

E-VOC

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



Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati

CALENDAR

November 2-6, 2014
Charity Sisters Work Week
New Orleans, La

November 16-20, 2015
Nuns Build
New Orleans, La

November 26, 2015
Thanksgiving

November 29, 2015
First Sunday of Advent

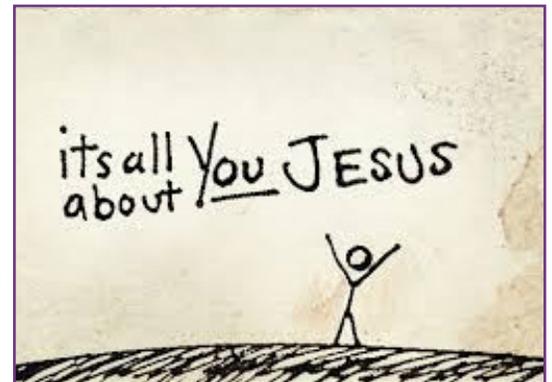


S. Tracy Kemme volunteered at the "Violence Against Women Symposium" held at the Cintas Center on Oct. 27. The reality of human trafficking was brought home to all in attendance through a variety of mediums including drama, stories, video, those in direct service, social service agencies, and law enforcement. Main presenters for the evening were Edwina Gately and Brenda Myers-Powell.

"Jesus, It's All about You!"

By S. Janet Gildea

A homeless man frequently seen at a downtown intersection carries this message on a piece of cardboard: "Jesus, it's all about you!" What a stark indictment of the tendency most of us have to imagine ourselves as the center of the universe at least a few dozen times a day. For a disciple of Jesus this is not the way, and those who are committed to discerning the way must dislocate themselves through a path of downward and outward mobility that is definitely countercultural.



Jesus showed us a path of service and other-centeredness that began with his taking on our humanity. His self-emptying love is the focus of Paul's hymn in Philippians: "Who, though in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness..." (2:6-7). This is the "mind of Christ" that we are to desire. What might that look like in your life? How might this shape your choices, your values, your time commitments, your circle of friends? It hardly seems possible, but for the reminder that God desires to give it to us freely, as long as we are willing to ask.

Pastor and poet Ted Loder said it well in a prayer called, "Pry Me Off Dead Center": Deliver me from just going through the motions and wasting everything I have which is today, a chance, a choice, my creativity, your call." As the liturgical year of the Church comes to a conclusion, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Perhaps during these November days we can ask for the grace to direct our lives towards Jesus, allowing him to show us the way. Help us to desire that our lives are "all about you, Jesus."

Future of Charity Blog

“Love Wins!”

When facing the challenges of being a program manager at the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center in Cincinnati, S. Andrea Koverman draws inspiration from Sisters of Charity like her cousin, S. Kateri Maureen Koverman. Read S. Andrea's latest Future of Charity Blog post at http://futureofcharity.blogspot.com/2015/10/love-wins_23.html, concerning a recent reunion of Vietnamese children that S. Kateri helped to rescue through Operation Baby Lift following the end of the Vietnam War.



Pry Me Off Dead Center

O persistent God,
Deliver me from assuming
your mercy is gentle.
Pressure me that I may grow more human
not through the lessening of my struggles
but through an expansion of them
that will undamn me and unbury my gifts.
Deepen my hurt
until I learn to share it and myself
openly and my needs honestly
Sharpen my fears
until I name them and release
the power I have locked in them
and they in me.
Accentuate my confusion
until I shed those grandiose expectations
that divert me from the small, glad gifts
of the now and the here and the me.
Expose my shame where it shivers,
crouched behind the curtains of propriety,
until I can laugh at last through my
common frailties and failures
laugh my way toward becoming whole.

Deliver me from just going through
the motions and wasting everything I have
which is today,
a chance,
a choice,
my creativity,
your call.
O persistent God,
Let how much it all matters
Pry me off dead center
So if I am moved inside
to tears
or sighs
or screams
or smiles
or dreams,
they will be real and I will be
in touch with who I am
and who you are
and who my sisters and brothers are.

*Ted Loder, Guerrillas of Grace.
Philadelphia: Innisfree Press, Inc.,
1984, pp. 96-97.*

My Mentors –

Sisters Aloysia Moorman and Camilla Smith

By S. Mary Loyola Mathia

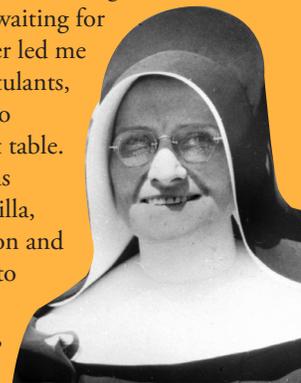
I was influenced by Mother Elizabeth Seton when my godmother, Mary Moorman, gave me a copy of the Life of Elizabeth Ann Seton as a junior in high school. I read it several times and knew I would like to follow her charism. While attending the then College of



S. Aloysia Moorman

Mount St. Joseph, I talked about and learned more about how to become a Sister of Charity. S. Aloysia Moorman talked to me about being a Sister. She directed me to meet with Mother Regina Russell to apply. I guess I passed the test!

On Feb. 2, 1941, I officially began the process of becoming a Sister. I donned the clothing of a postulant, a seeker. S. Aloysia was with me, she led me to the chapel, and whispered to me, “Loyola, make your offering to God now.” Following my offering, she led me to the dining room. All the Sisters stood, waiting for Grace to be said. Sister led me to the mistress of postulants, S. Camilla Smith, who assigned me a place at table. During the six months of postulancy S. Camilla, through her instruction and guidance, helped me to be ready to become a novice and eventually, in 1942, a professed Sister of Charity.



S. Camilla Smith

In the ensuing 75 years, there were “ups and downs,” “overs and unders,” and “aboves and belows,” but the journey of faith has been a wonderful experience, a joyous experience, and a blessing from the Lord God, who directed all the joys on this journey of faith. At 94 years of age, I am praying for postulants, and I invite you to come and see.

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