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...to Heart

Dear Friends,

“There are events in history that sear themselves into the world’s collective imagination...” began an *AP* reporter’s story on the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. We have been witness to extraordinary events and to the profound effects they are having on the lives of thousands of our brothers and sisters. We, too, have been affected. The media coverage brought back images of Haiti and Chile last year, of Katrina, of Banda Aceh and even of 9-11. For the elderly, grim memories of WW II returned. There were other tectonic shifts happening at the same time: halfway across the world, the phenomenon of an emerging young people’s movement to bring about democracy in nations of North Africa and the Middle East has recalled the images of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the youth protest in Tiananmen Square and even the anti-war demonstrations here of young people in the 70s. How are we being touched and changed by what we are witnessing? What are we learning and what can we give in response? Perhaps Sister Kim King aptly named our call in her poem (page 22): “We may bow together, humbly, and stand as well...standing with our faces toward the sun.”

This issue of *Heart* presents many facets of the “we” that is the Sacred Heart family, people who bring the light and love of Christ into many worlds, ever forming new relationships and deepening our contemplative regard. There is newness and change reflected in the welcoming of a new member and in the home-going of four remarkable RSCJ, two of them centenarians! We meet immigration workers and educators serving together across borders and as leaders of Network schools. The “we” includes religious of other congregations, associates and invaluable volunteers and generous friends. We have welcomed our Central Team members, Catherine Lloyd and Hiroko Okui, who have brought into our lives the whole Society with its evolving, enriching diversity. We say farewell to Susan Switzer, who has continued to tell the community’s story and will always be “family,” and we warmly welcome Therese Meyerhoff as our new director of communications and public relations.

In this season of new life following a long wait in darkness, we celebrate the hope we have for our suffering companions on life’s journey in lands still reeling from revolution and natural disasters. May we continually find ways to reach out our hands to the other as companions on the road to life.



With joy and hope,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Toner".

Paula Toner, RSCJ
Provincial

Ave atque Vale,

In saying farewell as editor of *Heart*, I salute you the faithful readers, the RSCJ with whom I have had the privilege of working, and all the members of the Sacred Heart family whose stories have appeared in these pages and given the magazine its heart. Special gratitude to graphic designer Peggy Nehmen and to copy editor Frances Gimber, RSCJ.

From the spiral dance in Peru and spirals within the heart nebula that graced the Winter 2008 issue, to the spiral of people on the move in this one, we have come full circle. May we continue to revolve and evolve together!

I wholeheartedly welcome Therese Meyerhoff, who will be *Heart's* new editor – and I will continue to look for hearts in nature wherever they appear. ✦

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Switzer".

Susan Switzer,
Editor

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Life at the noviceship

Five members of the provincial team and RSCJ from the San Diego area celebrated a new beginning on September 15, 2010, as Juliet Mousseau began her noviceship in the Society of the Sacred Heart at the Cape May Community.

In her reflection at the opening Mass, held in Founders Chapel on the campus of the University of San Diego (USD), Paula Toner, RSCJ, provincial, spoke of the evolution of RSCJ spirituality since Vatican II. “The mission, to glorify the Heart of Jesus by revealing his love, has not altered - but the way in which we describe and live our call has changed,” she said. “There is deep integration between our life of prayer and our outreach to the wounded humanity we encounter in our daily lives.”

And so it is in the rhythm of life in the noviceship, with time allotted for both contemplation and action. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ, novice director, says the participation of numerous RSCJ in the formation process provides a variety of perspectives on Society life. A seminar on the Constitutions and other Society documents is held three times a week; a series of meetings with area RSCJ focuses on the five priorities established at General Chapter 2008, and Sister Mousseau meets weekly with Elizabeth Walsh, RSCJ, for a tutorial on St. Madeleine Sophie.

Beyond the noviceship walls, Sister Mousseau is part of an Intercongregational

Formation Program in Los Angeles with nineteen other men and women in formation for religious life. She also works with homeless women at Rachel’s Women’s Center in San Diego while taking a graduate course at the USD Institute for Peace and Justice – and has found time to join the USD Concert Choir.

“Our hope with this beginning is that many other women will desire to follow Jesus in community in the manner of Madeleine Sophie Barat,” said Sister Rodee. “Her spirit is vibrant and alive among us as we live this call to communicate the love of the Heart of Christ, and we are very grateful for the prayer and support of all our friends and Sacred Heart family members.”

Sister Rodee is especially happy that the chapel now offers “a simple and inviting place of prayer, radiant with sunlight shining through the traditional stained glass windows.” ❖



Juliet Mousseau, NSCJ



Opening of the noviceship in San Diego, September 15, 2010. From left: Virginia Rodee, RSCJ, novice director; novice Juliet Mousseau; and U.S. provincial, Paula Toner, RSCJ.

Central Team members visit U.S. Province

Members of the General Council of the Society of the Sacred Heart, informally known as the Central Team, arrived in the U.S. on March 2, 2011, with a full itinerary that included at least ten cities, a stop at the AASH meeting in Miami, and several multi-area gatherings.

The purpose of the visit, in the words of Catherine Lloyd, RSCJ, Central Team liaison to the U.S. Province, is to “be attentive to the signs of life, new calls and the particular contributions of the U.S. province.” She calls the visit “a wonderful opportunity for us to share with you about the life of the international Society.” Central Team members last formally visited the U.S. in 2007, and Sister Lloyd also attended the 2009 Provincial Assembly in Chicago and the 2010 *Sacred Heart Spirituality in a Globalized World Conference* in Washington D.C.

Two of the five current Team members will make this visit: Sister Lloyd of the England/Wales Province and Hiroko Okui, RSCJ, of Japan. The other three RSCJ Central Team members, based in Rome, are: Kathleen Conan, Superior General, Nancy Durand, and Carmen Margarita Fagot.

Sister Lloyd’s experience includes work in an inner-city high school for girls in Hammersmith, London, international service in Indonesia, and



Members of the RSCJ Central Team. From left: Catherine Lloyd of the England/Wales Province, Carmen Margarita Fagot of Cuba, Kathleen Conan of the United States, Nancy Durand of Peru, and Hiroko Okui of Japan.

formation work with the Conference of Religious of England and Wales. She was active in the fields of facilitation and organizational development when she attended the General Chapter in Lima in 2008 and was asked to serve on the Central Team.

