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



Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati

CALENDAR

Aug. 6-10, 2013
Catholics on Call

Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2013
Come and Serve
House of Charity,
New Orleans, La.

Sept. 22-26, 2013
Paying Attention to the
Holy Spirit (P.A.T.H.S.)
Online Vocation Retreat
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by Sept. 16.



Sisters and Associates from across the country and abroad came together June 26-29 at the Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse for the 2013 Gathering. The four days together were filled with prayer, reflection and fellowship.

On Call

By S. Janet Gildea

What does God's call sound like in your life today? It is an interesting question with a unique answer at each moment of life. Maybe one of these examples will resonate with your experience.

For Samuel, the call startled him awake in the night (1 Samuel 3:1-18). It was not what he first supposed it to be – a call from the priest, Eli, in whose service he ministered. Although initially confused, with Eli's help Samuel was able to recognize the call of God and be receptive to it. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

For Moses, the call flamed out of a burning bush (Exodus 3:2). It fascinated him! How can it be that the bush is burning but not consumed by the fire? God's call can bring such wonderings. It can excite and stir up a passion to give oneself completely, but not without a tinge of fear that it will be all-consuming.

Elijah was a man on the run, escaping into the desert and ready to give up on the call. But as they say, "You can run but you can't hide!" God found him, giving him strength to keep on keeping on for another 40 days and 40 nights (1 Kings 19:3-15). Then, from his hideout in a cave on Mount Horeb, he heard God's voice, "What are you doing here?" He was given further instructions to go stand at the mouth of the cave ... and wait. Is that where you are, afraid of those "further instructions"? You might, like Elijah, be anticipating a turbulent wind, or an earthquake, or fire. Maybe you will only recognize God's call if you can be still enough to hear the "light, silent sound."

There are as many experiences of call as there are unique human stories. God knows the exact tone each heart can hear. One thing is certain; God's call is nothing to fear. Even when it comes with a jolt, the call has a built-in feature that quiets the anxious heart. It is love which infuses the call that allows us to recognize it. The Love who calls us by name is so familiar, so much our very essence that we want to respond with complete trust and surrender.

What does the call sound like in your life today? Find time to listen.



Where are the Sisters Today?

Sister Kathleen Ann Murray



As director of Hospitality, S. Kathleen Ann Murray (front, right) is one of the individuals directly responsible for making Motherhouse visitors and guests feel at home. To learn more, [click here](#).

Community Welcomes Novices

Members of the Sisters of Charity Community welcomed Andrea Koverman and Tracy Kemme into the Canonical Novitiate during a ceremony June 26 in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at the Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse. The purpose of the one-year Canonical Novitiate is to enable both women to learn more about religious life, to deepen their connection to the Congregation's roots and history, and to develop an integrated apostolic spirituality.



(From left) Sisters Andrea Koverman and Tracy Kemme

Both Tracy and Andrea have lived in SC community for two years, most recently as Affiliates. Tracy ministered at the Santo Niño Project in Anapra, Mexico, and also as a volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Sacred Heart, a Jesuit parish in downtown El Paso, Texas. She also writes a blog about her experience, "Diary of a Sister-in-Training," which has a broad readership on the Internet and Facebook. Andrea added administrative responsibilities to her fourth-grade teaching ministry at Our Lady of the Assumption School in El Paso this past year. She was assistant principal and used her experience to help the diocesan schools of El Paso move toward implementing the common core curriculum standards.

The Novices will be living in community at Bayley House near the Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse. S. Donna Steffen will be the director of Novices and has developed their program for the canonical year.

My Mentors –

Sisters Marie Ann Austin and Marie Columbiere Bugganer
By S. Judith Metz



S. Marie Ann Austin



S. Marie Columbiere Bugganer

As a young high school social studies teacher, I became interested in the history of the Sisters of Charity. Initially I developed programs about Seton High School, where I was teaching at the time, but later expanded into work on the history of the Community and its members. Two Sister-archivists served as mentors as I began my exploration of this area: S. Marie Ann Austin and S. Marie Columbiere Bugganer. Both of these Sisters were welcoming and of great assistance as I plunged into my first experiences of using original documents for research. They both encouraged my interest and made me feel that I had the ability to produce worthwhile programs and to write for publication. They assured me of the value of the work I was doing, and welcomed me as a colleague in the Archives. From these humble beginnings I have expanded my interests and my activities in these areas, most particularly in my work with the writings of Elizabeth Seton.



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