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2017 Convocation

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CSJ Heritage Convocation, Regis College



Reaching Out and Making Connections

by Mary Nagle, CSJ, Mission Effectiveness Coordinator



Pope Francis opens his encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation with the words, *LAUDATO SI, mi Signore* – "Praise be to you, my Lord." In paragraph 322, *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love, he states, *"Each of us, by our love and care, leaves a mark on the life of others...not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God."* These words are the living legacy of the residents at Bethany Health Care Center. No where will you find a group who has touched the life of so many people of all ages. The residents are a powerhouse of prayer and service and are not aware of the impact they have on others. Constantly, they are reaching out to one another and others are reaching out to them.

On May 11, Bethany had a ground breaking ceremony for a new Activity Center. This Activity Center has been a dream of the Administration for some time. It is finally becoming a reality because of the many faithful benefactors over the years that have supported Bethany with their generous donations and the work of the Mission Advancement Office. The size of the Activity Room will be more than doubled and will more readily accommodate the needs of the residents. There are more and more residents who depend on wheelchairs and walkers which take up more space. In addition to creating extra space the building is designed to incorporate more light and have access to the outdoors so the residents can see and feel the rain and snow as well as enjoy all the seasons of the year. This project is another way to enhance the quality of life for our residents. Bethany Health Care Center's mission is *"to provide quality care for our residents in a manner which helps them to be connected with God, with other people and with the world in which they live."* We are all connected to the human family, to the created world and to those who will come after us in future generations.

ABOVE: CSJ LEADERSHIP TEAM AT GROUND-BREAKING EVENT.

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Transforming the World

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**“Each of us, by our love and care,
leaves a mark on the life of others...
not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God.”**
(Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*)

Today our country, our world, our planet needs us to be the energizer to bring about the transformation expressed in the mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph which is God’s unifying love lived out in you and me as we serve the needs of the dear neighbor without distinction. The theme for our CSJ Heritage Convocation, March 2017, was *JUST LOVE*. Sister Betty Cawley, CSJ spoke on the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Justice Teaching and their relation to the CSJ mission. The seven themes are: Life and Dignity of the Human Person; Call to Family, Community and the Common Good; Rights and Responsibilities; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; Solidarity; and Care for God’s Creation.

The CSJ Sponsored Ministries form a community within a community. Each ministry is a community with a particular mission: health care, permanent housing, education at all levels from toddlers to graduate students. If you visit any of the ministries, you will notice upon entry that there is a welcoming atmosphere and you will see displayed examples of how one or more of the Catholic Social Justice principles influenced a service project or activity undertaken by the ministry. A community garden shares its produce with others; residents crochet prayer shawls for those who are in need of healing; students volunteer to travel to US cities or other countries in need of rebuilding due to natural disasters; students connect with other students via social media to learn about other cultures, customs, and traditions.



The ministries reach out and invite others to widen the community circle to show respect for all peoples without distinction, to work for peace in our neighborhoods and wherever there is unrest, to encourage families to care for our Common Home, Planet Earth by recycling, using water carefully, feeding the hungry, and conserving our energy use, electric, fossil fuel, wind or solar.

The UN has 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by 193 Member States of the United Nations as a plan of action to provide a better future for all people. The hope is that by 2030 we will see a world transformed by the world community of which we are all members. I encourage you to google, UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals, and as a family or as an individual to consider how you can participate and/or support at least one of the goals. Make this part of the legacy you leave to future generations. These Sustainable Development goals dovetail the themes of Catholic Social Justice Teaching and the mission and values of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Together we will bring about the transformation of our world community.

In the picture book, *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney, young Alice shares her hopes and dreams for the future with her grandfather. She wishes to travel to far-away places and return home to live by the sea. Her grandfather tells her there is a third thing you must do –

*You must do something to make the
world more beautiful.*



Recognition for Years of Service

by Trish Appert, Executive Director



Every May at the final Board meeting of the fiscal year, the Bethany Hill Place Board of Trustees pauses to recognize the contributions of its retiring members and honor their commitment and service to our unique mission. This year, on May 16, we celebrated six truly exceptional individuals.