Sister Okui spent most of her religious life in Susono, a small town at the foot of Mount Fuji. Her probation period, which she shared with U.S. province RSCJ Marina Hernandez, Muriel Cameron, Shirley Miller, and

Sheila Hammond, also took place in Susono and, she says, was “a precious time to broaden my world view.” Sister Okui subsequently became head of two schools in Japan and provincial of the Japan province; at the same time, she continued to experience enriching encounters with people beyond Japan. “I am really looking forward to this visit,” she said. “I want to see life from your window, listen to your stories, and learn from you.” ❖

In Mission for Life

A transcontinental campaign

By Shirley Miller, RSCJ



Top photo: Los Angeles Campaign Committee, from left: Jill Buyan, Elizabeth Cha Park, Chair Sandy Farrell, Moira Lees, Bunny May, Mary Forsyth.

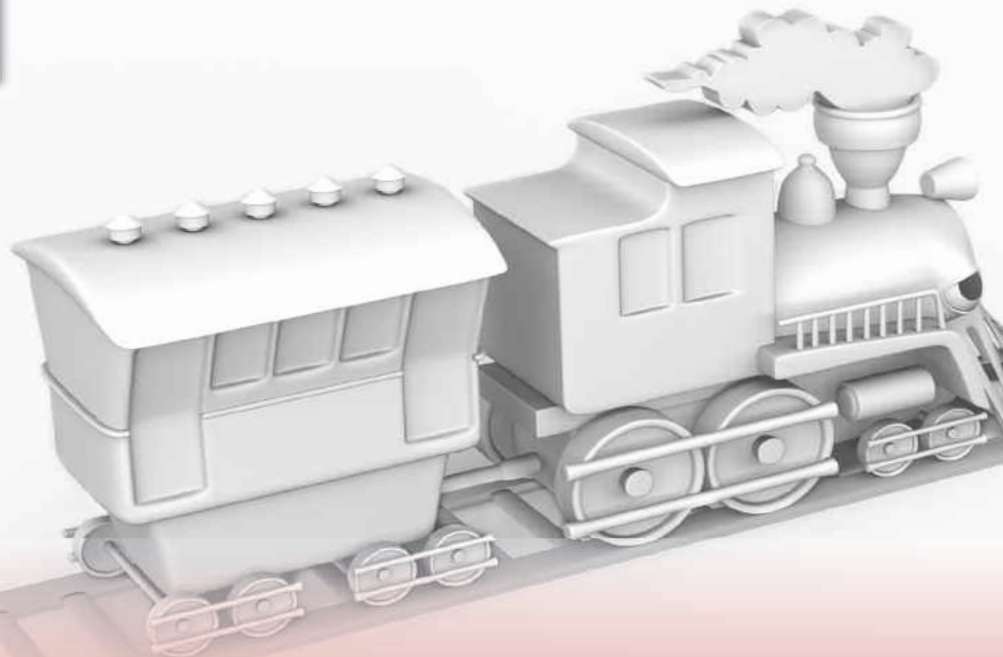
Bottom photo: San Diego Campaign Committee, from left: Sharon LeeMaster, Mary Forsyth, Kelli Fondren, Virginia Rodee, RSCJ, Maureen (Mo) King.

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think I can, I think I can..." Recalling one of my favorite childhood stories, *The Little Engine That Could*, I reflected on the Society's *In Mission for Life* campaign. And I reflected on the building of the transcontinental railroad that united communities across the country, and involved thousands of dreamers, engineers, workers, investors, and adventurers. During construction, there were rivers to cross and mountains to climb, and six years after the project began, the last rail was laid, and far-flung communities were joined together.

We are far from laying the last rail, but we are four years into our five-year \$40 million campaign, and we too have crossed rivers and climbed mountains. All of the regional campaigns are moving us closer to the *In Mission for Life* goal. With gratitude to all who have made gifts and to the hundreds who have worked on this first U.S. province transcontinental campaign, we are happy to announce that we have reached \$29.3 million – or 73% of the campaign goal!

Calendar year 2010 was an amazing time of expansion as the campaign moved from San Francisco, Boston, and New York to St. Louis, Omaha, New Orleans, Chicago, and San Diego. More opportunity for growth is promised in 2011 as the campaign unfolds in Los Angeles, Detroit, Houston, Washington, DC, Phoenix and Seattle.





Fred and Angel Kleinbub with her sister, Evelyn Francuz, center.



Mothers and daughters at the AASH Southern Regional Conference in Grand Coteau. Top: Helen Charbonnet, The Rosary, New Orleans, and daughter Lynne Charbonnet Gibbons, Rosary Alumnae Board President.

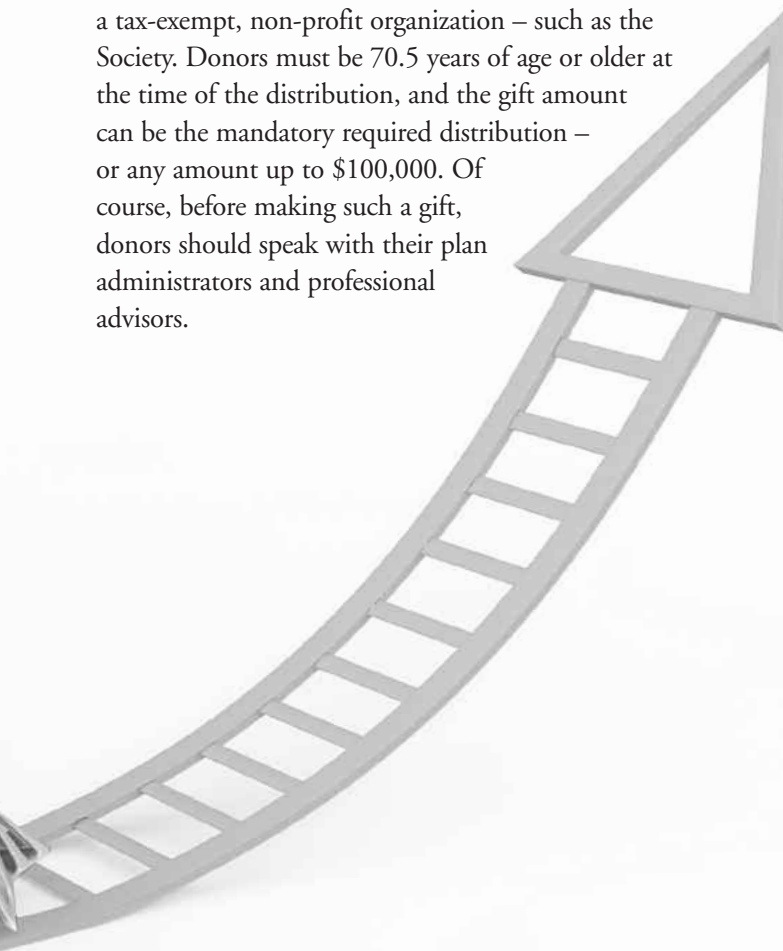


Bottom: Tata Green Young, Duchesne, Houston, and daughter Helen Young.

