

E-VOC

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



Sisters of Charity
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CALENDAR

Feb. 27-March 8, 2015
Chapter of Affairs and Elections

March 6, 2015
World Day of Prayer

March 8-14, 2015
National Catholic Sisters Week

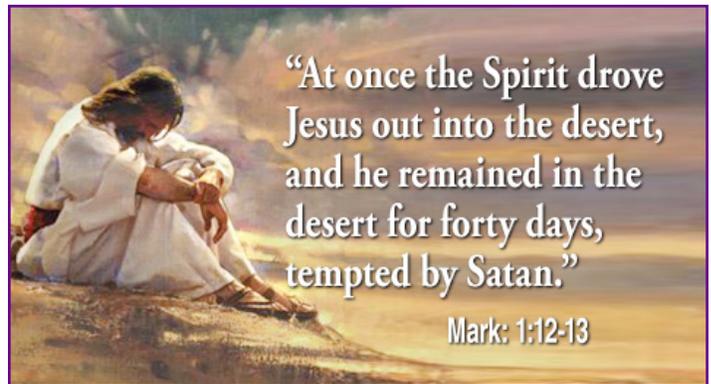
March 25, 2015
Feast of the Annunciation

March 29, 2015
Palm Sunday

Under the Influence

By S. Janet Gildea

The baptism of Jesus was a pivotal moment of his life. He experienced the love of the Father in a profound and personal way. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Mk. 1:11). We can all, hopefully, relate to a deep experience of God’s love at a particular graced moment of our lives. Perhaps it was the precise moment that you wondered, in fear and trembling, in amazement and joy, what God was inviting you to discern as your life’s calling.



“At once the Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.”

Mark: 1:12-13

But then after the moment passed you might have been driven, like Jesus, to a desert place of doubt and confusion. In such bleak interior spaces, nasty little voices pipe up: “Who do you think you are? Why would God choose you?” Questions arise about your motives, your qualifications, your suitability for this calling. Concerns assault your peace and calm. Your focus shifts to the doors that would close when you walk through this one. You feel the loss, the sacrifice, the craziness of a commitment that would limit your wide-open realm of possibilities. Is this what St. Ignatius called “desolation”? Is this God or the dark forces preying upon your fear and weakness? Under whose influence are you operating?

As Jesus must have done in the desert, cling to the driving Spirit who is always ready to show the path that leads to life, to the heart’s true desire. Let the words of Scripture be your guide, a light to your path as they were for Jesus. Check out this music video, “*Thy Word*” by Amy Grant.

What drives you this Lent and where? Put your life under the influence of the Spirit and see where you are driven in your discernment.



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Future of Charity Blog “Vocation Questions”



S. Alice Ann O’Neill answers questions regarding her vocation in a recent entry to the Future of Charity Blog. Read more about S. Alice Ann’s vocational call and her joys and struggles by [clicking here](#).

Wake Up the World!

The apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis to religious women and men at the start of the year of consecrated life is an inspiring read. We are invited to celebrate the past, to live the present with passion and to embrace the future with hope. In a particular way Pope Francis encourages the next generation of religious: “You are the present ... offering all the freshness and generosity of your ‘yes.’ At the same time you are the future ... finding new ways of living the Gospel and responding more effectively to the need for witness and proclamation.”

You can read the letter at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco_lettera-ap_20141121_lettera-consacrati.html



My Mentor –

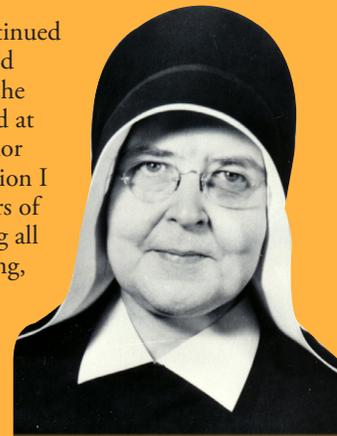
S. Ignatius Sanche

By S. Annette Muckerbeide

S. Ignatius Sanche first entered my life when I was a freshman at the College of Mount St. Joseph. I had never encountered Sisters of Charity, but I loved her Chemistry class, full of mind-boggling, up-to-the minute concepts and discoveries, sprinkled with stories of famous scientists whom she actually knew. I found myself willing and eager to work harder than ever to fulfill her expectations. I even surprised myself.

There was a depth of spirituality under all that scientific knowledge and skill, a loving presence behind all the demands she made of us that drew me to want to know her better. One day during my sophomore year I met her in the hall. After a little small-talk, she said, “Well, I suppose that you will be going off to [another community of Sisters].” I replied, “No.” Her immediate response caught me off guard even as I knew it to be the truth: “Oh, so you are going to enter the Sisters of Charity.” Not a question, a statement.

S. Ignatius continued to be teacher, friend and mentor until she became ill and died at the end of my junior year. After graduation I did enter the Sisters of Charity and during all my years of teaching, I always sent her a little prayer of gratitude before I walked into the classroom.



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