

Provincial Team Report

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Team Meeting — August 16-17

We sat down to our meeting two days after returning from the LCWR National Assembly in Orlando. The theme— *Being the Presence of Love: The Power of Transformation*—was a poignant journey through the many levels of grief: personal, congregational, global (to name only a few), leading to a deepening of Resurrection faith. We encourage you to watch the presentations and pray with the texts available. Information about where to find Assembly materials can be found elsewhere in the PTR.

We continued doing long-range planning for 2017-2020. It's breath-taking how quickly one's calendar fills! Goal-setting and team building are on-going topics of discussion, as are ways for us to seek help and advice from the province community when needed. We worked

out a plan for visitation of the province, and you'll see the list elsewhere. Ellette joined us for a conversation on our province automobile coverage. We made several appointments, as well as appointed a new Trustee to the Board of Ursuline Academy in Dedham.

We were happy to approve a distribution of alms in the name of the province to Friends in Solidarity, a partner with Solidarity with South Sudan. Click [here](#) to read about the critical work they do. "Friends" is an initiative of US Catholic religious men and women in support of religious working in South Sudan and beyond. They support the people of Africa, especially South Sudan, through capacity-building initiatives that include teacher training, health care professionals, and pastoral teams.



"Our own grief is a gateway to grace, not only for ourselves, but for the world. The grace that will come from embracing this paschal narrative of communion will be costly, but it will not diminish us. It will take our best energy and will not consume us. It will open us to the vitality that lies deep at the heart of communion with God, with one another, and with the wider world."

~ Sr. Mary Pellegrino, CSJ
LCWR Presidential Address, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6-9.....USAOSU Roman Union Gathering

LCWR Assembly Materials

We have DVD's of the two keynote addresses, the Presidential address, and the panel of younger LCWR members. If you would like to borrow them, please contact Adele. The texts of several of the addresses and other materials can be downloaded [here](#).



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Marian Middle School
Board of Directors



Local Community Officials

Adele Brennan
Dallas
Non-resident Local Prioress

Julie Hickey
San Antonio
Local Prioress

Virginia Cirone
New Orleans
Local Treasurer

Mary Anne Holmes
New Orleans
Local Council

Donna Hyndman
New Orleans
Local Secretary

Community Visitations 2017-2018

Alton	Jean
Carriage Circle.....	Rita Ann
Dallas	Rita Ann
Fairdale	Jean
Florissant	Maria Teresa
Francis Place.....	Rita Ann
Holmes.....	Jean
Laredo.....	Jean
Loretto Home.....	Maria Teresa
Mère Marie.....	Maria Teresa
New Orleans	Maria Teresa
Oak Haven	Jean
Our Lady of Wisdom.....	Maria Teresa
San Antonio.....	Jean
Springfield.....	Maria Teresa
St. Agnes.....	Rita Ann
Sutherland.....	Rita Ann

Congratulations . . .

. . . to Thomas More Daly who was recognized and awarded a plaque by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians on the occasion of her 50th jubilee and in recognition of her service to the association as their chaplain since their foundation in Alton, Illinois. Thomas More was awarded a photo of Mother Josephine Bruding, foundress of the Alton convent in 1859. The photo and plaque will hang in Marquette high school where Thomas More ministered from 1995-2014.

Provincial Team Dates

Rita Ann

Aug 22	Eureka, MO Francis Place Board Meeting
Aug 23	St. Louis, MO Ursuline Sisters Trust Meeting
Aug 28-Sept 5	Vacation
Sept 9.....	St. Louis, MO LCWR Region X Gathering

Jean

Aug 28-Sept 1	Vacation
Sept 9	St. Louis, MO LCWR Region X Gathering

Maria Teresa

Aug 23	St. Louis, MO Ursuline Sisters Trust Meeting
Sept 9	St. Louis, MO LCWR Region X Gathering

Next team meeting September 11-12



Condolences . . .

Our condolences to the friends and family of Sister Anne Dorothy Schober. We give thanks for the privilege of recently having her with us to celebrate her Jubilee. We hold these moments gently in our hearts and thank God for the gift her life continues to be for us.



Social Justice Notes

We would like to share the prayer created by Education for Justice following the racism exhibited in Charlottesville and the violence that occurred there.

Prayer After Charlottesville

Oh God,

With anguish, we pray that we may find ways to move forward towards the light, not back into the shadows of hatred, violence, and the silence that protects it.

We pray for the wisdom to know how to move ahead.

We recognize that evil can overtake a nation, as history reveals; we recognize too that reconciliation is possible, that peace can flourish where once hate and violence reigned.

We pray that all citizens of good will speak out again and again so the sound of Your justice drowns out the cries of hatred and the deafening silence that protects it.

May we as a nation form a circle, inclusive, with no top or bottom, where we can welcome everyone with outstretched hands.

May our circle grow ever larger, more hands open, holding another's palm, realizing we are holding on to the hope Pope Francis calls us to if we can see we are all connected. Amen.

