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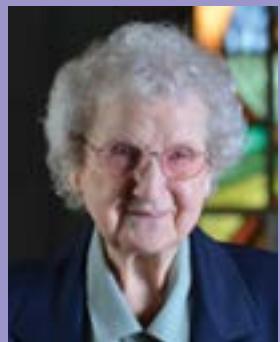
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Dear Friends,

The five of us will be leaving our ministry of leadership of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood on June 30, 2016. We are so thankful to each of you and want to share our thoughts of gratitude with you:

- We are grateful for the generosity of our benefactors who continue to support us as we try to live our Mission as Sisters of the Most Precious Blood;
- We appreciate YOUR PRESENCE at our events and your help with the planning;
- We are grateful for your support of all our Sisters in community as you respond to our needs and concerns;
- You have helped us by affirming that it is not always what we DO as Sisters but it is who we ARE for the Church and God's people that is important;
- Seeing your faith as lay persons has enriched and inspired us. The residents at Villa Theresa and those who come to live with us in skilled care are a gift to us and we learn from each other;
- We believe that we have a HUGE, EXTENDED FAMILY! Thank you for coming to our Auctions, for joining us at the ballpark to cheer on the Cardinals and all the times you visit and send us cards.

We are very blest with you as our friends, our supporters, our advocates and companions on the journey to be reconcilers in our world, to bring and receive Mercy as we share the good news of Jesus with God's people.

Gratefully,

Sisters Fran Raia, Cecile Gunelson, Sandra Barton, Ellen Orf, Lucy Meissen



CONGRATULATIONS

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, at recent General Chapter held from March 30 – April 9, 2016, elected a new five-member Leadership Team. They will be installed on July 1, 2016, and will serve a six-year term. From left to right they are: Sr. Janice Bader, Superior General; and General Councilors Sr. Joni Belford, Sr. Marie Fennewald, Sr. Barbara Schlatter, and Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz.



A piece of Sr. Mary Beth Kemper's artwork was chosen to be part of a LAUDATO SI exhibit at the Good Shepherd Gallery in Ferguson, Missouri. The exhibit is in honor of the one-year anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical on "Care for our Common Home". The exhibit features artwork of women and men religious and will run from May 22 – June 26, 2016.



On March 17, 2016, Sr. Marilyn Schneider's High School Choir from St. Vincent Parish in Perryville, MO, participated in the Southeast MO District Choir Contest at Southeast MO State University. The choir received a #1 rating for its performance and a #1 rating in sight singing. These are the highest scores in the competition.



Sr. Loretta Luecke spoke at the Centennial History of the Catholic Church in Alaska on Oct. 29, 2015, in Anchorage, AK. Sr. Loretta is the only active parish administrator of parish life at present in the Archdiocese of Anchorage and she spoke of her experiences during these last 25 years. The title of the program was: Freezing Faithful: Our Stories.

Human Trafficking is Everywhere

Sisters Esther Hogan and Ruth Kertz, along with members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Ballwin-Chesterfield branch, and Amanda Colegrove, Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation (CATE), started the St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT) several years ago because of the need of awareness about what is happening right in front of us every day.

Although there has been considerable effort to teach people about human trafficking in St. Louis County, there has been little awareness effort made in St. Charles County, where the Coalition's office and training center is located on the property of Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. SCCAT learned from working with St. Louis County anti-trafficking agencies that the citizens of St. Charles County do not believe that trafficking is happening in their municipalities nor do they know what they can do to combat this modern-day form of slavery.



Founding Members of SCCAT Sr. Ruth Kertz, Barbara Butchart, and Sr. Esther Hogan.



Participants at the recent "Breaking the Chains of Modern Slavery" Symposium.

U. S. federal law defines victims of human trafficking as "children involved in the sex trade, adults age 18 or over who are coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts, and anyone forced into different forms of 'labor or service,' such as domestic workers held in a home or farm workers forced to labor against their will."

The goal of the Coalition is to break the chains of modern day slavery. For the first time, SCCAT will educate the people who live, work, and go to school in St. Charles County about the extent of human trafficking in their communities. They partner with schools, religious groups, businesses, and community-based organizations to get the word out. Through the work of the Coalition they are faithful to their Mission Statement: SCCAT is committed to raising awareness about human trafficking by providing information, networking opportunities, and community resources. Sr. Esther says, "We feel we have been successful in this ministry as we believe 'the power of one becomes the power of many' (Malala -Nobel Peace Award)."

Did you know...

- Trafficking may look like many of the people you see every day?
- Trafficking may look like many of the people you help every day?
- Trafficking is modern day slavery?
- Trafficking exploits persons for commercial sex or forced labor?
- Trafficking involves recruiting, transporting, harboring, receipt of, and transferring of persons?

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (1-888-373-7888) can help you determine if you have encountered victims of human trafficking.



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Sr. Elizabeth
Weiman

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Sr. Suzanne
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Sr. Joann Fischer



Sr. Darlene Huck



Sr. Marlene Huck



Sr. Teresa
Reichmuth

Pope Francis declared December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016, as the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. He emphasizes the need for the Church and all her members to live out the loving mercy that God has for us. We asked this year's Jubilarians to tell us "How do you show Mercy" or "How do you receive Mercy" in your daily life? Here is a sampling of their responses:

Sr. Darlene Huck

I show mercy to others when I am sensitive to the situations they experience that are not in their favor by comforting them in their pain or misfortune.