Heartfelt appreciation was extended to founding Board member, Peggy Comfrey, CSJ, past Board Chair and CSM Director Representative, Donna Gallo, Joan Patricia Lonergan, CSJ, Board Chair, Marianne McLaughlin, Cristina Squeff, and Mary Rita Weschler for an extraordinary 51 years of combined service.

Together, these six dedicated women steered us through many transitions, tough budget times, a name change, and tackling some daunting capital needs. Individually, they brought a wealth of family, friend and work connections, shared their considerable professional expertise with Bethany Hill Place residents and staff, entered spin-a-thons, staffed a book fair, and built a Gala to raise the funds needed to keep our program and our residents' dreams alive year after year.

Board Chair, Marianne McLaughlin had personal words of gratitude for each honoree and when she finished lauding her colleagues, she in turn was recognized by incoming Chair Tiffany O'Connell with spontaneous applause breaking out from the entire Board. A wall plaque commemorating their service and a beautiful Swarovski pin were given to each member. Bouquets of fresh flowers were also presented to Marianne in her role as Chair, for her sterling example of steadfast vision, leadership and

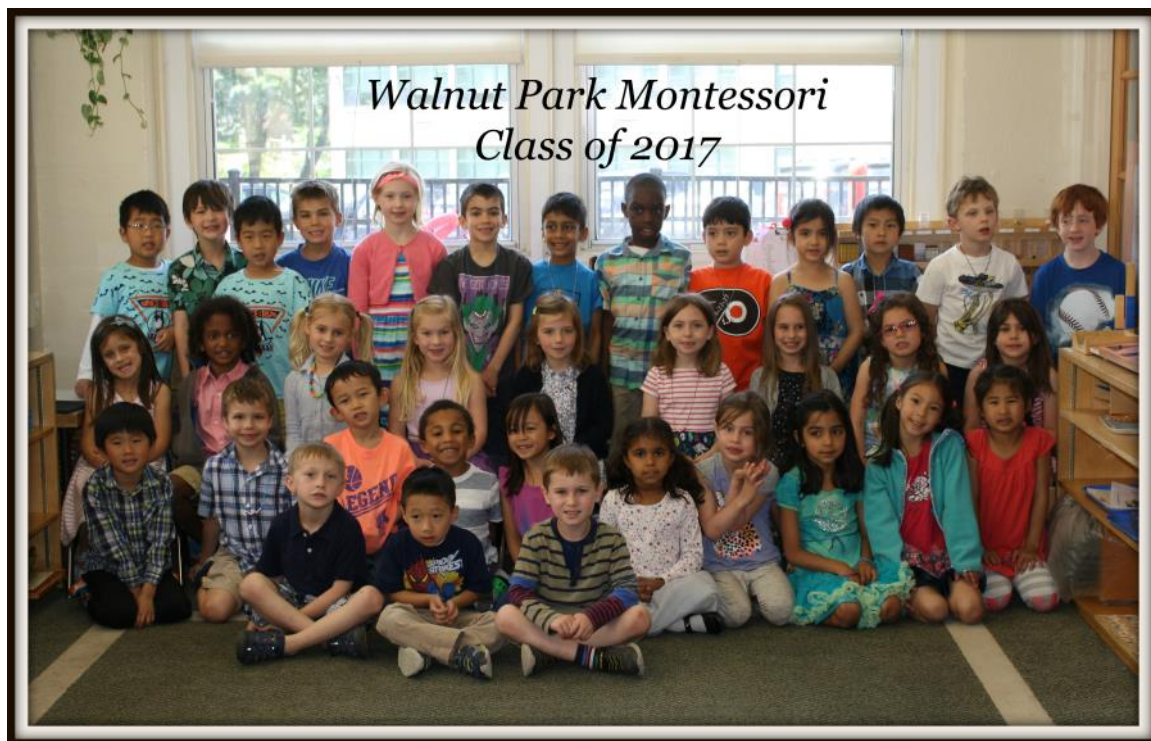
generosity in times of significant change, and to Donna Gallo, past Chair of the Bethany Hill Place Board and our Director Representative from the CSM Board, who has steered and nurtured the organization from both roles for an incredible 15 years. Brenda Forry, CSJ, who has served as a trustee and as a trustee representing the CSJ Leadership Team, was recognized for her 9 years of service and was also honored with a Swarovski pin.

