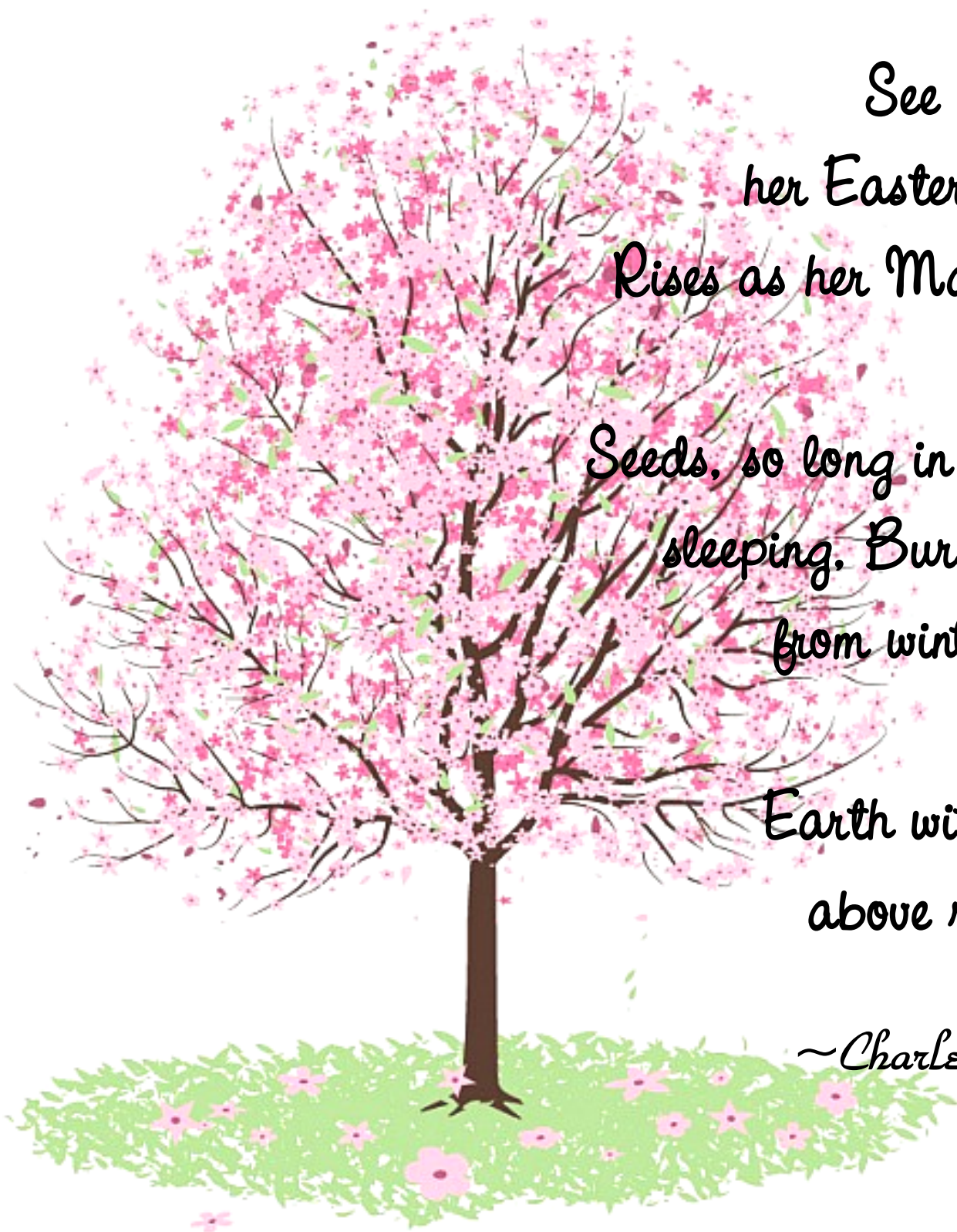




Interchange

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See the land,
her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose.

Seeds, so long in darkness
sleeping. Burst at last
from winter snows.

Earth with heaven
above rejoices...

~ Charles Kingsley

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From the Development Office...

Dear Friend of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph,

There are times in life when we are so overwhelmed by events that it is difficult to find the right words to express emotions. That is the situation we found ourselves in when you showered us this past Christmas and end-of-year with your gifts. Your friendship and generosity toward our retired Sisters, as well as those in ministries, is a blessing to all of us.