A major project in 2010 was launching the *Cor Unum Legacy Society*, which recognizes donors of planned gifts who have notified the Society of their intent to leave a gift for the Society in their estate plan. Membership is open to everyone but campaign credit is given to donors 80 years or older. In addition to *Cor Unum*, now and through 2011, individuals can make qualified, tax-free distributions from their IRA to a tax-exempt, non-profit organization – such as the Society. Donors must be 70.5 years of age or older at the time of the distribution, and the gift amount can be the mandatory required distribution – or any amount up to \$100,000. Of course, before making such a gift, donors should speak with their plan administrators and professional advisors.

In Mission for Life is scheduled to reach the campaign goal by August 31, 2012 – with the grace of God and the generosity of hundreds of helpers! The major gifts portion of the campaign will be completed then, and a \$2,000,000 annual giving program will continue far into the future.

As we reach the mountaintop and begin the descent, we pray for each of you who have crossed the country with us. You have been beside us and behind us saying, “I think you can, I think you can, I think you can.” And chugging and puffing, we reply, “We must.” ❖



In Memoriam

Please see www.rscj.org for biographical information on RSCJ who have died.

May they live in the fullness of God’s love.

Flavia Augustine
November 18, 2010

Helen Manning Lorch
November 28, 2010

Carmen Parrilla
December 13, 2010

Claire Saizan
February 16, 2011

RedLAC: International networking face-to-face

Every three years since 1995, a RedLAC meeting has taken place in various Latin American countries. Predating high-speed computer links and the rise of social media, this dynamic international organization has been “networking” on behalf of the vision of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat!

The Spanish word for “network” is *red* and in Society of the Sacred Heart parlance, the acronym LAC stands for Latin America and the Caribbean (which includes the Sacred Heart school in Puerto Rico). RedLAC was created to provide a forum where education and community development, interpersonal exchanges and cross-cultural dialogue, and proactive, collaborative stands on justice, peace and the integrity of creation can be promoted and activated.

The meetings are powerful expressions of solidarity as well as opportunities to focus on the practicalities of education and resources.

In October 2010, thirty-two people from eight different countries met in Monterrey, Mexico, to engage in an extensive process of reviewing and revising the vision-mission statement for RedLAC. They also created five “lines of spirituality” to apply to curricula in the various educational disciplines such as religion, art, and social science:

- Contemplation of the world with the sentiments of Jesus
- Openness and docility to the transforming action of the Spirit
- Communities that create communion
- A preference for the poor and young
- Education of the whole person

Some of the structural questions they considered were: How does this “network of networks” support Sacred Heart education within Latin America? How might RedLAC be in relationship with other Sacred Heart Networks of Schools to work collaboratively? How do lay collaborators relate within this global context?

Attending the RedLAC meeting were Maureen Glavin, RSCJ, representing the U.S. Province; Anne Wachter, RSCJ, representing the Network of Sacred Heart Schools in the U.S.; and Gina Carioni, representing Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami.

Two other international networking gatherings of note are the *Educational Congreso* of the Mexico/Nicaragua Province, a meeting for teachers in the Mexico network, also held in October 2010, and an upcoming International Conference for Heads of Sacred Heart Schools from around the world scheduled for Taipei in fall of 2011. The *Educational Congreso* was attended by Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ, and Maureen Glavin, RSCJ.

Asked why such extensive efforts are being dedicated to gatherings like RedLAC, the *Educational Congreso*, and the upcoming meeting in Taipei, Sister Glavin said: “Each of us is part of a whole and anything we do to connect with each other and remind ourselves that we are not living in isolation inspires us and completes us as the Body of Christ.” ✝



A truly mutual relationship: RSCJ and Associates co-coordinators

Leadership of the Heart, a recent meeting of both RSCJ and Associates co-coordinators held in St. Charles, February 18 to 20, 2011, exemplified the spirit of “Cor Unum.” This ever-expanding group has been meeting every two years since 2000, and they describe themselves as “women of vision impelled by hope.” They are both candid about the challenges – in having women religious and their Associates look to each other as equals in commitment to the mission of St. Madeleine Sophie – and enthusiastic about the vibrancy of the new team relationships being born. Anne Sturges, RSCJ, who has been involved with the Associates for over thirteen years, said: “I enjoy learning from them!”

This particular meeting, which literally took place in the house of Philippine, was designed to encourage living testimony to the saint and the mission of St. Madeleine Sophie, which she brought to the United States. In her keynote remarks, Diane Roche, RSCJ, pointed out that ideas about mission, like food, can become dangerous if left on a shelf and not constantly renewed. To illustrate this point, she discussed some toxic interpretations of Christian Mission that are still operative in places like Haiti and contrasted them with recent understandings of mission as expressed in Chapter documents and other Society writing.

Catherine Kinabrew, Associates National Committee chair and author of *The Associates History* (available at <http://rscjassociatesusa.blogspot.com/>), called the meeting “a great moment for mutuality.” From the opening session Friday that focused on meeting true friends to practical Saturday workshops that addressed such topics as orientation, mentoring, and co-leadership, the time together was characterized by a high level of trust. A liturgy was held in the Shrine itself, the St. Charles archives were open and accessible, and Margaret Munch, RSCJ, gave a special Philippine tour.

Jane McKinlay, RSCJ, who has worked with Associates in New Orleans, Omaha, Albany, and San Francisco/Atherton, said she found that they “deeply prize the spirit of the Society and are serious about inserting

themselves into current directions the Society is taking.”