The meeting drew to a close but the celebration continued over food and drink at Jack's Abby in downtown Framingham. While their official roles governing the organization are winding down, the love and support these women have offered Bethany Hill Place has widened our circle considerably, and their commitment continues to inspire us to move confidently forward with our mission. The evening ended with hugs and promises to "See you at the Cookout." The strength of the Bethany Hill Place Board lies in the selfless commitment and heartfelt devotion of its members, past and present.

ABOVE LEFT : TRISH APPERT, MARIANNE MCLAUGHLIN, JOAN PATRICIA LONERGAN, CSJ, MARY RITA WESCHLER, CSJA, DONNA GALLO, BRENDA FORRY, CSJ; **RIGHT:** MARIANNE MCLAUGHLIN, OUTGOING BOARD CHAIR AND TIFFANY O'CONNELL, CHAIR ELECT



Graduation at the Ministries



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Fontbonne Academy

Saint Joseph Preparatory High School



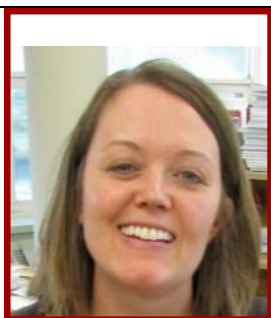
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TOP LEFT: YANINA VASQUEZ, FIRST ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT TO COMPLETE A DEGREE AT REGIS WITH DR. HAYS; **TOP RIGHT:** 2017 REGIS GRADUATES; **CENTER: L-R:** ANTOINETTE HAYS; JOHN TEGAN (CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES); SISTER CONSILIO FITZGERALD; JOHN FISH, KNATOKIE FORD

The Library Neighborhood

By Mary Rita Grady, CSJ, Archivist



Where on a college campus can you find a neighborhood? One place you can find it at Regis College is in the Library building. Information services of all sorts are provided to preschoolers, to teens and young adult learners, as well as to faculty and staff. All are welcomed in this space.

The welcome is seen in the paper and digital signs of direction and heard in the helpful words of the staff. The American Library Association currently views libraries as “changing and dynamic places where librarians help people find the best source of information whether it's a book, a web site, or database entry.” Since the beginning of the College, this has been true of the Regis College Library. Initially it was in the attic space of the old Carriage House. By the time of the first commencement in 1931, the Regis College Library was moved to the third floor of the new College Hall Building. In 1954, it had its own freestanding space.

The places have changed but the Library has been dynamic through the changes, aiding faculty, staff and students to access the information they are seeking. The neighborly dynamism of the library comes, not from the change of places, but from the interaction between librarians and other educators who have familiarity with current sources of information; words written in articles and books; words written digitally; those who have knowledge of learning styles and of history; and with those seeking help in techniques to further their education. The Library has from the beginning provided reading and study rooms. There are spaces for students to study in silence and in groups. Students have access to learning in classes and one-on-one.

The Library welcomes in its space all sorts of information providers. The Archives preserve the non-current historic records of the College services to staff and alums. The Pearl Nelson

Educational Center has resources for children's education. The Academic Center for Excellence and the Learning Commons provide spaces to polish language, to learn how to access information and to write well. The Library itself provides learning sources which use the availability of the internet, as well as those sources traditional to libraries—books.

In addition, it is a neighborhood among the varied staff and with the diverse patrons it serves. The Library neighborhood welcomes all and endeavors to make a difference for learners. It encourages the learner to pursue excellence accompanied by consciousness of others. All of which are characteristics for which Regis and other CSJ Colleges strive.