Many of you have sent prayers requests. These are placed in the Marian Residence Chapel, where your intentions are remembered in the daily prayer of our Sisters. In thanksgiving for your generosity we have asked the Josephite Fathers in Santa Maria to offer Mass for all our benefactors on the 1st Monday of every month.

This year, August 29th to be exact, the Daughters of Mary and Joseph will celebrate a birthday! Yes, we are fast approaching our 85th year of ministry in California. There will be more on this later.

It is with great joy we take this opportunity to express our gratitude and that of all the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, for your continued support.

May God's blessing be upon you and on all your family, both living and deceased.

Sincerely,

Sister Alice Nugent, DMJ
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Our Mission:

We are an international community of vowed religious women. We are committed to deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ. This relationship manifests itself as an individual and corporate response to the needs of today's world. Our mission is to be a compassionate, joyful presence enabling those to whom we minister to recognize their value and dignity. We are dedicated to sharing the merciful love of God with all who experience brokenness or poverty in any form.

Our Vision:

"Be there for the whole Church, be there as a pardoned sinner who has found peace and rejoices in the merciful love of God."

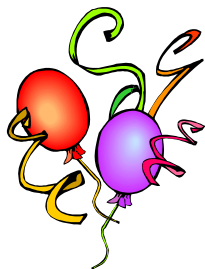
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Jubilarians celebrate 360 years of combined service!

On January 30, 2011, with grateful joy our DMJ Jubilarians celebrated with many religious men and women of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Six Daughters of Mary and Joseph celebrated the 60th anniversary of their religious profession. Sisters Julia Costello, Mary Rose Creegan, Frances Fisher, Brigid Mary McGuire, Margaret O'Rourke, and Madeleine Sheehan have served God and God's people for a combined total of 360 years. With great joy and gratitude we thank God for them and for their commitment to the people of God. Through their ministries they have helped bring about the reign of God in the lives and hearts of those they have touched through their love, grace, guidance, knowledge, and prayer.



Seated from left: Sr. Julia Costello, Sr. Brigid Mary McGuire, and Sr. Mary Rose Creegan.
Missing from picture: Sr. Frances Fisher, Sr. Margaret O'Rourke, and Sr. Madeleine Sheehan.



*Congratulations to St. Augustine Catholic School
(Culver City, CA) on their 85th anniversary!*

**The Daughters of Mary and Joseph
will be celebrating their
85th anniversary this summer!**

***More information about this event
will be coming soon.***



For Retirement

*This is where your life has arrived,
After all the years of effort and toil;
Look back with graciousness and thanks
On all your great and quite achievements.*

*You stand on the shore of new invitation
To open your life to what is left undone;
Let your heart enjoy a different rhythm
When drawn to the wonder of other horizons.*

*Have the courage for a new approach to time;
Allow it to slow until you find freedom
To draw alongside the mystery you hold
And befriend your own beauty of soul.*

*Now is the time to enjoy your heart's desire,
To live the dreams you've waited for,
To awaken the depths beyond your work
And enter into your infinite source.*

~ John O'Donohue

This poem by John O'Donohue speaks for more than 40% of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph in the California Region. However, about half of this number continue to offer their talents, their experience and their time in volunteer service both in the community and outside of the community.

To this I would like to offer the words of Marcel Proust, "Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy — they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom".

To you our charming gardeners, our benefactors, who through your continued generosity, help to make our souls blossom, our hearts enjoy a different rhythm and awaken our spirit to a new adventure.

May God bless you. Please be assured of our love and prayers.

*- Sisters Kitty Moloney, Christina O'Connor,
and Sheila Collins
California Regional Leadership Team*

Just for fun.....

Wrong E-Mail

It's wise to remember how easily email -- this wonderful technology -- can be misused, sometimes unintentionally, with serious consequences. Please read this short funny story.

An Illinois man left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email.

Unfortunately, when typing her address, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

P.S. Sure is **hot** down here!

Daughter of Mary and Joseph from England Leads Icon Writing Retreat



Sr. Annette Lawrence, DMJ led retreatants during this special Icon Workshop.

On the evening of January 21st, eleven of us retreatants, comprised of Catholics and Protestants, lay and professed religious, gathered at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes, eagerly anticipating of an 8-day

excursion into the world of icon writing. (Icon writing is the term used for the process of painting a religious icon in the tradition of the Orthodox Church.) Some who came had strong artistic leanings; others simply had a sense they would find God in the quiet process of this ancient art. Most of us were not at all sure what we were getting into!

