



Interchange

Daughters of Mary and Joseph • California Region • Fall 2011



He who thanks but with the lips
Thanks but in part;
The full, the true Thanksgiving
Comes from the heart.

~J.A. Shedd

Give Thanks!

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From the DMJ Development Office...

Dear Friends,

These past few months have been almost continuous celebrations for the Daughters of Mary and Joseph. After a kind of hesitant start, we had a wonderful celebration of our 85th anniversary in California. The Eucharistic celebration and reception at St. Augustine's, Culver City, was indeed memorable. From time to time we, DMJs, find it good to return to our roots at St. Augustine's.

Less than a month later we celebrated entry into eternal life of Sister Teresa Josephine Cotter. Sister Teresa Josephine, who spent many years at St. Augustine's and St. Paul the Apostle, died at the age of 97!

Then a month later we celebrated Jubilees for six Daughters of Mary and Joseph at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes.

A lot could be written about each of these celebrations, but I am going to follow the old adage, attributed to Napoleon Bonaparte, "A picture is worth a thousand words". So, rather than writing endlessly about each event, I ask you to enjoy the photos in this issue of the Interchange.

Before I end, I wish to thank all of you for your enduring friendship and your constant support and generosity for all the Daughters of Mary and Joseph. This is the perfect time of year to give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us.

Be assured of a remembrance of you and your family in our prayers.

Blessings –

Sister Alice Nugent

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."

° Msgr. William Van Crombrugge, Founder

In Memory...



Sister Teresa Josephine Cotter, DMJ

Born: April 2, 1914

Professed: August 18, 1937

Died: September 22, 2011

Sister Teresa Josephine Cotter was born in Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick, Ireland, April 2, 1914. Her parents were Eileen and Thomas Cotter. She was the oldest of five children; Eileen, Timothy, Daniel and Nicholas. Teresa Josephine went to Secondary School in Scarborough in the North of England with her two first cousins, Mary Anastasia and Mary William. She and they entered the Daughters of Mary and Joseph in Scarborough. After her profession in 1937, she remained in England for a couple of years teaching in Forest Hill. In 1939 she boarded a ship in Southampton bound for the United States. Sister Teresa Josephine continued her journey to Los Angeles by train.

Most of Sister Teresa's teaching ministry was with first graders. She taught at Saint Paul the Apostle, Saint Augustine, Our Lady of Peace, Saint James the Less, Saint Anthony, Saint Sebastian, Melodee pre-school and Palms Elementary School.

Sister Teresa Josephine was well known in Culver City. She probably walked most of it during her years of living there. Hail, rain, or shine she walked to Brotman Medical Center for lunch every day and walked to Saint Augustine for Mass. Sister Teresa Josephine had a world view as was evidenced by the prayer list found in her prayer book. She prayed for people in Saint Augustine Parish by name, for youth ministers in Cameroon, members of our Sister's families in Ireland, our Sisters who were ill, and always, the sick, the lonely, the downtrodden, the hungry, and most especially those who were serving our country in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq.



Life Is An Advent Season

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"Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience.

The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us - as one of us - gives us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned. May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."



ON OUR WAY...

Another very successful Mission Appeal Season has finished. We thank all those who helped us in so many ways – the California Region for hosting us, Marian Residence for our daily needs, the many chauffeurs who generously gave time for outings as well as for work. The California Region is our second home.

We had four parishes, two in Los Angeles and two in San Diego. All Pastors and parishioners were very welcoming and supportive. Father Milbauer, of St John Baptist de la Salle in Granada Hills, hosted us in the rectory for dinner, gave us lodgings and prepared breakfast for us. Holy Family parish in South Pasadena was a new situation for us. They have no pastor but do have a lay Parish Life Director who “has the responsibility for providing for the overall day-to-day pastoral care and administration of the parish.” and Fr. Jose Parathanal serves as a priest minister”.

The Pastor of the first parish we were first assigned to in the San Diego Diocese cancelled us out because he wanted a priest, who could say Mass! We were then assigned to Santee where we were welcomed with open arms and hearts. The new Pastor, Father Casey, a Jesuit, asked the parishioners to open their wallets and keep them open! Father George Dunkley, the Pastor of St Mark’s parish in San Marcos, welcomed us back as old friends and opened all doors to make the weekend a celebration. Dora and Dawn finished the appeals at their home, with a glorious evening of fun at a BUNCO Party Fundraiser.