ABOVE: ARMINE BAGDASARIAN: INTERLIBRARY LOAN ASSISTANT; CAROLYN SAGER: INFORMATION SERVICES DIRECTOR; TRICIA REINHART: INFORMATION SERVICES ASSOCIATE; JULIE PARKER: COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR; JANE PECK: DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY; **BELOW:** THE ACADEMIC CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE (ACE) AT WORK, LED BY MARSHA GLINES, DEAN OF ACADEMIC STUDENT SERVICES



Tending to the Dear Neighbor

by Kathleen McCarvill, Assistant Head of School for Student Life



A typical Monday at Saint Joseph Prep begins around 9:20 AM. Every member of our school gathers in Phoenix Hall for our Community Gathering which opens with prayer, intentions for the wider community, and often a reflection on the Gospel reading. Students, coaches, and teachers make announcements. We celebrate one another and God's presence among us when we stop to hold hands and pray the Our Father together. This moment brings to life the mission of Jesus and the Sisters of Saint Joseph, "that all may be one." This ordinary yet profound Monday Gathering is where the Spirit of God's love begins to work in us. This is now our tradition whenever and wherever we gather.

How does God work in us at SJP as we continue the legacy of the CSJs? We are blessed to live next door to the sisters, our dear neighbors. There is a genuine love for the sisters among our students and for the CSJ charism. We often celebrate Mass together and it is not unusual to see a student guiding a sister back toward the motherhouse. Our rising seniors have promised after their service visit to Bethany, "We will continue your mission in our world." SJP's individual service programs, Senior Service programs, and our students and faculty who travel to Haiti make a difference in our world. Students are taught that their dear neighbor is also the person next to you, often so close, that it is almost more difficult to recognize the presence of Christ in them. We are all called to see others as God sees us. No easy task!

Saint Joseph Prep is constantly reminding students and teachers that they are "known and loved." The first time I said this at a social to a group of parents many eyes filled up with tears and said: "Thank you." Beyond an excellent education and a happy child, those are words a parent wants to hear. Those are words we all want to hear. What happens at SJP, happens one on one. It is the individual student who is respected, served and loved. That's what we all do every day and why it is such a gift to be an educator. We teach and live the CSJ mission and "let the Lord do the rest."

My mother would stop at various times in our lives to give us "wisdom talks." One of the many lessons she taught her children was that "Every person in your life was sent to you by God to teach you a lesson and has a message from God." From the moment a person makes the choice to move on from SJP, returning home to where they grew up or looking for a new challenge, that decision is met with love. Their decision is respected and embraced. We remember those moving on by honoring their choice and remember them at the end of the year faculty party. Someone in the SJP community who knows them well shares a tribute and a gift is presented. A final tribute from Tom Nunan, our Head of School, closes this sacred ritual.

However, the "remembering" continues in our daily prayer, the frequent mention of their names, the promise that they will always be part of our SJP family. We talk about "rising" often because that is our experience, the experience of the Phoenix, our mascot, the magnificent bird that continues to rise and rise...soaring to ever new heights. That rising does not happen in a vacuum but takes commitment and hard work. None of us does this work alone. Every teacher, staff member and student is part of the story. Remembering is our most cherished strength and so whether present on campus on a daily basis, or half way across the country, in our remembering, in our honoring of the values of the Sisters of Saint Joseph the Phoenix continues to rise, and the miracles keep happening.

