our church, our country, and across the globe. Reconciliation is so needed in these challenging times.

Come and explore a spirituality that is rooted in reconciliation, deepen your sense of connection. Take time to relax, to reflect, to reconcile.



## CPPS Community Day Reconciliation is Focus

*By Sr. Carol Orf*

On March 19, 2011, the Feast of St. Joseph, the Precious Blood Community gathered at St. Elizabeth Academy to respond to our chapter mandate--living more intentionally our charism of reconciliation. Bridget Ehlert, our facilitator, gently asked us to honestly look at an unresolved issue or event in our history that needs reconciliation. Establishing a safe environment Partners in Mission and Sisters shared about these areas where reconciliation was lacking. Partners in Mission Sherry Smith, Carol Jung, Dawn Boschert, Donna Pulliam, Kay Schmitt, Rosemary Christie, Conchita Ongjoco, and Lorraine Cully attended the day and joined in the conversation.

## Earth Day

*By Rick Heitman*

April 16, 2011 will mark the “First Annual Precious Blood Center Earth Day.” The Partners in Mission will team up with the sisters to give portions of the grounds in O’Fallon a thorough spring cleaning!

The event will run from 9:00 A.M. to around noon and the sisters have graciously invited participants to a luncheon afterwards!

Please bring work gloves, rakes, and other light yard tools; pray for good weather, and come join the fun!

Please register in advance with Rick Heitman by phone at 636.240.3656 or by email at [R63017@charter.net](mailto:R63017@charter.net)



## Trivia Night March 26, 2011



## An Awesome Event!

*By Dawn Boschert*

Trivia Night, March 26, 2011, began as a fundraiser. What happened along the way was so much more. All involved deserve a round of applause for this achievement. The biggest success is not the money we raised but the victory lies in working together as a community to make this event happen.



The wonderful support we received from the sisters both as volunteers and participants was awesome. WOW! We can accomplish marvels when we work together. It is also a tribute to the sisters that so many people wanted to come and support them and their ministries.

The committee (Dawn Boschert, Donna Pulliam, Ellen Jones, Debbie and Tim Whited, Judy Powers, and Rick Heitman) has received many compliments about the Trivia Night. The surprise snow fall didn’t dampen the fun or joy experienced by the people who attended. See you next year at an even bigger and better Trivia Night!

**THANKS TO ALL FOR EVERYTHING!**

## New Small Faith Community

By Sr. Rose Marie Dobelman



A prayerful, active and joy-filled faith community was formed this year! We are twelve members strong and have chosen OUTSIDE THE GATES as our name. Our mission statement helps us on our faith journey together. It states: Aware of God's presence we will strengthen our small faith community through reconciliation,

hospitality, presence and response to human needs through our daily prayer and service.



The majority of our service will focus on those outside the gates, the marginalized members of our society.

Presently we are working with Crisis Nursery, St. Joachim and Ann Food Pantry, Room at the Inn, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

We meet once a month. Our meetings open with prayer followed by a time of faith sharing on the Gospel of the upcoming Sunday. The agenda each month includes a time for checking in on what's happening in our lives and each member offers a petition to be held in prayer each day by all of us.



The members of OUTSIDE THE GATES are: Barb Bisanz, Sr. Rose Marie Dobelman, Toni Dressel, Sr. Josepha Bauer, Sandy Hosack, Sr. Ruth Kertz, Ellen Jones, Sr. Marie Orf, Kay Schmitt, Sr. Esther Hogan, Marilyn Woebeking, and Sr. Luella Dames.

We are grateful to our God for having chosen us to be instruments of service in God's creation. We also pray that those who share in this commitment be a source of confirmation and inspiration to one another and to those we meet each day.



## CPPS Partner in Mission Candidates Tour O'Fallon

By Sr. Carol Orf

CPPS Partner in Mission candidates tour O'Fallon on Sunday, March 27, 2011. The usual time for this tour is in December but a significant snowfall cancelled the visit in then. Sr. Carol re-scheduled the tour for the spring.



CPPS Partner in Mission candidates, Cindy Ryon, Nancy Roark, Liz Allmeyer and husband, Bob, Claire Vogt and husband, Chris, Terry Sheinfeld and Chris Grady were in attendance. Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz introduced the group to the splendid windows in St. Joseph Chapel; Sr. Viola Marie Spire shared the beauty of the ministry in the Ecclesiastical Art Department; Sr. Carol led the tour of the O'Fallon Cemetery focusing on the grave of Sr. Seraphine Zwizzig, row 17, grave 2. Sr. Seraphine is the only sister who resided in all of our foundations sites: Steinerberg, Ottmarsheim, Gurtweil and O'Fallon. After the visit to the cemetery, Sr. Marie Orf showed several of the sisters' apartments and Sr. Marie Laurent Klein ended the informational tour with an explanation of the new Precious Blood Chapel. At the end of the day all visitors enjoyed a delicious dinner with the sisters.



## Exodus 17: 8-13

By Rick Heitman

There is a tradition within the Precious Blood Community that each ministry and community house has a "Moses," a senior sister who specially prays for the ministry or residence. This tradition is based on Exodus 17, when Israel was attacked by the Amalekites. As long as "Moses kept his arms raised," Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to the Amalekites."

CPPS Partners in Mission who cannot actively participate in the various events and activities because of health reasons or age but wish to remain connected are known as partners of "prayer and presence." These faithful partners pray the Christum Dei daily and by their presence live out the charism of reconciliation.

Lorraine Cully, former co-director of CPPS Partners in Mission, and a member of the Hospitality Community, maintains a personal ministry to stay connected to our prayer and presence members. She has launched a program within Partners in Mission in which these members will emulate the Moses tradition for our own nine Small Faith Communities!

Doris Jung	St. Agatha's
Joanna Harmon	Outside the Gates
	Faithful Remnant
Audrey Lauenstein	Hospitality
	Finland
Mary Ann Sherman	Wisdom Circle
	Estonia
Delores Michler	Bolivia
Lorraine Cully	TLC

Thank you, our dear prayer and presence members, for raising your arms over us!



## Partners in Mission Explorers 2011

By Sr. Carol Orf

On February 2, 1870 a group of nine sisters left Gurtweil, Germany to explore the New World. In February 2011 several groups of lay women have begun an exploration journey of their own.

February 16, 2011 in O'Fallon, Rick Heitman met with six women as they began their journey of discernment to become a CPPS Partner in Mission: Jeanne Palombo, Judy Powers, (already a partner and seeking a rejuvenation of commitment), Rosalie Avis, Lori Larkin, Mary Reynolds and Doris Bridegan. (no photo available)

At the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center in St. Louis, Sr.



Carol Orf welcomed a group of five women who began their discernment to become Partners in Mission: Margaret Mantia, Diane

LeBeau, Kathy Bolduan, former members, Susan Bruker, architect for Villa Theresa and Betty Mues, a parishioner at St. Pius V.

On Sunday, February 27, 2011, in Perryville, Sr. Delores Schilli, Sr. Marilyn Schneider and Sr. Pat Muller



met with three women who are also exploring a partner relationship with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. They are: Elaine Pinar, Marie Clifton and Elizabeth McAtee.

These women will meet monthly with the leader/s at their respective sites February through May. During these months they will be invited to deepen their relationship with God and to intensify their relationship with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood by learning about our history, prayer, charism and ministry. In May they are given the opportunity to continue or discontinue their discernment and formation beginning in September. Please keep these women and their leaders in prayer.