(George Tanner, pictured, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, built the bicycle.)

~Margaret O’Rourke, DMJ

Diamond Jubilarians Celebrate!

On October 16, 2011, a Mass was celebrated, for our Jubilarians, at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center chapel in Palos Verdes. Six of our Sisters 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. Family, friends, and the Daughters of Mary and Joseph celebrated this wonderful occasion with them. We thank these women religious for their commitment to God, which has allowed them through their ministries to serve God's people with love, grace, guidance, knowledge, and prayer.



Seated : Sr. Madeleine Sheehan
Standing Middle Row: Sr. Mary Rose Creegan, Sr. Margaret O'Rourke,
& Sr. Brigid Mary McGuire
Standing Back Row: Sr. Julia Costello & Sr. Frances Fisher



Diamond Jubilee



L to R: Sr. Mary Enda Creegan &
Sr. Mary Rose Creegan



Sr. Frances Fisher's Family
Front L to R: Jim Fretter, Bess Fretter, &
Sr. Frances Fisher
Back L to R: Chrissie Hall & Jonathan Hall



L to R: Mary Cordero & Sr. Sheila Collins



L to R: Sr. Nora Agnes Murphy &
Sr. Margaret O'Rourke



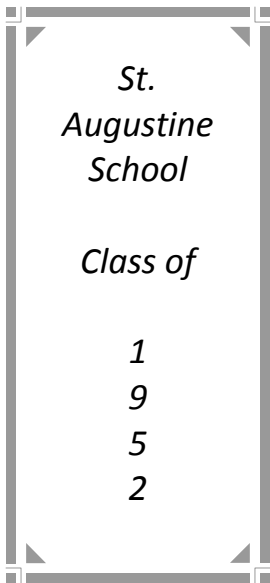
L to R: Dora Fulton, Sr. Anna Mary Mukamwezi,
& Dawn Carlo



L to R: Sr. Nuala Briody &
Sr. Clare Miriam Briody

L to R: Annette Lenneman, Sr. Nuala Briody, & Chuck Winkler (Annette's husband).

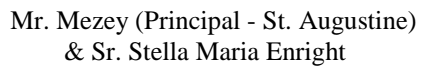
DMJ 85th Celebration



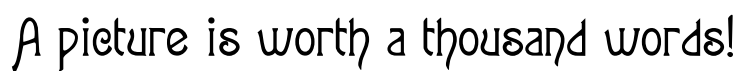
Front L to R: Irene Martinez, Mary Lou Walker, Rosemary De Pauw,
Mary Helen Barro, & Rosemary De Pauw's sister
Back Row: Fr. Tom King



Sr. Maria Sorahan



DMJ 85th Celebration





Harvest of Thoughts

Anonymous

"Dig a hole in your garden of thoughts. Into it put all your disillusion, disappointments, regrets, worries, troubles, doubts and fears and—forget.

Cover well with the earth of fruitfulness; water it from the well of contentment.

Sow on top again the seeds of hope, courage, strength, patience and love.

Then, when the time of gathering comes, may your harvest be a rich and plentiful one."



The Few Things You Really Need to Remember



Remember that your presence is a present to the world.

Remember that you are a unique and unrepeatable creation.

Remember that your life can be what you want it to be.

Remember to take the days just one at a time.

Remember to count your blessings, not your troubles.

Remember that you'll make it through whatever comes along.

Remember that most of the answers you need are within you.

Remember those dreams waiting to be realized.

Remember that decisions are too important to leave to chance.

Remember to always reach for the best that is within you.

Remember that nothing wastes more energy than worry.

Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.

Remember that the longer you carry a grudge, the heavier it gets.

Remember not to take things too seriously.

Remember to laugh.

Remember that a little love goes a long way.

Remember that a lot goes forever.

Remember that happiness is more often found in giving than getting.

Remember that life's treasures are people, not things.



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a Special Way

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deceased, in the Daughters of Mary
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All prayer requests are placed in the
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In Memory...

(Persons remembered are in **BOLD**)

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Mr. Jack Curtin

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Ernest & Mary Dieterle

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Patrick Gainey

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Mrs. Darleen Fitzgerald

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Marlene Forthun

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In Honor of...

(Persons being prayed for are in **BOLD**)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Walter Rauschenbusch

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
For the salt sea and the running water,
For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the summer fields,
And taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing
When even the common thorn bush
Is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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