TOP: REBEKAH FOREST ASSISTING WITH TRANSPORTING A PATIENT; **BOTTOM:** SCHYULER GRYGLIER ASSISTING WITH COOKING CLASS AT BETHANY



A Year of Gratitude, Joy and Hope

by Jean Behenna and Kathleen Berube, CSJ, Mission Effectiveness Facilitators

Jackson Walnut Park School's Fiftieth Jubilee year theme was Gratitude, Joy, and Hope. A special liturgy at Our Lady Help of Christians Church to commemorate our Jubilee was celebrated with Bishop Mark O'Connell in gratitude for the past 50 years of joy in our ministry, and of hope for the future. On May 9, Jackson School gathered in the Peace Garden for a special Time Capsule Ceremony. Each grade level selected one item to place in the time capsule and stated the reason why they thought the item would be of interest to those who would open the capsule in 50 years. Items included a newspaper front page, a "Hamilton" program, a fidget, a Dunkin Donut styrofoam cup, and a paragraph written in cursive.

The entire JWP faculty and staff enjoyed a wonderful day at the Connors Retreat Center in Dover. It was a perfect day for quiet reflection and time for valuable conversation, sharing in small groups, and expressing feelings of gratitude. Everyone left for the long weekend with a renewed sense of hope.

During the Annual Art Festival, students were fortunate to work with a children's book illustrator, Ralph Masiello. In collaboration with Jackson School art teacher, Ms. Simone, students in Kindergarten, third and fourth grades created an oversized art book called the "Artabet" which focused on various forms of art throughout history. Students and parents enjoyed a sneak preview at the almost finished book. The "Artabet" will be on view in the Fall.

Jackson School hosted its second STEAM Fair. Each level selected a real world problem to solve and used the engineering design process of asking, imagining, planning, creating, and improving to solve the problem with their team. Students were very creative which contributed to the fair's success. During the last five weeks of school, the sixth graders worked on their final STEAM project. The students were engaged in a project-based learning unit centered on an ocean theme. All subjects were integrated as the students researched ocean topics and created a final project which they would use to teach the younger students about the ocean and the responsibility to care for this most valuable resource. One group actually included a "call to action" within their project. They collected water bottles and cans from the entire community and made a \$200 donation to the New England Aquarium. The culminating field trip for this project was to Woods Hole. The students visited the Aquarium, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, and Nobska Lighthouse Beach.



Here the students wrote poetry, created water colors, and explored digital photography. It was a perfect way to realize the glory of God's creation and how important it is to care for our environment.

As the school year came to an end, the Jackson students participated in Growth and Learning Day. Fifth grade students led the reflection on the past school year's most memorable times and most important academic accomplishments. The celebration ended when the students "jumped up" to meet their new teachers and enjoy a tasty popsicle.

Grade 6 graduation began with the Eucharistic liturgy celebrated by Fr. Adrian Milik. Tributes to their teachers and parents expressed gratitude for the wonderful education they received at Jackson School. Brendan Fulham shared his reflection on his experience at Jackson School. "It might seem like it is time to say goodbye, but I can assure you not for this class. We are not only classmates, but we have become a family, and even though we are headed to different schools we will always remain close to each other and to Jackson School."

As we end our school year and look forward to the summer months, we reflect on the words of Pope Francis "each of us, by our love and care, leaves a mark on the life of others....not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God."

ABOVE: OWEN MYERS, XAVIER IP, STEPHEN KILCOYNE, AND LILY WATERS INSIDE MODE OF THE SUBMERSIBLE "ALVIN" AT THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE

Light Bearers

by Nancy Fish, Head of School



the classroom. This was a learning experience for the adult and a snapshot of a child's day in school. These "Montessori Moments" inspire and bring **joy** to all of us who have the privilege of working with young children. It was wonderful to witness our students extending **gracious hospitality** to these "Grand" people in their lives.

Our final community project for this year was collecting food for The Literacy Connection food pantry. A simple gesture and it happens in such ordinary ways that we keep the CSJ charism alive that calls us to achieve unity both of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God.

On June 9, our final day of school, the children, faculty and staff gathered in the hallway to say farewell to our 36 seniors, some of them third and fourth year students who entered as toddlers. Our annual Clapping Out Ceremony echoed as the seniors walked through the hallowed hallway for the last time as students of WPMS. It was a moment to witness, children spontaneously celebrating and supporting their peers. The parents from our community were outside waiting to receive them and continued the clapping onward. This community moment of WPMS demonstrated that the spirit of unity is alive. We prepared them for their next journey, and they are our **hope** for the future. Too often, as their guides for the past several years, we measure what they have obtained from us. On this day, we recognized what we have learned from them. These children have each left an indelible handprint on our hearts.