Responding to the needs of the Society and their own desire for deepened mutuality, the Associates are joining in the province’s prayer for vocations. They concur with Mary Pat White, RSCJ, who said: “Our charism of making the Love of the Heart of God known is so precious and so needed in our world today that it must continue to be lived out in the 21st century and beyond. I believe there are young women who are being called to the Society. We need to pray for them – and we need to become aware of who they might be and learn how to welcome them into a discernment process.”

Thus the RSCJ and Associates continue to walk “heart-to-heart” in the deepest call to “Cor Unum.” ❖



From left: Associate Kathryn Hannon from Boston, Associate Theresa Lutostanski from New Orleans, Elaine Abels, RSCJ, from St. Louis, Anne Byrne, RSCJ, from Washington D.C., and Associate Frances Dickey from San Diego.





Sister Matsu: She came to bake and stayed to paint!

Born in Nagasaki, Japan, Kinue Matsuzaki, RSCJ, known as Sister Matsu, joined the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1947 in Tokyo and devoted her energies to education. She came to the United States for the first time in 1962, where she baked up to eighty pies a day at Kenwood (!) – and also began to study art. Transferred in 1967 to Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, where she taught arts and crafts at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, she then enrolled in the Detroit Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design and received her certificate in 1973.

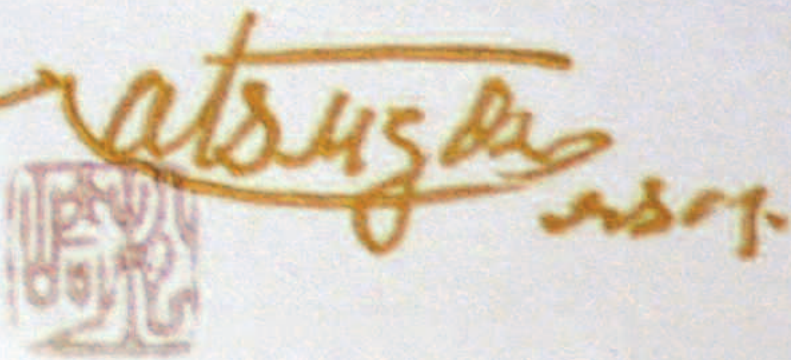
“God is so good to me...I really enjoy it (painting)... He uses my hands to give the world a message...people say they never tire of it, they always find something new in my paintings...” she says.

Sister Matsu’s watercolors have been shown throughout metropolitan Detroit, at the Louis Gallery in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and at the Delphine Galleries in Santa Barbara and Montecito, California. She received the Best in Show award at the juried Earth Show in 1975, sponsored by the National Bank of Detroit, and her works can be found in private collections in the U.S., Europe and Japan.

She and her dog Beanie are familiar and beloved members of the community of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. ❖



Art critic! Beanie the dog loves Sr. Matsu’s paintings.



Heads of school on the move in the Sacred Heart Network

Of the current twenty-one Sacred Heart Network schools and two provisional Network schools in the U.S. Province, fifteen are headed by educators who are not under religious vows. But their commitment to the Goals and Criteria for Sacred Heart schools is nothing less than complete – and abiding.

The Network is “growing our own” in the sense that educators are moving from one administrative level to another. We asked two heads of school who have moved from middle level administration to head of school – and also moved to another city to continue their work – exactly what it was that drew them to the mission of St. Madeleine Sophie.



Dr. Fagin is given a personal demonstration by fifth grader Catherine Biava at Stuart's Technology Fair. In the background, another fifth grader is prepared to explain her project to the next visitor.

Patricia Fagin moved from St. Louis where she was principal at Villa Duchesne (2004-2010) to Princeton, New Jersey, to become head of school at Stuart Academy of the Sacred Heart.

On a visit to Sheridan Road two years ago, she had heard that Frances de la Chapelle, RSCJ, would be retiring from Stuart; and both Nat Wilburn and Madeleine Ortman suggested that she think about the head of school position when it became available. Dr. Fagin had been executive director of a small school in Greensboro, North Carolina, before becoming principal for grades 7-12 at Villa, and she realized she missed leading an elementary through secondary program.

Most important, she said: “I found that I had fallen in love with Sacred Heart and knew that being head of a Sacred Heart school would be the very best fit for me, a place where I could make a difference.” The next year, she attended the National Association for Independent Schools’ Aspiring Heads Leadership Institute and decided to apply for the position at Stuart, with the support of Lucie Nordmann, RSCJ, head of school at Villa Duchesne/Oak Hill.

Dr. Fagin said: “I remember thinking... I want to ‘get’ what it means to be Sacred Heart – because everyone involved in these schools seems so happy. And, at the risk of sounding like a nun-dropper... I learned to ‘get it’ from the RSCJ at Villa Duchesne/



The Stuart community welcomed Dr. Fagin as the new Head of School at an *Induction Ceremony* on September 16, 2010 in Stuart's Cor Unum Theater. The ceremony was held at the conclusion of the traditional *Flag Ceremony and Mass of the Holy Spirit*.

Oak Hill – Sisters Nordmann, Nancy Ghio, Mary Pat Rives, Sally Stephens and Irene Herbst; and I was also blessed in getting to know RSCJ on the Board of Trustees – Kay Baxter, Margie Strom, Lynne Lieux, and Maureen Glavin. In addition, the Villa/Oak Hill Spirituality Series brought in inspiring RSCJ speakers including Suzanne Cooke, Frances Gimber, Margaret Munch, Kathleen Hughes, and Bridget Bearss. Then working with Ann Taylor, RSCJ, and Sister Glavin on the Sacred Heart Commission on Goals (SHCOG) Visiting Team for Grand Coteau helped further my understanding of the RSCJ and their commitment to the Goals and Criteria.”

With respect to strategic priorities for the Society, the new head of school at Stuart said: “I think expanding the global identity and reach of the Society of the Sacred Heart is critical for today’s world. Students in Sacred Heart schools in the U.S. have always enjoyed many wonderful reciprocal relationships with their sister schools across the country, and we need to extend that reciprocity to our international ministries and sister schools around the world.”

And, she added: “When anyone asks me what most surprised me moving to Stuart, I say it was the ease – and grace. In my thirty-three years of marriage, my husband and I have moved six times, and this move was, by far, the best. I could not have asked for a kinder or more welcoming community.”

