

# E-VOC

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



*Sisters of Charity*  
of Cincinnati

## CALENDAR

### Oct. 2, 2014

Martha Dinner for women ages 16-40 who are interested in further exploring their call to religious life.  
*Cincinnati St. Dominic parish, O'Connor Hall, 6-8 p.m.*

### Oct. 19-25, 2014

Congo Week  
Raising global consciousness about the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

### Nov. 6-10, 2014

National Religious Vocation Conference Convocation  
*Chicago, Illinois*



*2014 Golden Jubilarians*

Sisters, Associates, family members and friends of the SC Community honored our jubilarians in September, celebrating their gifts of faith, friendship and service throughout the past 50 years and beyond.

## Who Do You Say I Am?

*By S. Janet Gildea*

A retreat for young adult Catholics to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus is aptly titled: "Who Do You Say I Am?" The opening session includes an icebreaker that invites the participants to choose from a selection of descriptive statements about who Jesus is in their life at the moment. The suggestions range from "my best friend" to "someone I hang out with on Sundays" to "somebody I used to know but we've lost touch in recent years."



The Gospel story of Jesus asking his friends to tell him what they were hearing people say about his identity and his burning follow-up question, "But you - who do YOU say I am?" can draw us into deep reflection on our own relationship with Jesus (See Matthew 16:13-17). Who DO I say you are in my life, Jesus? By my actions and attitudes and choices, who do I say that you are to me?

In discernment of your life's direction, perhaps there is no question that gets so deeply to the heart of the matter. From our baptismal call, confirmed by our profession of faith and refreshed each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are invited to remember and proclaim who Jesus Christ is for us. At a personal level, in our experience each day we discover Jesus as friend, guide, teacher, lover, companion, brother, redeemer and more.

In a recent livestreamed conversation between scripture scholar Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ and *America Magazine* editor James Martin, SJ, the question of Jesus' awareness of his self-identity was addressed at length (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU5Ai9EzX8o>). Fr. Jim recalled a retreat director who offered a new twist on this "Who do you say I am?" scripture passage. Entering into the scene, imagining Jesus posing the question to you and giving your own heartfelt response, would you dare to ask the same question of him? "Jesus, who do you say I am?" How might this meditation bring a sense of clarity to your discernment process?

# Ministry in Motion

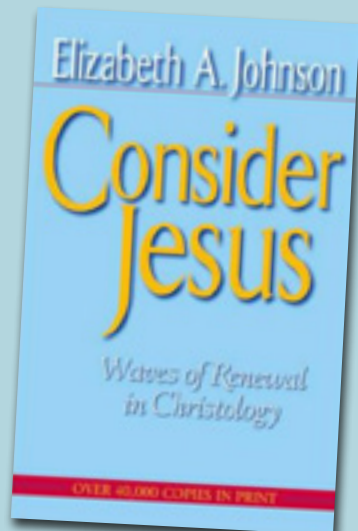


S. Nancy Bramlage (center) is keeping Mount St. Joseph University's mission alive and ever present as the director of the university's Office of Mission and Ministry. To learn more about S. Nancy and her ministry, [click here](#).

## A Good Read

**Consider Jesus by Elizabeth A. Johnson, Crossroads 1990**

This very readable book explores the renewal of our understanding of the person of Christ since Vatican II. After laying a solid foundation in our Catholic tradition of Christology (the study of Christ), Dr. Johnson invites us to expand our thinking about Jesus by drawing connections to liberation and feminist theology. As you grow in understanding of Jesus, this is a most helpful resource. It might give you added courage to consider who Jesus says you are!

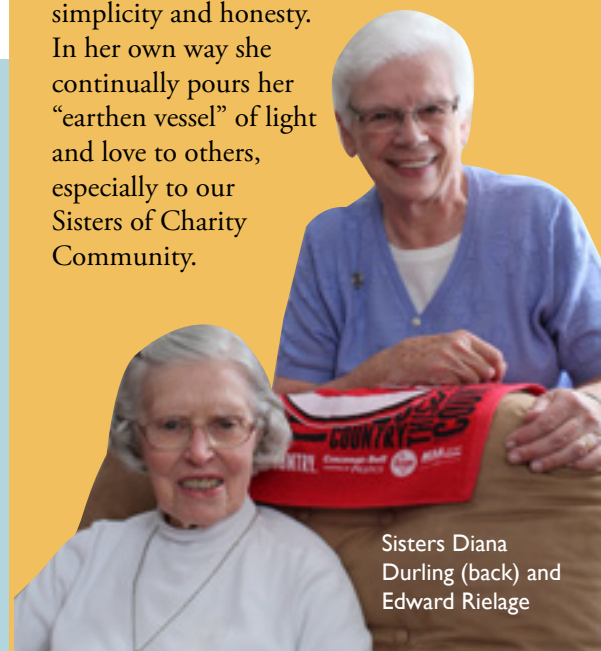


## My Mentor – By S. Diana Durling

The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Community welcomed me over 33 years ago with a Sister that I can truly call a mentor. S. Edward Rielage embodies the spirit of Elizabeth Ann Seton with humility and openness to all of life. S. Edward shared her life, her heart and her love of God as we spent many times together. I came to know her as a happy religious, who is devoted to her 'call' – faithful to the Church, and the needs of others.

Our times together, sharing life and prayer, enriched my life and my 'call' to religious life. S. Edward encouraged and challenged me to grow and accept myself for who I am. She shared a simple truth 'that each one of us needs to be who we are,' while allowing our vocation to grow and flourish. S. Edward lives by the words that are spoken from the very core of her being. She is in tune with nature, people, and creation as we have shared the many aspects of our lives. She lives the life of simplicity and honesty.

In her own way she continually pours her "earthen vessel" of light and love to others, especially to our Sisters of Charity Community.



Sisters Diana Durling (back) and Edward Rielage

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