Mary & Joseph Retreat Center Celebrates 50 Years
Dear Friends,

In today’s ever-changing world, it is significant whenever a 50th Anniversary is celebrated!! In this edition of “DMJlink”, we are focusing on such an achievement, the 50th Anniversary of the ministry of the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center!! During our recent celebration of this Jubilee event on May 26th, we were once again reminded of the goodness of our God when we experienced, through the “Blessing Ceremony”, all the wonderful ways God has touched so many people through this ministry. And throughout the celebration we could not help but give praise and thanks to God for all who have been a part of Mary & Joseph Retreat Center from its very beginnings until today. We have been blessed with generous and creative staff, dedicated Boards of Directors, faithful volunteers, and all of you who support us with your prayer, friendship and resources.

For all that we are able to do, we DMJ’s continue to remember in gratitude each of you who have made it possible for us to minister not only through our Retreat Center but in all the ways we serve God’s people. Our Blessing we prayed in thanksgiving for the gift of Mary & Joseph Retreat Center is also what we, DMJ’s, pray for you, our friends and benefactors:

--May our God of Peace fill your lives with the kind of stillness that magnifies God’s holy presence, allowing you to be a means of serenity for others;
--May our God of Graciousness fill you with compassion and generosity, allowing you to live in the spirit of hospitality toward all creation;
--May our God of Beauty fill you with wonder and awe, allowing you to experience God’s presence and love in all things, especially in all our sisters and brothers;
--May you experience the awesomeness of the Closeness of our God each day of your lives, allowing you to refresh and to renew all that makes up your daily life.

Sincerely with love and gratitude,
The DMJ Leadership Team on behalf of all our DMJ Sisters
The Slow Work of God

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way
to something unknown,
something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that is made by passing through
some stages of instability—
and that may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually. Let them grow.
Let them shape themselves without undue haste.
Do not try to force them on
as though you could be today what time
-- that is to say, grace
and circumstances
acting on your own good will--
will make you tomorrow.
Only God can say what this new Spirit
gradually forming within you will be.

Give God the benefit of believing
that the Spirit of God is leading you,
forming you, transforming you;
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.
Amen.

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.
In Memory . . .

Sister Rose Waldron

Born: March 8, 1936
Professed: August 16, 1962
Died: November 1, 2012

Sr. Rose Waldron (Sr. Mel Marian) was born in Dublin, Ireland to Michael and Rita (Roche) Waldron. Rose was the second oldest of six children, one brother (Seamus) and four sisters (Kathleen, Margaret, Breda, and Carmel).

Sr. Rose lived a multi-faceted, colorful life, rich with friendship, humor, song and story. She was well known in the community for her great spirit of hospitality and her generosity knew no bounds. Rose’s years of ministry touched many lives, from the classrooms of several schools in California, to the disabled children of Burundi and the men and women’s prison system in California. Rose served at the following schools: Our Lady of the Rosary, Paramount; St. Augustine, Culver City; St. Sebastian, Los Angeles; Precious Blood, Los Angeles; and St. Michael’s and Morning Star in San Francisco.

Rose had a brilliant mind, a fabulous memory, a magnificent singing voice, and was born with the gift of story telling. She wrote beautiful poetry and delighted in reciting poetry, usually from memory. Rose had a great love and appreciation for Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, especially his “Hymn of the Universe”.

“The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of one’s self to others.”

~ Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

A New Scene

Far in Canadian Autumn land
I find myself today
‘Tis gentle here ’mid fields around
some green this time of year
They tell me soon the snows will come
and welcome too they’ll be
The Autumn colored leaves will go
their way to rest a year
By then, I pray, my colors too
will brighten day by day
No more morose or tawdry leaves
those feelings of just grey
The sun will rise inside my breast
and purify my soul
And I will rise to thank my Lord
His praises to extol.

Rose Waldron
November 1, 2007
LOVE DOES THAT
~Meister Eckhart

All day long a little burro labors, sometimes
with heavy loads on her back and sometimes just with worries
about things that bother only
burros.
And worries, as we know, can be more exhausting
than physical labor.
Once in awhile a kind monk comes
to her stable and brings
a pear, but more
than that,
he looks into the burro’s eyes and touches her ears
and for a few seconds the burro is free
and even seems to laugh,
because love does that.