Gerald Grossman has been head of school at Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, Illinois, since he moved there in 2004 from Stuart Hall School for Boys in San Francisco. He is also the former middle school head at The Town School and former head of The Cathedral School, both in New York City. “I love schools, books, ideas, discussion papers, and the entire process of learning,” he has written. “Teaching and administration are my response to a calling to serve others.”

Mr. Grossman met Nancy Salisbury, RSCJ, when she was headmistress at 91st Street and vice chair of the Board of the

“Being head of a Sacred Heart school would be the very best fit for me, a place where I could make a difference.”

—Patricia Fagin



With one Honors Assembly flowered crown in her hair and another on her arm, Hannah Wilson '11 receives the Dartmouth Book Award and congratulatory handshake from Mr. Grossman.

“I think each of us committed to ‘the life lived’ can best serve our world by deepening our awareness and living of the Goals and Criteria.”

—Gerald Grossman



Mr. Grossman congratulates former Trustee and much loved Sacred Heart advocate Helen Bruns Ryan '50 as she receives Woodlands Academy's St. Philippine Duchesne Outstanding Alumna Award.

New York State Association of Independent Schools. “When she asked me about my transition from middle school head to head of school, I shared with her the challenges I faced in dealing with some difficult parents,” he said. “And Sister Salisbury smiled and said: ‘Gerry, they are afraid. Pay attention to their fears and help them.’ Such wisdom!”

He often spoke to the boys at Stuart Hall about the Sacred Heart spirit of courage and confidence, about the importance of taking risks, of being willing to move out of their comfort zone, and of “following the example of our Sacred Heart mothers who were willing to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, even when that Spirit seemed to be calling them to alien places...”

Then, when the prospect of heading Woodlands Academy was becoming a reality,

Mr. Grossman said he had to wrestle with his own response. He said: “At that point, Sister Salisbury appeared in my life again, and she said: ‘Gerry, Madeleine Sophie wants you at Woodlands.’ I was stopped dead in my tracks! There was nothing I could say to refute her comment.

Courage and

confidence. Respond to the Spirit. I concluded, for my part, that I could do nothing other than say, ‘Yes!’ ”

Another bit of wisdom Mr. Grossman attributes to the Religious of the Sacred Heart is that the result of a good discernment is experiencing a great calm when the discernment ends. He says: “I have not regretted my decision to say ‘Yes!’ to Madeleine Sophie or to Woodlands. This community has become a home of great joy in my life.”

With respect to the Sacred Heart Goals and Criteria, he says: “In a world that is hurting for many reasons, being women and men of prayer and hope and being committed to being the ‘heart of Jesus in the pierced heart of the world’ gives each of us children of the Sacred Heart a clear job description.”

Heads/directors of Sacred Heart schools who have moved from middle level administration to head of school in the same location include the following:

Gordon Sharafinski is director of schools at Schools of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco, a community that includes: Convent Elementary School (girls K-8), Convent High School (girls 9-12), Stuart Hall for Boys (boys K-8) and Stuart Hall High School (boys 9-12). Mr. Sharafinski joined the community in 1999 as founding head of Stuart Hall High School, which opened in 2000, before being promoted to oversee the four-school complex. He served previously

Mr. Sharafinski with students from Convent Elementary and Stuart Hall for Boys in the Flood Mansion on the Broadway campus – where the door is always open. He says the best part of his job is the time he spends with the students.



as principal at the all-boys Marquette University High School in Milwaukee, and as an evaluator for the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Program. He is a strong believer in the educational model created by the RSCJ and says: “The Goals and Criteria for Sacred Heart education provide an incredible blueprint for our mission of working with boys and girls in a K-12 program. These principles are timeless and wonderfully inclusive; it is a privilege for me to be part of an environment where excellence in education is defined by the growth and development of a student’s character and heart as well as mind.”

Since 2007, **Richard A. Dioli** has served as director of schools at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton, California. He also served at Sacred Heart Preparatory in Atherton, as principal from 1993 to 2007, and as dean of students from 1989 to 1993. As director of schools, Mr. Dioli oversees the visionary, financial, and operational responsibilities for the institution and reports to the Board of Directors; he leads and oversees long-term educational, financial, and budgetary planning for the schools’ four divisions, ranging from preschool to grade twelve. He says: “Operating according to educational programs, policies, and procedures based on – and supportive of – the Sacred Heart Goals and Criteria is my primary objective. I’m honored to work with an amazing community to provide our students with 21st century learning opportunities so that they may develop into tomorrow’s leaders.”

Nat Wilburn serves as head of schools at Sacred Heart Schools on Sheridan Road in Chicago, a Board of Trustee-appointed position responsible for the implementation of Board policy and decisions, the administration of the schools, and the communication of the schools’ philosophy and programs to its various constituencies.



As head of schools, Mr. Wilburn also directs the leadership team, consisting of the institutional advancement director, the chief financial officer, the business manager, the heads of each division of the schools (primary, lower, middle) and the head of student life. He previously served as head of the middle school at Broadway in San Francisco and as principal at SHS on Sheridan Road. He says: “Most important, the head of schools assures that the Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart education are alive and flourishing for all on Sheridan Road! It is a privilege to continue the mission of the Religious of the Sacred Heart.” ❖

Top: Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton, will break ground on a new Lower & Middle Schools campus this summer. Here, Mr. Dioli with fifth graders.

Bottom: Mr. Wilburn with then fourth graders at Hardey Prep. The boys are now fifth graders and Hardey Prep, part of Schools of the Sacred Heart, Chicago, is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

The **moveme**

By Alette Latorre, RSCJ

Back in the summer of 2008, at the General Chapter of the Society of the Sacred Heart held in Lima, Peru, one of the five priorities discerned by the religious in attendance was titled Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) in Solidarity with Those Who Are Most Vulnerable. The JPIC priority was intended to address global issues of immigration and human trafficking, as well as a sustainable environment.

As an immigration attorney since 1985, Frances Tobin, RSCJ, practiced law in Houston and San Diego for over two decades, working in not-for-profit agencies; she now lives in the Menlo area where she monitors current immigration and trafficking issues such as the Dream Act. She said: "In my practice I dealt with people who fled to the U.S. from El Salvador, Guatemala, Vietnam, Iraq, Iran, Russia and parts of Africa. Not all were granted asylum, but all were traumatized by what had happened to them in their own country. As a nation, we do have a right to say who will enter our country; at the same time, as citizens and Christians, we have an obligation to be both compassionate and just. Creating a well-functioning legal immigration system will mean less pressure on employers to hire unauthorized workers – and less hardship for future American citizens who value this country as we do."

