



South Central Community

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WEEKLY COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

February 17, 2011

HIGHLIGHTS

Joy in Jamaica

Sister Judith Edwards makes her perpetual profession.

Awakening the Dreamer

This environmental and spiritual program comes to Guam.

Critical Concern

The Justice Team sends a letter to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

CALENDAR

February 18-20

Meeting for sisters and associates "Moving Forward: Exploring Two Calls."

February 25-26

Local Area Gatherings for:
– Baltimore, MD/Washington D.C./Pennsylvania;
– Barling, AR/Central Arkansas/Springfield, MO/Rogers, AR/Kansas
– Guam

March 14

Stateside sisters' budget forms and capital expenditures budget forms due to Finance Department

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Animated by the Gospel and Catherine's passion for the poor

Passion for those who are poor and wisdom, courage and vision are some of the attributes that our founder modeled for us. She had a vision to break the cycle of poverty by providing education and healthcare to the poor. She had the courage to pursue that vision. She had the wisdom to see the possibilities in pursuit of her mission. She realized that the wealthy needed to be aware of the plight of the poor. Mercy needed to be a presence in her elite Dublin community.

Like Catherine, we seek the support of those with resources to help those who are less fortunate. Throughout South Central, our ministries celebrate anniversaries of their many years of service. In our celebrations we are aware of the tremendous dedication of our co-workers, board members, sponsorship councils and the many volunteers in our ministries. We also are able to continue to celebrate our ministries because of the generous financial contributions of our donors and benefactors.

We hope our new efforts in Mission Advancement that began last fall will enable us to celebrate many more partnerships of investing in our mission of serving the poor, sick and uneducated. Let us join in prayer and blessings on that new ministry.



Kathy Jane Tami Paetz Angela Barbara

Sister Judith makes perpetual profession



Sister Judith Edwards receives a blessing from her father, Karl Edwards during the celebration of her perpetual profession.

Sister Judith Edwards made her perpetual profession Saturday, February 12, 2011, in the Alpha Chapel in Kingston, Jamaica.

Receiving her vows were Sister Eileen Campbell of the Institute Leadership Team and Sister Kathy Green, president of the South Central Community. Gathered to celebrate with Sister Judith were Mercy sisters, associates, her family and friends.



Sister Judith begins the procession with Sister Eileen Campbell (far left) of the Institute Leadership Team and Sister Kathy Green, president of the South Central Community.

Sister Marie Chin of the Community Leadership Team spoke of Sister Judith’s response to God’s summon to a life of transformation. She said her profession of faith is not the end of a journey but a once-again-beginning of many beginnings in to the radiance, love and freedom of Jesus.

“Awakening the Dreamer” in Guam

Sister Ann Marie Wilson and Lincoln Sigwald, director of Mercy Association, recently traveled to Guam where they led a program called “Awakening the Dreamer.”

Sisters, Mercy associates, boards of directors of three sponsored ministries, and faculty representatives from the four Mercy-administered schools attended the program on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at Mercy Heights Convent.

The goal of “Awakening the Dreamer,” which trainers are sharing throughout the Institute, is to bring an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence to the planet.



Lincoln Sigwald, chats with Mercy Associates Edna Hardy (left) and Martha Castro on Guam during “Awakening the Dreamer.” While on the island, Lincoln also met with sisters and associates to discuss association, lay spirituality, the shared call to Mercy, formation workshops and retreats.

Justice updates

JUSTICE TEAM SENDS LETTER TO CLINTON

The seriousness of the recent uprising in Egypt has prompted the Institute's Extended Justice Team to send a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In it, the team urges the Obama administration to avoid supporting President Hosni Mubarak, who has since resigned, and to chart a new course that respects the right of Egyptians to choose their own form of government.

The letter also supports the nonviolent resistance of the Egyptian people. As you know, nonviolence is one of the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy. To read the full letter written on February 8, 2011, [click here](#).



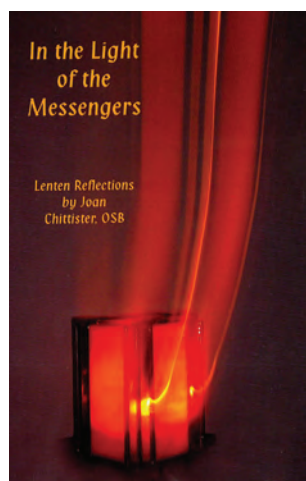
Please pray for a continued nonviolent and just resolution to the political situation in Egypt and for a peaceful transition to an elected government in the coming months as the Egyptian Army now in control has promised.

