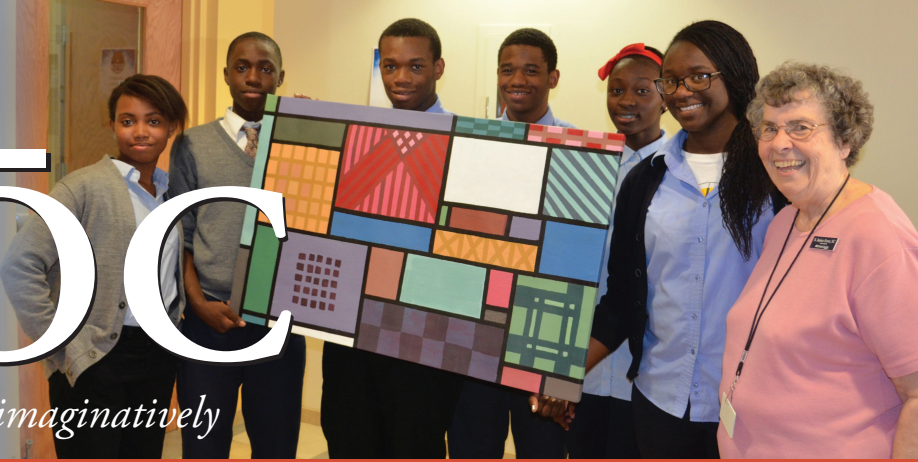


# E-VOC



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



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### 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  
*For registration information*  
*email [dcvoc@doc.org](mailto:dcvoc@doc.org)*  
*by Sept. 16.*



Congratulations to Romina Sapinoso (second from right), who began Pre-Entrance with the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati during a prayer service in Anthony, N.M., on Wednesday, July 17. Romina has been an Associate in Community at Casa de Caridad; this fall she will attend graduate school at the University of San Francisco as she continues her discernment.

## Call Me Maybe ...

*By S. Janet Gildea*

*"I wasn't looking for this, But now you're in my way ...  
You took your time with the call ...  
So call me, maybe!"*

Carly Rae Jepsen probably never expected her hit song to be the title for a reflection on vocational discernment! But some of the lyrics come close to describing the experience of ambivalence that can be so annoying as you consider your calling. It is not uncommon to run hot and cold. Sometimes the call is clear and with it the desire to be completely transparent to God. You want to want what God wants for you.



At other moments, you feel yourself taking two steps backward for every step forward. Doubts and details throw every possible obstacle and excuse in your path. You don't see how this could ever work out. Just when you feel ready to chuck the whole messy discernment process into the garbage can, there comes that "maybe ..."

You might start to worry that you are just wishy-washy, unable to make a decision or commitment. Or you might take ambivalence as an indication that "this is not for me." But perhaps the mixed-up feelings are a necessary part of the process. If you've ever been in love or even just experienced having a "crush" on someone, you know the playfulness of getting the other's attention. In big and little ways, you know how flirting can serve a purpose. You come close and then back off, testing the waters of a potential relationship.

It might be helpful to look at your discernment experience through this lens. Are you flirting with God somehow in the ambivalence you feel toward the commitment that might be a possibility for you? Could God be at work in your approach and avoidance of the One who calls you by name? Could you love such a playful, romantic God?

God is at work in what stirs your heart, what attracts you, what captures your imagination. God will always get in your way, even when you're not looking! Patient but persistent, God will find a way to get through to you.

# Where are the Sisters Today?

## Sister Lynn Heper



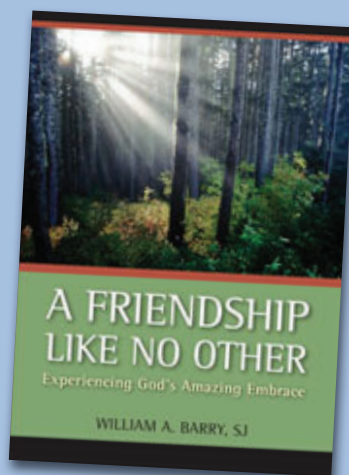
Known as “Sister Sunshine,” S. Lynn Heper (left) brings her contagious warmth to her ministry at the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation in Cincinnati. To learn more, [click here](#).

## A Good Read

### A Friendship Like No Other

by William Barry, SJ

*God wants to be your BFF!* That’s the premise of Fr. Bill Barry’s 2008 book subtitled, “Experiencing God’s Amazing Embrace.” Steeped in Scripture and Ignatian spirituality, this book offers a joyful invitation to deepen your relationship with One who is anxiously waiting to hear your “Yes!” It offers practical help and personal reflections by a man who obviously has been building a friendship with God for many years.



## My Mentor –

**S. Elizabeth Cashman**  
By S. Monica Gundler



(From left) Sisters Elizabeth Cashman and Monica Gundler

Although at times in my life many different Sisters have modeled wisdom and loving presence, S. Elizabeth Cashman was a special mentor during our time together at the College of Mount St. Joseph. Elizabeth quickly became someone who was mentor and role model. She was informed and involved in the daily life of the college. She was respected and beloved by faculty, staff and students. People were drawn to seek her counsel on a wide spectrum because she was a careful and reflective listener and because her love for the people and for the college were in evidence every day. She was passionate about the mission and of paying attention to how each of us lived out the commitment of attention to the spirituality and service of the college.

Elizabeth is kind, thoughtful and gracious. She is a wonderful model of being a Sister of Charity. Her desire to be of service was a model for all of us and she taught me to love the mission of the college and the value of passing it on.



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