Alette Latorre, a Colombian RSCJ, has lived and ministered in Tucson for the past five years. Her perspective on these issues is face-to-face.



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More than twenty years of involvement with refugees and internally displaced people around the world gives me tremendous insight into what I call the *Movement of Peoples*, in today's world. Our generation could be called the age of migration: more than 200 million people have had to leave their place of birth, their culture, and their values, because of poverty, injustice, religious intolerance, armed conflicts, natural disasters, and other manifestations of violence. In approximate terms, thirty to forty million of those are undocumented; twenty-seven million, internally displaced in their own countries; and ten million, refugees.

Who knows how many are victims of trafficking? Today's slavery. I can give some numbers, but I am sure there are more victims. But whether the numbers say 200 million or five, what I see are real faces, real names, and real situations – and I find in them the pierced Heart of Jesus.

Nzigira, who witnessed the rape and killing of his wife and children in Rwanda; Raul, who was tortured in Chile; Carlos and his family hiding from paramilitaries in Colombia; the Martinez family running from a burning house in El Salvador; Maria and her small daughter who died in the desert of southern Arizona; Julia, who was finally able to escape from her treatment as a servant (slave) for a family in Wisconsin; the Perez family, divided because of a new law in Arizona that forces deportation back to Mexico...

Children are exceptionally vulnerable, easily taken advantage of, exploited, and abused; this is particularly true when they are undocumented and unaccompanied in a foreign country. The death of a child in the desert strikes my heart very deeply! My involvement with human rights groups includes Migrant Trail: Walk for Life – a group that walks from Sasabe, Mexico, to Tucson, Arizona, remembering those who died in the desert.

I feel that Arizona is ground zero for the country's broken immigration policies. At the borders, in the congregations, schools, workplaces, and service programs, you see the human consequences of inadequate systems. Border communities struggle to accommodate newcomers; families suffer long periods of separation; undocumented workers are cheated out of wages and housing.

All persons have the right to find in their own countries the opportunities to live in dignity and provide for their families; but they also have the right to migrate when there is no other way to support their families or live free of fear for their lives.

The great majority of persons who have entered the country without documentation are not criminals, but the new immigration law makes them criminals by their presence. Most newcomers do not uproot their lives casually: they leave because of gross poverty, war, human rights violations, natural disasters and economic upheaval. They seek to escape conditions that offend their dignity. They come to work to support or join their families and to live in safety.

I see many immigrants who work in professional and highly skilled jobs, while others perform the often thankless, yet necessary, work that serves the common good and benefits us



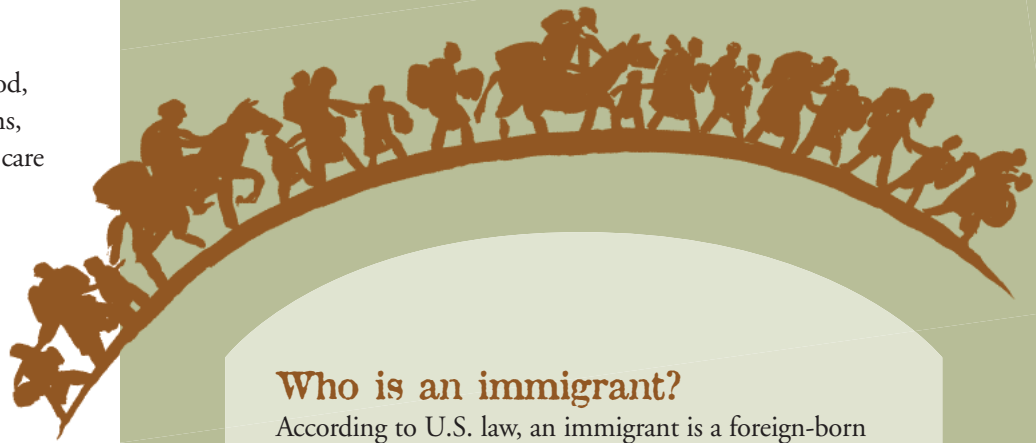
all. They pick crops, sew clothes, prepare food, clean hotel rooms, wait on tables, mow lawns, build homes, protect offices, drive taxis and care for children, the elderly and the ill.

Every year, a small number of refugees and asylees are welcomed by the U.S. government to resettle in the country and rebuild lives that have been destroyed by war and persecution. One resettlement program is offered by Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Tucson, as part of the Migration and Refugee Service, where I have been volunteering. We welcome refugees upon arrival, provide assistance with their immediate needs, and support them during their first three months with housing, food, health, employment search, and social services referrals. A comprehensive plan is developed to help guide individuals and families towards self-sufficiency and independence, to help them successfully transition to life in the United States.

Are these realities saying something to all of us, women and men of the heart? Can each of us do something? As a family, as a group, as an organization, can we hear the cries of our suffering world as Sophie and Philippine did in their time? Their vision and mission gave them the strength to overcome so many obstacles as educators and missionaries, and their passion for the Heart of Christ guided their lives. As an RSCJ, I want to be open, attentive, and aware of Christ's presence in the heart of the suffering world.

In September, 2010, the U.S. Provincial Team sent a letter to the President and members of Congress urging immigration reform.

Among the many RSCJ in the U.S. Province who have served or are serving people on the move are Maureen Chicoine, in San Bernardino, California; Marianna Torrano, at Soboba in San Jacinto, California; Georgie Logan in Miami; Trudy Considine in San Diego; Irene Cullen and Mary Jane Sullivan in Boston; Imma De Stefanis in Mexico; and Judy Garson in New York City. ❖



Who is an immigrant?

According to U.S. law, an immigrant is a foreign-born individual who comes voluntarily and is admitted to reside permanently in the U.S. as a lawful permanent resident.

Who are refugees?

Refugees are people from outside the U.S. who are unable or unwilling to return to their country and seek protection because of well-founded fear of persecution on account of their race, religion, membership in a social group, political opinion, or national origin.

Who is an asylee?

An asylee is a person who fits the definition of a refugee and who applies for refugee status after arriving in the U.S.

Who is an undocumented immigrant?