Our retreat director was Annette Lawrence, an English DMJ, who recently began her term of office on our DMJ General Council in Rome. Sister Annette is a woman of many talents: mathematician, teacher, musician, web master, retreat facilitator -- and experienced iconographer.

After two days of preparing our boards with gesso and sanding, we began the process of mixing tempera pigments with egg yolk and applying this paint in thin layers. Slowly, silently, painstakingly, we brought forth the particular religious image we were painting. Each day, Sr. Annette's patient coaching was accompanied by a schedule that included morning Mass, a presentation on the spirituality of icons, an icon-based meditation, and Compline at the close of the day.

At the end of the retreat, our finished icons were blessed in a moving liturgy. For me, the week was an amazing adventure in grace and a wonderful way of touching into the riches of the Orthodox tradition. As one retreatant commented afterwards, "Given the chance to do this again, I would say YES, YES, YES."

-- Sister Karen Marie, DMJ



Sr. Renée Bauerly and Lina Daukas working on their Icons



Sr. Rose Waldron and
Sr. Kitty Moloney

Politeness, Gratitude, and Good Humor in “Alternate Schools”



After 40 years in elementary education, it's been interesting finding a new ministry in Banning. There were no positions available in the Catholic or public sector. Even as a substitute, their lists were full and/or closed.

Early in November I heard about a large jail located on the southeast side of town. "I wonder if they have anything going on "education-wise"? (This information and thought definitely came from the Holy Spirit! I'd never dreamed of teaching in a jail.) Got in the car, drove down there in some trepidation, and made inquiries.

Turns out, the principal was eagerly in search of a substitute teacher for his programs. When something is "meant-to-be," everything just works out wonderfully. Got my sheriff's clearance to work in a correctional facility in record time (in 3 weeks vs. the usual 3 to 4 months). Before I knew it, I was teaching health and life skills to adult men and women in a drug rehabilitation program. Next, I was going up and down the "barracks" giving educational material and lessons to inmates who were truly hungry for knowledge and the opportunity for a GED certificate.

Officially, I became a Riverside County substitute teacher for the "Alternate Schools". That meant being called to adult jails, juvenile detention camps and jails, community schools (made up of expelled students forced to stay in school until age 18), Cal-Safe schools (for students whose regular high school attendance was interrupted by pregnancy), and classes for Come-Back-Kids (former high school drop-outs). Every day it was a trip into the unknown...every day an adventure.

I began doing long-term subbing in the Banning jail that first summer, then from October through December. The principal tried several times to get me into a permanent position, but with all the tenured teachers who had been laid-off, I was lowest on the totem pole for eligibility. But the Holy Spirit was still on my case!



**Sr. Helen Vigil
Banning, CA**

The county suddenly ran short of GED examiners. Now I'm going from one end of Riverside County to the other administering GED and other standardized tests at jails, juvenile detention centers, and public testing centers. I'm primarily based at the Banning jail, and continue to have daily contact with the fine staff and students there.

So, how has all of this been? Well, I've fallen completely in love with the jail population. By and large, they are some of the nicest people I've ever met. Repeated failure and the degrading, humiliating circumstances of incarceration have brought them down to a level of self-awareness and humility that is rarely seen in the "outside world".

Politeness, gratitude, and good humor abound among them. It's a privilege and a joy to serve them in any way I can. Every day is an adventure, deeply enriching and soul-satisfying. I can clearly see how all my former ministries have prepared me for this one. And I pray that the Spirit of Christ may shine His love through me, so that each one may know His astounding love for them.

- Helen Vigil, DMJ

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Rejoice! He has Risen!



THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

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Junior high school students in Chicago were studying the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of the lesson, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. The Taj Mahal in India
3. The Grand Canyon in Arizona
4. The Panama Canal
5. The Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to touch...
2. to taste...
3. to see...
4. to hear... (She hesitated a little, and then added...)
5. to feel...
6. to laugh...
7. and to love.

The room was so quiet, you could have heard a pin drop.

May this story serve as a gentle reminder to all of us that the things we overlook as simple and ordinary are often the most wonderful - and we don't have to travel anywhere special to experience them.

Enjoy your gifts!