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CALENDAR

June 20-30

Institute Chapter meets in Chicago, Illinois

July 4

Independence Day, U.S. and Guam. Mercy Administration Center in Belmont closed.

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Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of Earth

As we anticipate the full blessings of Pentecost, we offer you this reflection from Elizabeth Johnson:

“Brokenness and sin are everywhere, a situation that makes the full life and harmony of creation exist more as future hope than as past or present fact. In this intractable circumstance the vivifying power of divine spirit comes to expression most intensely in fragmentary moments of renewing, healing, and freeing when human imbecility and destructive will are held at bay or overcome and a fresh start becomes possible. This is eloquently spoken in the creation-oriented psalm that describes an amazing variety of creatures and then acknowledges: ‘When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; you keep on renewing the face of the earth’ (Ps 104:30). Renewal is an ever-present need.



Spirit-Sophia is the source of transforming energy among all creatures. She initiates novelty, instigates change, transforms what is dead into new stretches of life.... Wherever the gift of healing and liberation in however partial a manner reaches the winterized or damaged earth, or peoples crushed by war and injustice, or individual persons weary, harmed, sick, or lost on life’s journey, there the new creation in the Spirit is happening.” (*She Who Is*, p. 135)

May Spirit-Sophia bless you richly with Her transforming energy!

Kathy Jane Marie Palen Angela Barbara

In Memoriam



Sister Mary Ferdinand Tunis

Sister Mary Ferdinand Tunis died peacefully Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland after many illnesses. A Sister of Mercy for 73 years, she was 91 years old.

Sister Ferdinand received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Misericordia College in Pennsylvania in 1945 and began teaching in elementary and high

schools in Maryland, Virginia and Florida. She also studied and taught art.

A native of Baltimore, Sister Ferdinand grew up in the Windsor Hills neighborhood and graduated from Mount St. Agnes High School. In the early 1970s she began the Sisters of Mercy Windsor Hills Project to help integrate the neighborhood. Her work included adult literacy, sewing instruction and shut-in visitation, and for 10 years she sponsored a chess club for elementary school students.

After moving to The Villa in Baltimore in 1996, she rode public transportation across town to continue her work with Windsor Hills. She was easily recognized during her trips by the paper shopping bags she carried with her days necessities and by the eclectic collection of hats she wore. She will be missed for her legendary kindness and her sense of humor that never failed.

Justice update

PLEASE OPPOSE SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Secure Communities, (S-Comm) is a federal immigration enforcement program that automatically sends the fingerprints of everyone detained by local police to Homeland Security data banks. Promoted as a method of deporting undocumented criminals, S-Comm deportations are primarily non-criminal immigrants or those charged with misdemeanors.

Police chiefs across the country have denounced the program for undermining trust between immigrant

communities and the police, as well as hindering their ability to investigate crime, to assist victims and to ensure public safety. Based on data and anecdotal evidence, a pattern exists in some jurisdictions of racial profiling and pretexts for arrests of Latinos.

Enforcement-only immigration policy cannot fix our broken immigration system, despite the billions of dollars channeled into enforcement in the last decade.

For a detailed explanation, please visit the Justice for Immigrants program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, [click here](#).

Candidates learn about the life of Catherine McAuley



Six Institute candidates participated in Candidate Connection 2011 in Belmont, North Carolina, June 5-11 to learn about Catherine McAuley and to reflect on her life and wisdom. The candidates (left to right), Nordia Brusola, Kathy Kearney, Angelica Reyes-Adame, Audrey Abbata, Amanda Carrier and Renee Kettering listen to Sister Mary C. Sullivan as she explains the writings of Catherine McAuley. The candidates also toured the ministries on campus and the Institute archives.

Vocation Fair

Six Sisters of Mercy participated in a vocation fair hosted by Corpus Christi Church in Mobile, Alabama May 22, 2011. Sisters Mary Robert Ching, Marilyn Graf, Regina Ann Hatton, Carolyn Oberkirch, Mary Lawrence Ortmann, and Magdala Thompson repre-

sented the Sisters of Mercy at the event. They joined representatives of six other religious communities in the entrance procession at Mass. A member of each group spoke briefly from the pulpit about their community. After the Mass, the sisters met and talked with parishioners at booths set up in the church corridor.



Kathleen Brandan is introduced to the Sisters of Mercy by Sister Regina Ann Hatton (back) and Sister Marilyn Graf (right) .

Ministry opportunities

VICAR FOR RELIGIOUS

The Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.
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The Vicar for Religious is appointed by the Bishop and serves as his liaison. They will act as an official representative of the Bishop in matters regarding Consecrated Life in the diocese. They will offer pastoral concern, provide appropriate resources, and facilitate collaborative structures for leaders and members of the various forms of Consecrated Life to enhance their vocation within the Church.

If you would like to submit an application for the Vicar for Religious position, please send it to:

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- Sisters, if you expect to drive your car into Mexico please contact Lisa Poteat at lpoteat@mercysc.org or 704.829.5260 before you leave. Because there are different rules about car insurance for travelers into Mexico, she will have to provide you with the proper documentation.

When contacting her, please include the year, make (Honda, Toyota, etc.), model (Accord, Camry, etc.) and VIN number of your vehicle. She can send you the proof of insurance form by e-mail, fax or mail.

Today's attachments

- Directory changes for June 9, 2011.

Please send stories

Please remember to send your stories and photos for *enews* to Myra Joines, communications director, at mjoines@mercysc.org by Tuesday at noon Eastern Daylight Time.

We encourage you to submit action photos of three to four people engaged in activity. Also, please don't forget the five Ws (who, what, where, when and why) in your written information. Thanks so much.

Directory Changes – June 9, 2011

First Name	Last Name	Correction	Section	Page(s)*	New Information
Sr. Carolyn	Brink	New residence phone number	Sisters	46	513-221-1342
Sr. Marie	Hartmann	New residence phone number	Sisters	85	513-221-1342
Sr. Joan	Nemann	New residence phone number	Sisters	118	513-221-1342
Sr. Lorraine	Peter	New residence phone number	Sisters	128	513-221-1342
Sr. Sarah	Sherman	New residence phone number	Sisters	144	513-221-1342
Sr. Ferdinand	Tunis	Remove listing	Sisters	153	RIP 6/7/11