Lenten booklets on their way to you soon

During the next two weeks, be on the lookout for your copy of *In the Light of the Messengers*, a booklet of Lenten Reflections by Joan Chittister, OSB.

The books will be mailed to sisters and associates.

This year, Lent begins on Wednesday, March 9, which is Ash Wednesday.



Ministry opportunity

Epiphany of the Lord Parish in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is accepting applications for a full-time director of religious education.

Applicants should have a degree in theology, religious education, or a related area and a minimum of five years of experience in catechetical ministry. If you're interested, please contact Patricia Koenig in the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education at PKoenig@CathArchdioceseOKC.org or 405.721.5651, extension 126.

Today's Attachments

- Directory Changes for February 17, 2011.
- Prayer Calendar for February 2011.

Don't forget the basics

We select stories based on the thoroughness of the information you provide and the quality of the photos, as well as space and editing time we have available that week.

Please select several high resolution jpg files of your best photos, not links to online albums, which are frequently low resolution and difficult for us to download.

Submit your stories and photos to Myra Joines, communications director, at mjoines@mercysc.org by Tuesday at noon Eastern Standard Time. Thanks for your help. We love to hear from you!

Directory Changes – February 17, 2011



First Name	Last Name	Correction	Section	Page(s)*	New Information
Audrey	Abbata	New residence, home phone	Sisters	35	St. Mary's Convent 900 E. Oak Hill Avenue Knoxville, TN 37917-4505 865-545-7688 (home) 865-545-7915 (fax)
Maria Priscilla	Moreno	Residence, home phone	Sisters	115	420 W. Adams. Apt. E. St. Louis, MO 63122 314-394-0324 (home)
Sue	Weetenkamp	Remove home phone, add ministry phone extension	Sisters	159	410-377-2450 x214 (ministry)

This is one way the symbol of a suffering God can help:
by signaling that the mystery of God is here in solidarity with those who suffer.

Mercy Prayer Calendar

March 2011

Elizabeth Johnson, *She Who Is*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sirach 35: 1-12 Mark 10: 28-31 MP 710 EP 713	2 Sir 36:5-6,10-17 Mark 10: 32-45 MP 717 EP 720	3 <i>Katharine Drexel</i> Sir 42: 15-25 Mark 10: 46-52 MP 725 EP 729 Ant & Prayer 756	4 Sir 44:1,9-13 Mark 11:11-26 MP 732 EP 735	5 Sir 51:12-20 Mark 11:27-33 MP 740 EP 1 538
6 9th Sunday of Ordinary Time Dt 11:18,26-28 Rom 3:21-25,28 Matthew 7: 21-27 MP 541 EP II 544	7 Perpetua and Felicity Tobit 1: 1,2; 2:1-9 Mark 12: 1-12 MP 549 EP 552 Ant & Prayer 757	8 John of God Tobit 2:9-14 Mark 12:13-17 MP 557 EP 560 Ant & Prayer 757	9 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6 MP 218 EP 226	10 Dt 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25 MP 725 Prop 231 EP 729 Prop 233	11 Isaiah 58:1-9 Mt 9:14-17 MP 732 Prop 235 EP 735 Prop 237	12 Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32 MP 740 Prop 239 EP I 538 Prop 242
13 Lent I Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Rom 5: 12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 MP 541 Prop 244 EP II 544 Prop 245	14 Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 Mt 25:31-46 MP 549 Prop 247 EP 552 Prop 249	15 Louise de Marillac Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-16 MP 557 Prop 251 EP 560 Prop 252 Ant & Prayer 758	16 Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32 MP 564 Prop 255 EP 567 Prop 257	17 Patrick of Ireland Esther C:12,14-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12 MP 571 Prop 259 EP 573 Prop 261 Ant & Prayer 759	18 Cyril of Jerusalem Ezekiel 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26 MP 577 Prop 263 EP 581 Prop 264	19 Solemnity of Joseph 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24 MP 824 Ant & Prayer 759 EP I 588 Prop 269
20 Lent II Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9 MP 591 Prop 271 EP II 596 Prop 273	21 Daniel 9: 4-10 Luke 6:36-38 MP 600 Prop 276 EP 604 Prop 278	22 Isaiah 1:10,16-20 Matthew 23:1-12 MP 608 Prop 280 EP 611 Prop 282	23 Jeremiah 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28 MP 615 Prop 285 EP 619 Prop 287	24 Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31 MP 623 Prop 289 EP 626 Prop 290	25 Annunciation Isaiah 7:10-14 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 MP & EP 808 or 814 Ant & Prayer 760	26 Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Luke 15:1-3,11-32 MP 638 Proper 297 EP I 642 Proper 242
27 Lent III Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-42 MP 645 Prop 244 EP II 648 Prop 245	28 2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30 MP 652 Prop 247 EP 655 Prop 249	29 Daniel 3:25,34-43 Mt 18: 21-35 MP 660 Prop 251 EP 663 Prop 252	30 Dt 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19 MP 666 Prop 255 EP 669 Prop 257	31 Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23 MP 673 Prop 259 EP 676 Prop 261		

