

E-VōC

evoke: 1. to call forth 2. to re-create imaginatively



Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati

CALENDAR

Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2014

Come and Serve
House of Charity, New Orleans,
Louisiana

Sept. 7, 2014

Diamond Jubilee Celebration
10 a.m., Motherhouse chapel

Sept. 27, 2014

Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul

Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2014

SC Federation online retreat for
those interested in religious life

Sisters of Charity Federation

ONLINE DISCERNMENT RETREAT

for single Catholic women
ages 18-40

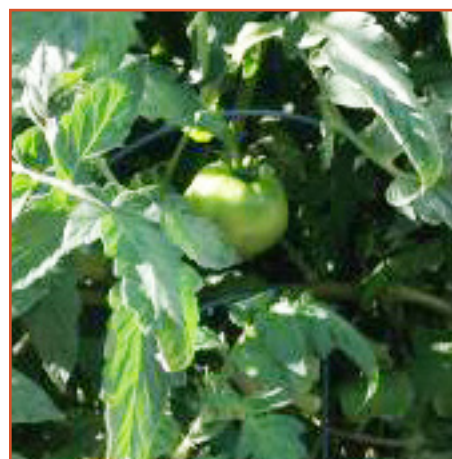
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REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/SCFODR14>

Got Fruit Yet?

By S. Janet Gildea

Six months ago I reflected on the rites of spring as a metaphor for discernment (“Dig-Plant-Water,” *E-Vōc* March 2014). It was Lent and time to turn over the soil of your spiritual life. Perhaps by Easter Sunday you had some good-looking seedlings from your efforts. Now, how is your garden growing? Got fruit yet?



Maybe some things have become clear in your discernment of God’s call during the past months, even if it’s just the possibilities that you’ve crossed off the list after careful consideration in prayer, with spiritual direction and listening to your heart. You might not appreciate the fact that knowing “This isn’t it!” is a step forward in discernment, but it is.

In the inevitable tangle of a late summer garden it can be difficult to spot the smallest of fruits. A moment of deep joy, a sense of the rightness of things, a feeling of peace with the process as it unfolds ... all of these are early fruits in the garden of discernment. Not quite ripe but something to keep noticing. They hold the promise that the Spirit is truly at work.

As your garden grew, there may have been times when it suffered from neglect. Did a discipline of prayer disappear from your busy schedule and the concept of “balance” elude you? This is also very common. Like an untended garden, your inner landscape can go out of control fairly quickly. After who knows how many days, when you finally get up the courage to venture in, you notice yellowed leaves or evidence of outright destruction. Before you take any drastic measures like turning the whole patch under and giving up until next year, pay attention to the signs. Pull up a stool with the Master Gardener and sit there, full of curiosity about what is going on. You might be surprised to discover some simple remedies for what has gone wrong with your discernment process. A little more nutrients, a bit of pruning, or some careful weeding might be all that’s necessary. All of these will require more time. If there are major problems like the dreaded tomato hornworm that can decimate a plant overnight, you might need to seek, find and destroy the culprit!

Best of all, in this late summertime of your discerning heart, you can be surprised by a zucchini that has grown, unnoticed, to the size of a small club. A ripe red tomato hidden amidst the green leaves is ready to eat, warm from the sun. And you discover that something in you is ready, too! Give thanks to God who brings forth fruits in due season. Know what you know, and savor the sweetness of God’s faithful love!

Ministry in Motion



Golden jubilarian S. Winnie Brubach is the facilities coordinator at EarthConnection, a multi-faceted entity in Delhi Township, Ohio, built to address the adverse ecological effects of our consumer society. To learn more about S. Winnie and her ministry, [click here](#).

My Mentors –

By S. Patrice Vales

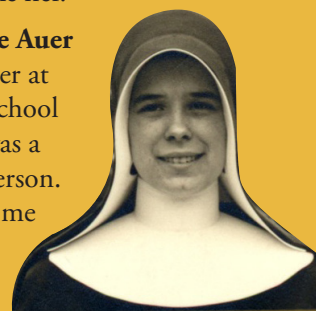


S. Modesta Bain

S. Modesta Bain was an enthusiastic, loving and kind person. I transferred to Holy Name in Cleveland, Ohio, on a cold January day; she made me feel comfortable from the start. I remember during recess I was really struggling putting my boots on and I was crying a bit. Sister came over and helped me. It showed that not only was she getting the subject across in the classroom but she really felt for the young people. She impressed me and so I wanted to be like her.

S. Loretta Marie Auer

was the music teacher at Holy Name High School in Cleveland. She was a friendly and kind person. One day she pulled me aside and asked me, “Have you ever given thought to becoming a Sister?”



S. Loretta Marie Auer

I said, “Sort of.” I was in high school and enjoying myself, so the thought was in the back of my mind but I was hesitant to act upon it. She suggested I write a letter to the Sisters of Charity and ask to enter. I said, “OK,” thinking it was merely a suggestion and she would soon forget about it. Days later she came up to me and asked if I had written the letter. I told her I had not. With her encouragement we worked on it together and sent it in. I was accepted – and the rest I like to say is history!

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