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Sr. Janet Dohr



Sr. Carol Donohue



Sr. Pat Knobbe



Sr. Carol Orf

Sr. Sheila
Prendeville

Sr. Monica Schieber



Sr. Barbara Schlatter

Sr. Carol Orf

Daily in Centering Prayer I receive God's mercy. I then pray to pass mercy onto my local community, my parish and those with whom I minister.

Sr. Carol Donohue

When I want to be merciful to someone who is suffering I need to be compassionate and respectful of the dignity of the person to whom I offer mercy.

Sr. Janet Dohr

When I was forgiven (and didn't deserve to be,) it gave me the strength to be merciful to others.

Sr. Joann Fischer

Words seem insufficient when I think of the numerous gifts of mercy I have received throughout my life and in particular as a Sister of the Most Precious Blood.

Giving Credit Where Credit is Due

There are certain people that don't get recognized for all that they do above and beyond what is asked of them. That is often the case with many of our Sisters. They, too, deserve to be shown gratitude for their work. Here are a few Sisters that we want to acknowledge. If we listed all the things that they do, we would not have enough room in the magazine for anything else.



Sr. Carmen Schnyder, Treasurer General

Sr. Carmen works with banks, budgets, insurance, investments, taxes and vehicles to name a few.



Sr. Mary Joan Dyer, Consulting Editor

Sr. Mary Joan is the editor for all things written. She corrects, edits, rewrites, researches, and volunteers with a smile.



Sr. Clara Therese Ziegler, CPPS Postal Service

Sr. Clara Therese is our own "Pony Express" who picks up, organizes, and delivers anything and everything that can be transported to and from our Sisters.

Blessing of the Trees



The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood celebrated Earth Day, April 22, by blessing many of the trees, bushes and shrubs on the Village of St. Mary's property. A special blessing was given to several newly planted trees that were put in place of trees that had died or their roots were becoming problematic. The new trees were donated by long-time friends of the community Gerry and Rosemary Pieper. Gerry is the former owner of Gerard's nursery in O'Fallon, MO.



“Then God said, ‘Let the land sprout with vegetation-every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.’ And that happened.” (Genesis 1:11)

Thank you to everyone who supported the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood's "Lights, Camera, Auction!" on Saturday, March 19, 2016. A good time was had by all as our guests walked the red carpet, got their picture taken with our mystery guest, received awards, and bid on silent and oral items.



1. Michelle Hapak, Kathy Schmidt, Barbara Klocke, Sylvia Ott, Diane Faulstich, and Eileen Edwards pose with Pope Francis.
2. Leah Wand presents Ted Molitor with the "Best Supporting Actor" award.
3. Chris and Lorri Brown.
4. Joanne Augsburger Jana and Susan Augsburger dress the part for the evening festivities.
5. Alan Faust accepts the "Best Supporting Family Award" on behalf of the Faust family.
6. Marcia Schmitz poses with her "Best Supporting Actor" Award.
7. Bruce and Sue Buerkle pose with Sr. Joan Schnorbus and Sr. Joyce Schramm.
8. Sisters Marie Orf and Suzanne Besancenez sell 50/50 tickets.
9. Sr. Barbara Schlatter and Geri Pitti.
10. Table decorations for the event.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us at next year's event on Saturday March 11, 2017, at Old Hickory Golf Club.

Night at Busch Stadium



Please join us for our Night at Busch Stadium Fundraiser when the St Louis Cardinals take on the Texas Rangers on Friday, June 17, 2016. We have "New Seats" in the Lower Right Field Box! Tickets are \$50 and transportation from O'Fallon is available for \$15. For more information call Leah or Marcia at 636-240-6010 or www.cpps-ofallon.org.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the CPPS Partners in Mission host an annual Trivia Night? "Where was Pope Francis born?" "Who was president of the United States when the Berlin Wall fell?" Those are just two of the many questions asked on Saturday evening, April 19, 2016, during the recent CPPS Partners in Mission Trivia Night. The event is held annually in the cafeteria at St. Joseph Parish School in Cottleville and is supported by the St. Joseph Men's Club. The Trivia Night, sponsored by the Partners, raises money to support the many ministries of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. This year nearly \$3,500 will be awarded through a grant process.

Some of the ministries supported by the grants include: Sr. Toni Temporiti's Microfinancing Partners in Africa project, Sisters LaVerne Wester and Robert Ann Harper's work at Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, Sr. Maria Orf's work at St. Anthony of Padua Food Bank, Sisters Esther Hogan and Ruth Kertz's St. Charles Outreach Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and many others, including the Sisters' ministries in South America.

Partners in Mission is a lay associate group in relationship with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. This partnership provides an opportunity for lay men and women to be supported in their faith and to share in the Sisters' mission of being a reconciling presence. If you would like information about Partners in Mission, please contact Debbie Whited at dwhited@cpps-ofallon.org or 636-542-9479.

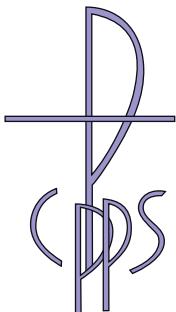


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Prayer Program

The Mission Advancement Office of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood has prayer cards for various occasions. Sending one of our cards lets loved ones know that they will be remembered in a Mass offered once a month and enrolls them in the Sisters' monthly prayer program. We have prayer cards for all occasions including baby, congratulations, memorial, thinking of you, anniversary, Christmas, get well, thank you, and wedding, for a suggested donation of \$5.00 each. For more information or to order some cards, please contact Marcia at 636-240-6010 ext. 273.