Love frees.
On Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2013, we had a glorious celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our Retreat Center. It was a re-dedication ceremony, which consisted of blessings offered by our Catholic and Interfaith friends and culminating in a joyful Mass of Thanksgiving.

So, in this ‘in-between time’ bridging the past and the future, I would like to share some reflections on the amazing journey that has brought us to where we are today:

On October 11, 1962 the Second Vatican Council opened in Rome – an event that heralded unprecedented change and renewal in the Catholic Church. That same Fall, the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, having completed the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, were preparing to welcome our first retreatants in February 1973. Who would have foreseen a connection between these two events? However, in retrospect, it seems clear that, inspired by the Holy Spirit, we were preparing a Center of renewal to meet the challenges of adaptation and on-going formation for years to come. Our Community has always trusted Divine Providence and in this circumstance we were led beyond our wildest dreams. Our Center has been at the cutting edge of spiritual renewal for the past fifty years, constantly striving to educate and enable the laity and to implement the Council’s call to universal holiness.

The post-Vatican II era brought enormous changes and soon the powerful, innovative breezes of the Spirit wafted their way to our Retreat Center. The call for implementation of the Council’s decrees challenged us to adapt our ministry to the many needs of the modern world. We are grateful for the visionary DMJ's who welcomed this challenge. We sponsored emerging ministries – the Charismatic Renewal, Marriage Encounter and the Christian Family Movement. Our Center was soon buzzing with Life in the Spirit Seminars, Prayer Meetings, and Scripture programs.

In those early years we opened our doors to a growing number of people affected by the disease of alcoholism and we initiated 12-Step retreats for those in recovery. This has been a flourishing and rewarding ministry that continues to this day. Every week several 12-Step groups hold their regular meetings at our Center.

By the 1980’s it became obvious that the Holy Spirit was calling the people of God to a deeper spirituality and we introduced Contemplative and Centering Prayer retreats. Fourteen years ago, in collaboration with the Loyola Institute of Spirituality, we began offering Ignatian Guided Directed retreats, which are still flourishing. Making these retreats available to Religious and Laity was one of the rich aspects of renewal that emerged from the Council. The Holy Spirit was making it clear that the call to holiness is truly universal and not just the private domain of a privileged few.
The post-Vatican II openness to Ecumenical and Interfaith communities has broadened and enriched the scope of our mission. For the past several years we have welcomed and hosted people of many denominations. Beginning in the Jubilee year 2000, in a spirit of growing unity, Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, in collaboration with the South Coast Ecumenical Council, initiated an active interfaith ministry in our local South Bay area. Inspired by our Founder’s exhortation ‘to be there for the whole Church’, we seek to reach out to all our brothers and sisters. All through the years, people have found our Center to be a haven of solitude, a healing place to address their brokenness and a sacred space to nurture their relationship with God.

We now prepare to launch into the future in a spirit of joyful hope and confidence in God. Surely it is a sign of God’s providence that this transition coincides with the beginning of a new Papacy. We trust that Pope Francis, who embodies the combined spirit of Ignatius of Loyola and Francis of Assisi, will open up new frontiers of spiritual renewal, simplicity, and collaborative ministry in our Church. We, at Mary and Joseph, look forward to being there for God’s people whatever the future holds. And so, today, we thank and praise our God who has so richly blessed us. Our sentiments are aptly expressed in the beautiful words of Dag Hammarskjöld:

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\textit{For all that has been…. THANKS!} \\
\textit{For all that will be ….YES!}
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~ Sr. Julia Costello

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre blesses the new Mary & Joseph Retreat Center.
In Honor of… (those honored are in BOLD)

All the Sisters who taught me.
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Walk and touch peace every moment.
Walk and touch happiness every moment.
  Each step brings a fresh breeze.
  Each step makes a flower bloom.
  Kiss the Earth with your feet.
 Bring the Earth your love and happiness.
  The Earth will be safe when we feel safe in ourselves.

- Thich Nhat Hanh

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