An undocumented immigrant is someone who entered the U.S. without papers or stayed beyond his or her visa expiration date. These actions are civil violations, not criminal ones. Increasing the number of visas granted and providing more immigration personnel to review papers would lessen the number of undocumented people.

Who are victims of trafficking?

Nearly 20,000 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year according to the U.S. Department of State. Sexual trafficking is the most common form, and about eighty percent involves women and girls; other forms are for labor of some sort. Those trafficked have usually been coerced or promised a better life through employment, educational opportunities, or marriage.

Heart-shaped moments

By Laurie Friedrichs

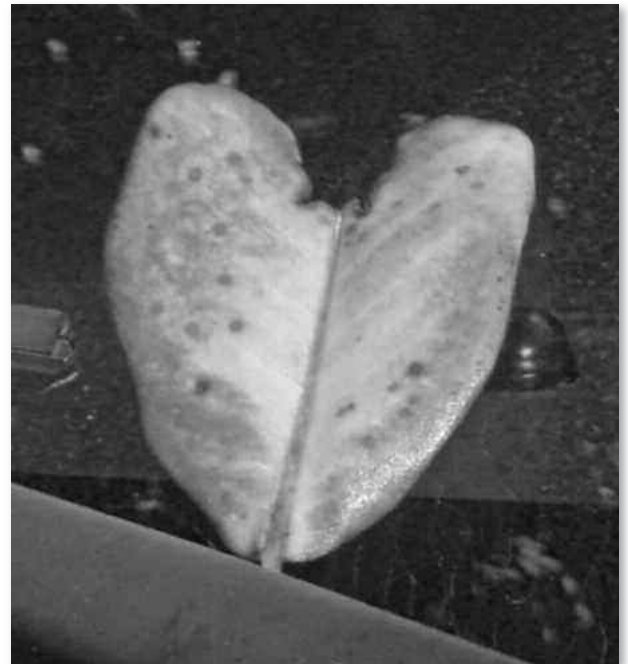
Sometimes life moves so fast I forget to stop and relish those fleeting moments when a message is being sent to me... Last spring, I was invited to a baby shower for one of my cousins. After many years of trying to get pregnant, she was about to celebrate the gift that God was giving to her and her husband. At the same time, another cousin was battling cancer.

We cousins are all about the same age, at about the same point in our lives, and as busy as everyone seems to be. I remember rushing to the shower, to just “stop by” – since my son’s sixth birthday party was also that day! But I so wanted to hug the blossoming mommy and celebrate with her; I had faced years of fertility treatments and disappointments myself. Surprise, surprise, when I arrived, my other cousin was there wearing a smile and a brightly colored bandana. She said she was in between treatments and feeling energized by the spring weather. I was thrilled to spend a few moments celebrating life from two such different vantage points.

On the way to my car, I too felt energized – and happy to have spent even a brief time with both of those amazingly strong women. Everything looked different when I got to the car; it was surrounded by leaves from a beautiful Louisiana magnolia above it, lots of leaves... It seemed as if a thousand leaves had fallen while I was stopping by the indoor shower.

Already hurrying to my next stop, I looked straight ahead and noticed a heart-shaped leaf sitting on the windshield. And as I stepped out to retrieve it, I realized it was the only leaf on the car – just one heart-shaped leaf looking right at me. The message seemed pretty clear: stop and listen to what the Spirit is telling you. Life is short, and you need to slow down and enjoy the gifts of God! May we all notice the leaves that drop into our lives to remind us of God’s love and the miracle of life. ❖

Rosary alumna Laurie Friedrichs is the primary school director at her alma mater. When she sent her leaf photo to Heart, we wanted to share it – along with her story of Mother Nature and the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Laurie!



May we all notice the leaves that drop into our lives to remind us of God’s love and the miracle of life.



Come to the water: An invitation from the Spiritual Ministry Center

***I**n an area of San Diego called Ocean Beach, the Religious of the Sacred Heart offer an oasis of hospitality and prayer called the Spiritual Ministry Center. In 1987, the Center was created to carry out the work of retreats and spiritual direction – one of the primary ministries of the Society since the time of St. Madeleine Sophie – and the ocean never closes...*

Located two short blocks from the Pacific Ocean, the Center is a place to walk, bike, relax, and refresh body and spirit in the beauty of nature. Private accommodations offer the quiet and freedom helpful for reflection – and being close to the water helps people get closer to God. The Center welcomes people of diverse faiths and cultures who seek to deepen their relationship with God and discern ways they feel drawn to serve others.



Each of the RSCJ at the Center is engaged in the retreat and spiritual direction ministry, and, on any given day, may also be asked to serve in other ways related to that spirituality. For example, they meet with women at a homeless shelter for faith sharing, and they offer frequent days of prayer to parishes and to groups, such as the RSCJ Associates, Sacred Heart Alumnae, and Children of Mary.

Their link with the University of San Diego is strong, and they participate with other RSCJ there in various programs, often focusing on the works of theologians such as Thomas Merton and St. Ignatius of Loyola. People beginning their ministry as spiritual directors come to the Center for supervision; chaplains come for sharing and reflection; and various organizations hold days of retreat there.

The current members of the Spiritual Ministry Center team come from a variety of backgrounds:

👉 **Sister Mel Loomis** is a religious of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. She was on the team at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, Louisiana and knew RSCJ there, as well as at 91st Street, where she was one of Mother Ranney's students! Sister Loomis joined the Center after working several years in Nigeria.

👉 Another inter-congregational partner is **Sister Cora Weismantel, SSND**, office secretary. She is responsible for scheduling people who come from all around the U.S. – and all over the world – to make retreats at the Center.

👉 **Marie Louise (Bunny) Flick, RSCJ**, has returned to the Spiritual Ministry Center after six years caring for retired RSCJ at Kenwood and Oakwood. Besides meeting with individuals, Bunny works with people who are aspiring to be spiritual directors.

👉 **Anita (Tita) Lapeyre, RSCJ**, served for over thirty years as a chaplain and chaplain supervisor, which prepared her well for her work at the Center. She is also part of a program for spiritual directors in Orange County.



RSCJ who serve at the Spiritual Ministry Center. From left: Mary Ann (Sis) Flynn, Anita (Tita) Lapeyre, Marie Louise (Bunny) Flick, and Anne Wentze.

