

Provincial Team Report

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Team Meeting — July 3

We met together on July 3rd as it was the only day this month that all three of us are in town at the same time. Schedules become very full very fast!

Our opening prayer challenged us to look at ways to foster nonviolent communication. Given the reality of our world and especially the events of our nation in recent days this was very timely. As a team we are reading and sharing on the book, Nonviolent Communication by Marshall Rosenberg.

We spent time discussing personnel issues and the appointment we made is listed in this PTR. We had discussions on local community government needs. Our alms distribution this month will go to Network, an organization which focusses on legislative advocacy trying to close the gap between rich and poor and dismantling policies rooted in racism, greed and violence.

The policy in our province directory which deals with sisters moving to a different community was reviewed. The policy needed additional clarification to cover our present

reality. We will be sending out the revised guideline shortly.

A corporation meeting was held for Ursuline Academy, New Orleans and for the New Orleans Foundation board.

Rita Ann shared more about her recent meeting of the English-speaking provincials which took place in London. Various topics were discussed at this meeting and it was felt that this time together had real value. A communication regarding the meeting was sent earlier to the province.

We looked at our different properties which are on the market and reviewed updates on potential buyers as well as maintenance issues. Please continue to hold this in prayer as the longer they remain vacant the more possibility for issues to occur and more financial upkeep is required. Also in discussion were some healthcare issues and possible ways to resolve them.

As the summer months continue may it continue to be a time of renewal and relaxation for all.



LCWR National Assembly

Early next month the team will fly to Orlando, Florida to attend the annual LCWR Assembly. The theme this year is *Being the Presence of Love: The Power of Transformation*. In addition to the business of the assembly, there will be two keynote addresses. Dr. Christopher Pramuk is an associate professor at Xavier University and teaches courses at the intersection of spirituality, race, the arts, theology, and social justice. His address is titled *Will the Circle Be Unbroken? Leaning into the Mystery of Resurrection*

Faith. Jan Richardson is an artist, writer, and ordained United Methodist minister. Her address is titled *We Stood in the Place of Death and Heard the Living Call Our Name*. We will also hear a panel of younger LCWR members who will respond to the content of the assembly with an eye to where the future may be calling women religious. A good way to follow the proceedings during the assembly is via NCR online. We'll have more to share with you when we return.

Provincial Team Dates

Rita Ann

July 8St. Louis, MO
Jubilee celebration

July 13LCWR Region X
breakfast meeting

July 16-24Great Falls, MT
North American
Ursuline Experience

August 8-13Orlando, FL
LCWR National
Assembly

Next team meetingAugust 16

Jean

July 6-16San Antonio, TX
Service Trip

July 26-August 5Home Visit

August 8-13Orlando, FL
LCWR National
Assembly

Maria Teresa

July 7Francis Place visit

July 12Alton, IL
St. Clare's and
Evergreen Place

Appointments

Rita Joseph Mascorro

(St. Agnes Home)
Ministry of Prayer



Welcome . . .

A very warm welcome to Anne Dorothy Schober who will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Profession along with Thomas More Daly and Sue Anne Cole. Our prayers and congratulations are with them!

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(effective July 13)



Congratulations . . .

. . . to our two July Jubilarians!

Miriam Teresa Graczak - 65 years

Lorene Griffin - 60 years

. . . to Mary Beisiegel who successfully completed the 3-year cycle of *The Cecilia Meighan, RSM Institute of Law and Religious Life* offered at Misericordia University in Dallas, PA.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6-9USAOSU Roman Union Gathering

Social Justice Notes

Please consider contacting each of the Senators of your state and your Representative to encourage bipartisan compromise on Health Care. Your encouragement might provide them the support they need to work across party lines and find a real solution, not simply a band aid or a party victory. It is also important that we encourage civility in public life. You can find the contact information for each at www.senate.gov and www.house.gov. Letters to news media encouraging civility on the part of media may also have an impact.

The July issue of "Stop Trafficking" is available [here](#). It focuses on the newest TIP (Trafficking in Persons) Report from the State Department. There is a great deal of good information in the newsletter culled from the lengthy report.

Locally please remember those who face food shortages during these summer months.