



Magnificat House e-Newsletter

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National Vocations Awareness Week 2017

The annual National Vocations Awareness Week is November 5-11, 2017. In observance of this special week of prayer and awareness to the various vocations to which God calls His people, please join us in prayer this special Prayer for Those Who are Discerning.

Gracious God, You have called me to life and gifted me in many ways. Through Baptism You have sent me to continue the mission of Jesus by sharing my love with others. Strengthen me to respond to Your call each day. Help me to become all You desire of me. Inspire me to make a difference in others' lives. Lead me to choose the way of life You have planned for me. Open the hearts of all to listen to Your call. Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that we may have listening hearts and the courage to respond to You. Enkindle in my heart and the hearts of others the desire to make the world a better place by serving as a lay minister, sister, priest, brother or deacon. Amen.

Salt and Light's Sisterhood, Introduction / Congregation of St. Joseph

Excitement and joy were in the air as we prepared for our October 17, Mmmm Night. And, the night would prove to be a delight! Fifteen of us gathered to open our evening with Mass celebrated by Fr. Patrick Carr. As we shared pizza, we also enjoyed getting to know each other, the different places we came from, where we have been, why we came tonight. Of course, the highlight of our evening was the wonderful presentation by the Sisters of the Congregation of the St. Joseph. In the video presentation, we saw how lovingly the charism of the sisters' ministries come alive through the people they work with. The personal sharing of the three panelists, Sr. Theresa Pitruzzello, Sr. Ellen Poche and Sr. Barbara Hughes, was an added treat in our evening. Thank you Sisters of St. Joseph for sharing with us "... a heart so great to embrace undertakings of great zeal".

- Sr. Gloria Murillo, STJ, Mentor

Upcoming Events

Fall 2017

Saturday, November 11 – 9am – Noon
Salt and Light's Sisterhood Series Parts 2 and 3
Society of Sacred Heart and The
Congregation of Our Lady of Mount
Carmel

Saturday, December 5 – 6-9 pm Christ in the
City

Saturday, December 16 - 5 pm Advent Vespers
& Christmas Party

Winter/Spring 2018

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 6-9pm Salt and
Light's Series Part 4 Congregation of Sisters
of Our Lady of Killimanjaro

Tuesday, February 6 – 5 pm Mardi Gras
Parade

Saturday, March 17 - Salt and Light's Series
Parts 5 and 6 Sisters of the Holy Family and
Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Benin
City, Nigeria

Tuesday, April 17 - 6 – 9pm Salt and Light's
Series Part 7 Daughters of Our Lady of the
Holy Rosary of Chi Hoa

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The Table

Magnificat House has a very large dining room table: at least 10 feet long, with two “leaves” that can be added if more seats at the table are necessary. Its surface is scarred by years of use, but when prepared for a meal or a meeting, it is beautiful. The table has a strong and beautifully carved pedestal base. The legs at each end are “spindly,” but rather elegant.

Magnificat House residents and guests have gathered around that table --- for meals, for planning, for study, for parties. Last Christmas, we danced around that table! It is a place of genuine communion. Twice, we have tried to move the table and twice we have broken it. Both times my heart felt broken and my nerves were rattled. Why this upset, I mused? After all, it is *just* a table. But, no. It is a table that unites us and when it is broken, it feels to me like the communion is broken.

Some learnings:

- Tables with a very heavy base, need to be moved from their center, not from the edges;

- Moving from the periphery places strain on the supports that hold the table together; collapse ensues;

- To move a table safely, remove the leaves if possible, have “movers” hold each end of the table *and* push from the central base.

Some life learnings:

- When making a significant move, (interiorly or exteriorly, and particularly when moving a group – family or community) be sure to move from your center. Trying to move from the periphery of one’s life, without being in touch with one’s “center” places too much strain on the whole and may trigger a “collapse.”

- Try to be attentive to one’s core *and* to the periphery; it may be necessary to remove or let go of, at least temporarily, some extensions (leaves), so that one can move more lightly.

- Get the help you need. Trying to move by oneself or with too little help, is sure to place undue strain on all.

- Be SURE you really want to move!

A gathering space, such as a dining room table, is a *treasure*. It may be necessary to move it, but move it with great thought and gentleness.

Our table was quickly repaired the night it was broken the second time by a Vietnamese *gentle-man* who left a party to come to our aid and to make whole what had been broken. The most important learning is that communion with one another heals: tables and hearts!

- Sr. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, O.Carm.



On October 22, Magnificat House representatives joined 2000 young people for the annual archdiocesan World Youth Day Celebration at the New Orleans Convention Center. More than one youth said, “I think I want to be a Sister...I’m too young right now”, but we responded, “...don’t stop thinking about it... come visit us when you are ready to discern the call...”.

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