👉 In addition to her ongoing retreat work, **Anne Wentze, RSCJ**, is a pastoral counselor. She helps people integrate their spirituality and faith life and to find freedom and wholeness in their lives.

👉 **Mary Ann (Sis) Flynn, RSCJ**, has been with the Center for over ten years and loves the variety of ways God draws people to find and live their spirituality. When she told her family that she would be working at a retreat house, one of her nephews said: "Oh, you'll be doing God all the time." And she said: "Such is our hope!"

Additional information about the Spiritual Ministry Center – for yourself or for someone you know – may be found at www.spiritmin.org 🌸



Poems

Written by Religious of the Sacred Heart



We are grateful to Kimberly M. King, RSCJ, for the following poems. She made her final profession at Villa Lante in Rome on January 30, 2011, along with twelve other RSCJ from around the world, and will return to the 80th Street Community in New York City. ✦

Easter

I tried writing
an Easter verse,
but—
my pencil burst into blooming;
the page leafed greenly;
and a bird took to singing from
inside my coffee mug.
Resurrection can do that to a poem,
it can.

Alleluia!

—*Kimberly M. King, RSCJ*

Canticle of Flying

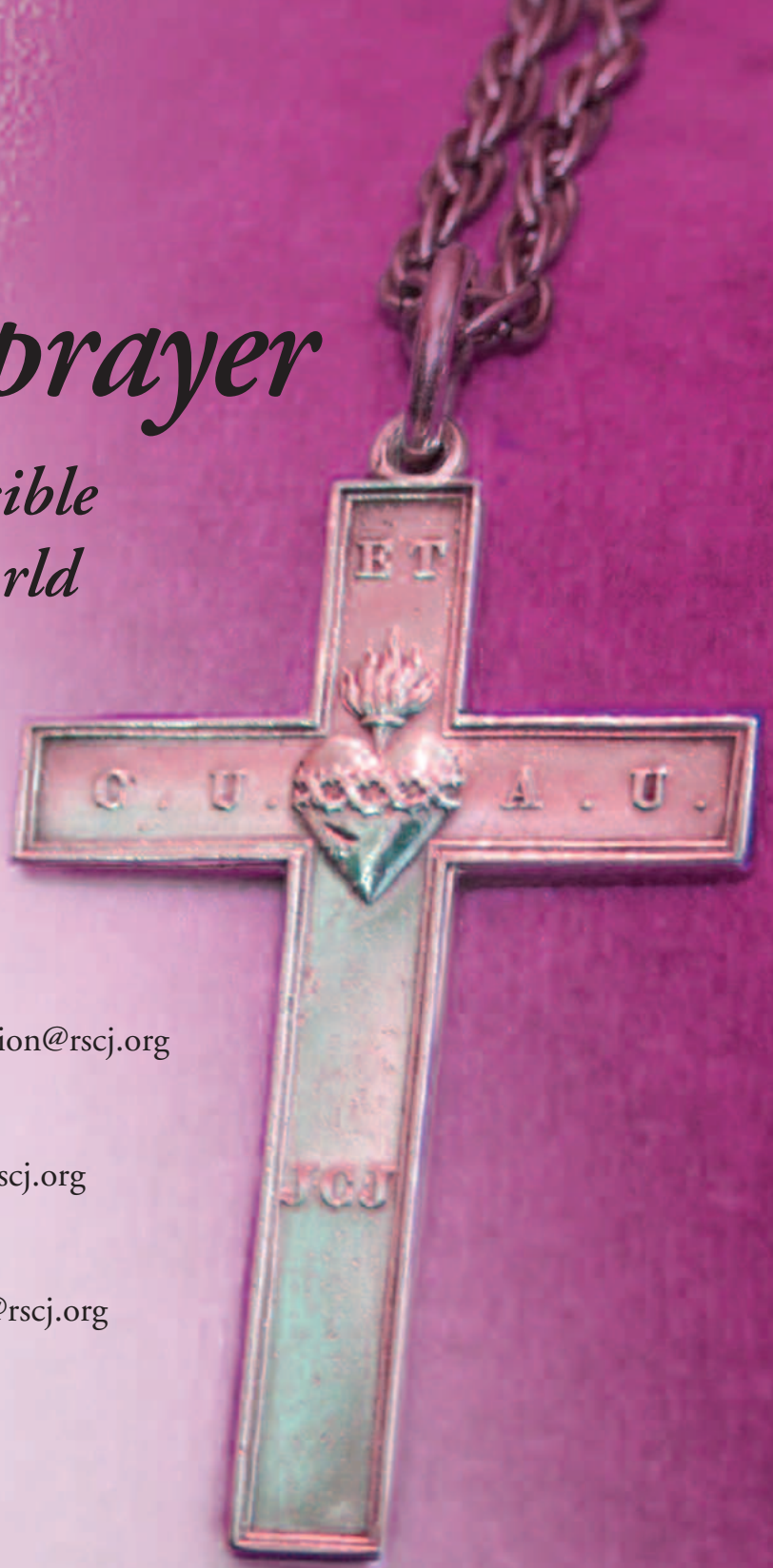
Loosen me Lord, and free my spirit!
I want to fly!
To know the wind as the bee knows the wind;
to taste the salt water rain of tears
that act as prisms do, reflecting the fullness of light.
When the thunder comes moonless,
when the fields are ready in a ripeness of green,
let me fear neither the darkness nor your glory.
I want to juggle the sparks between lightning and stone,
while riding on currents of grace and mystery.

Oh yes!
Teach me to fly with my feet on the ground!
Take me by the hand, with your hand
that makes a chain with time and space,
through the clouds of witnesses and history!
And let my other hand reach
for the hands of the ones on either side;
And let them reach as well!
Oh, let the circle be unbroken
so that when you ask each of us—
Where are all the others?
We may bow together, humbly,
and stand as well...
Standing with our faces toward the sun.

—*Kimberly M. King, RSCJ*

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**Sister Matsu: She came to bake
and stayed to paint** is a feast for
the eyes – and the heart.

Mary Lyman, RSCJ, from Boston (left), and
Associate Rosemary Serignese from Albany,
together in St. Charles to build and enjoy
A truly mutual relationship.



Peggy Nehmen



An invitation to the
contemplative dimension
of the Society's "wholly
contemplative, wholly
apostolic" mission is given
in **Come to the water.**