ABOVE: WPMS STUDENT ERIN MACDONALD WILL ENTER GRADE 1 AT JACKSON SCHOOL; **BELOW:** NICHOLAS SALGUERO AND HIS GRANDMOTHER AT GRAND DAY

On Fridays, the Walnut Park Montessori School faculty begins the day with an Optional Prayer and Reflection breakfast before school begins. On our last Friday of the school year quite a few teachers joined in to reflect how the year has gone and how grateful we are to one another. The prayer was "Light Bearer" by Joyce Rupp. I believe this is the hand of the Holy Spirit, bringing us together to share moments of **gratitude** to people who have been the light bearers in our life. A reflection: How can we bring some light to each other? This gave us an opportunity to appreciate and recognize the gifts and light that Jane Apau has brought to Walnut Park School as she leaves us this school year. Additionally, as a community, we recognized those parents who have served us through their gifts of leadership and volunteerism. As a thank you, we presented each one with a candle and a note that said "Thank you for being a light in the life of a child." Being a "Light Bearer" is a theme which runs throughout our community.

We reveled in celebration of our "Grand Day" held last month. The children were the guides to their "grand" person, joyfully giving lessons and guiding them through



Transformative Prayer

by Maeve McDonald '17



As students at Fontbonne Academy, a school steeped in the tradition and charism of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, we are educated with the calling and mission, “to serve the dear neighbor without distinction” and to engage ourselves in, “ever widening circles of love.” This tradition shapes each student as it sets us on our life’s path. One of the most important ways that I have experienced this tradition is through prayer that guides us each day at Fontbonne.

C.S. Lewis said, “Prayer doesn’t change God, it changes me.” Each morning, we unite as a school community in prayer. I have come to recognize this morning prayer as a calling, which centers our day and focuses our actions. It provides an opportunity to draw closer to God and reflect on what He wants for us. There is something beautiful about the routine that surrounds this activity because it gives us the chance to enter into the transformative experience of prayer anew each day. Similar to the notion proposed by C.S. Lewis, some have noted that prayer doesn’t necessarily change things, rather it changes people and people change things. This is especially true at

Fontbonne as we work to recognize our role in carrying out Jesus’ mission on earth. We are called to be agents for change; carrying the strength that we are given in faith and prayer into all of our actions.

One of the things that I have loved most about our prayers is that they unite us with our mission. For example, during Black History Month, one of our students wrote a prayer that was read at morning announcements. Part of the prayer said, “Let us celebrate diversity with open arms and embrace more deeply the value of our differences. We all come from many places, but in you, we are the same.” During this month of unity, the prayer reminded us that we are called to set an example, first in our small community and then in the world of what it means to live in an inclusive society and share our conviction that God created each one of us as equals. Another example was our Lenten Giving Initiative. We chose to work with an orphanage called Angel’s Voices in Haiti and our prayers reflected this work. We prayed with our sisters in Haiti and this prayer inspired our giving and oriented our actions.

We know, especially through the teachings of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, that we are called to open the hearts of others to receive the Holy Spirit of God’s love. At Fontbonne, one of the best ways that this is done is through prayer. I have learned that prayer transcends our differences, those things which separate us. It overcomes distance and language and culture. It unites us as one, in our homes and communities both near and far. It connects us to our Creator. Prayer creates ripples as it changes people and changes hearts; prayer is the force that changes the world.

ABOVE: CHRISTIN SCHOW CARRIES STATUE FOLLOWED BY MADELEINE MCBRIDE AND ARIANNA CARROLL DURING OUR MOTHER ST. JOHN PRAYER SERVICE

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

*Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.*

(POPE FRANCIS, AMORIS LAETITIA)