March Feastdays and Birthdays

Sisters' Feastdays

- 3 Kaiser, Janice
- 4 Godwin, Mary Julia
Soete, Alice
- 5 Davis, M. Kieran
- 6 Byrnes, M. Felice
Yap, Colette Marie
- 7 Fink, Ellen Mary
O'Neill, Mary Aquin
- 9 Lueke, Mary Frances
- 13 Troillett, M. Deborah Raye
- 14 Fournet, Mary Evelyn
- 15 Bumbera, Anna Louise
Hentzen, Mary Louise
Hernandez, Maria Carolina
Wiesenforth, Mary Louise
Willman, Ann Louise
- 17 Braeunig, Joanne Mary
Carter, Patricia
Connolly, Patricia
Dowling, Patricia Agnes
Hallaron, Mary Padraic
Litter, Patricia Jane
O'Brien, Mary Patricia
Reeb, Patricia
Rice, Patricia
Schnapp, Mary Patricia
Thompson, Mary Patricia
- 18 Dalton, Dorothy
- 19 Baird, Marian Joseph
Buttimer, Helen Marie
Konecny, Mary Jolitta
Linehan, Elizabeth Ann
Maguire, Johanna
Nolan, Miriam J.
Perez, Joseph Marie
- 21 Chung, Mary Benedict
- 22 Rafferty, Mary Brian
- 24 Blair, Christine Marie

- 25 Buniff, Mary Naomi
Edwards, Maria
Erb, Cheryl
Fisher, Mary Jane
Fuerst, Mary Ann
Harms, Susan
Incrivaglia, Victoria Mary
Kenny, Moira
Kirby, M. Gess
McKean, M. Faith
Pistor, Eileen Mary
Quadrella, M. Lillian
Stanton, Mary
Wee Tom, Mary Grace
Wiedmar, Sharon Ann
Williamson, Mary Annunciata
- 27 Barrett, Mary Elizabeth
Boellner, Joanne Mary
Kilpatrick, Barbara Anne
- 30 Boudot, Mary Ruth
- 31 Gordy, Mary Mel

Associates' Birthdays

- 1 Cazares, Micki
Hitzler, Ronald
- 2 Lukse, Micki
- 3 LaFontaine, Linda
- 4 Ausdenmoore, Kristen
Debrecht, Carl
Hoffman, Theresa
- 5 Darrell, Patricia L.
Hague, Paula
McCulloch, Darlene
Scorby, Sherry
Tarrant, Ann
- 6 Landry, Kay
- 8 Hampton, Penny
Heck, Patricia A.
Huey, Alice
Potter, Jeri Sue
Thomas, Shirley

- 9 Bogue, Marion G.
Nall, Sharon
- 10 Hardy, Edna
Sonntag, Doloris
- 12 Niehaus, Greg
- 13 Biven, Louis Russell
Morollo, Mary Lou
- 14 Friedman, Bill
Gregory, S. Louise
- 15 Ormiston, Patti
Taddie, Eleanore
- 16 Flaherty, Anna (Pat)
Phipps, Brenda
Wagner, Barbara
- 18 Gilroy, Nancy
O'Bryant, Patricia Connors
Pickitt, Mary Kathryn
- 19 Booth, Paul
Dengler, Betty Jo "B.J."
Johnson, Roberta
- 20 Borengasser, Claire
Fawcette, Sue
Hoyt, Dolores
- 22 Haywood, Sue
Priest, Beverly
Thwaites, Marcia
- 23 Andrews, Karen
- 24 Ackerman, Marlene
Reed, Barbara
- 25 Catabay, Margaret
Tahy, Janette
Ybanez, Eileen
- 26 Phelps, Eileen
Russell, Melody
Schiller, Mary Ann
Whelan, Mary Jo
- 27 Pantuso, Annette
- 28 Connor, Robert
- 29 Groves, Mary M.
Magaldi, Bernadette
Ross, Steve
- 31 Miller, Pat
Venner, Deborah