

# E-Vōc

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



*Sisters of Charity*  
of Cincinnati

## CALENDAR

**April 5, 2015**  
Easter Sunday

**April 22, 2015**  
Earth Day

**April 26, 2015**  
World Day of Prayer for  
Vocations

**August 4-8, 2015**  
Catholics on Call Young  
Adult Conference  
*Catholic Theological Union,  
Chicago, Illinois*



After months of planning and preparation, the 2015 Chapter of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati to set direction and hold elections took place February 27 through March 7, 2015. The Chapter's theme was "Hazard Yet Forward."

## God Wins!

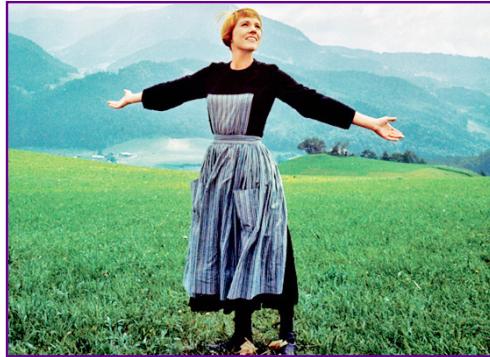
By S. Janet Gildea

Do you ever find yourself watching a favorite movie, knowing the story by heart but hoping against hope that maybe this time the ending will be different? In the Christmas favorite, *It's a Wonderful Life*, I always hope that Uncle Billy will not fold the bank deposit in the newspaper and give it unknowingly to the evil Mr. Potter. Don't do it, Uncle Billy! But of course he does. And at the climactic moment in *The Sound of Music* when Rolf, the ex-boyfriend of Liesl, discovers the family hiding in the convent cemetery I always hope that he won't blow the whistle to summon the pursuing Nazis. Don't do it, Rolf! But he does it every time.

Reading the Passion Narratives during Holy Week gives me a similar sensation. Maybe this time ... Judas will not betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, Peter will not deny him three times, Pilate will not succumb to the crowds shouting, "Crucify him!" And yet, just as in my favorite movies, the human weakness revealed in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' last hours (fear, pride, greed) is eventually turned to the good by sacrificial love. As a priest-friend always reminds us at the Easter Vigil: God wins!

Discernment during the Easter season offers opportunities to remember how God brings clarity out of confusion, peace out of pain, life from death. If you find yourself at a time of impasse or darkness in seeking God's will, this liturgical season can be full of possibilities. Sit with Mary Magdalen, weeping at the empty tomb, and ask her to explore the parts of your life that hold only emptiness and pain. Walk with the disciples on the road to Emmaus and ask them to help you understand the mysteries of your life. If you've been hovering between doubt and decision, let Peter grab hold of your hand and leap with you over the edge of the boat with a shout of certainty: "It is the Lord!"

We know how the story ends. "Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end" (Jn. 13:1). No matter where you are on the path of discernment, the passion-death-resurrection of Jesus assures you that God is forever faithful and that in the end, God always wins!



# Future of Charity Blog

## “From Service to Sisterhood”



The Catholic Volunteer Network recently shared a video featuring three Sisters from our Charity Federation: Meg Kymes - Daughters of Charity, Annie Klapheke - Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, and Mallorie Gerwitz - Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. They each talk about how their volunteer service impacted their decision to enter religious life and *Wake Up The World!* View it at the Future of Charity Blog at <http://futureofcharity.blogspot.com/>.

## Call the Midwife Returns!

Season Four of this PBS series began March 29. Based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth, the program offers a fascinating portrayal of the issues of women's health in the slums of London's East End following World War II. The Anglican nuns of Nonatus House are nurse midwives and they work side-by-side with a delightful crew of young laywomen who are learning the profession. Each episode contains at least one line worth remembering, like this one from last season when a young midwife wonders how she will ever endure the death of her boyfriend. The mother of one of her patients, herself a survivor of the Holocaust, assures her that she will make it through the grief. "You just keep living ... until you are alive again." And the last episode of Season Three is full of zingers for anyone discerning her life's direction. Find it on Netflix!



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## My Mentor –

**S. Pat McNally**

By S. Mary Ellen Murphy

Some people are mentors in their soul and when I was only a few years in the Community I met one of these "soul mentors" in S. Pat McNally. Pat had been assigned as assistant superior of my Band of Sisters one of the summers prior to final vows, when we all returned to the Motherhouse for classes and retreat. That summer, some 50 years ago, God graced me with the beginning of a soul friendship that to this day gives me more than enough reason to be eternally grateful.

After that summer Pat continued to share her wisdom, creativity and humor freely, and was always available by phone or letter or in person to listen to my latest sagas and struggles as well as my successes. I was on mission in Michigan while she lived and worked in the Cleveland area; yet, we were able to connect and find times to spend talking about all that matters most in life – who God is for us and how God is present in the ordinary as well as the surprises or difficulties in our lives. She believed in me even when I was in doubt about myself and my abilities. She spontaneously shared her creative and deep spirituality in the simplest of ways which fed the hunger of my own soul. What started out as a mentor relationship has become a life-long friendship, truly a gift of our loving God!



(From left) Sisters Pat McNally and Mary Ellen Murphy