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**Boston People's Climate Mobilization** *By Betty Cawley, CSJ*

Many participants began the April 29 Boston People's Climate Mobilization event with a lively prayer service at the Arlington St. Church, followed by a procession to the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common for a rally. Workshops followed on a variety of topics related to climate change. The unifying theme was the interconnectedness of issues related to climate change with numerous other social issues. While participation numbers were well below the January Women's March, the enthusiasm and commitment of participants was definitely comparable. ☸



**ABOVE:** Masthead: The procession to Parkman Bandstand; Sisters Anne Marie Garrity, Peggy Comfrey, Mary Black, and Carlotta Gilarde were among the sisters present at this event.

**THE WOMEN'S TABLE — MOTHER'S RETREAT**

**The Beauty of the Broken Shell** *By Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA*



Mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers gathered for the third annual Women's Table retreat for mothers of children with special needs on Saturday, April 29, in Nahant, MA. The theme, "The Beauty of the Broken Shell," resonated with each person present as we shared stories, hopes and concerns, and strengthened meaningful connections. Judy O'Brien, IHM, facilitated the day, lovingly integrating women's comments and feelings into the theme of *reverence* for the "cracks" in our lives. One mother wrote at the end of the day, "Thank you for making us feel whole and loved!" Each mother left with a copy of the book, *Beauty of the Broken Shell*, shells broken and whole, a candle, and a gift bag filled with items for self-care. An excerpt from a poem written by Peter Mayer expresses a profound image from the day:

*I'm like one of those Japanese bowls  
That were made long ago  
I have some cracks in me  
they have been filled with gold.*

**PICTURED HERE:** Denise Kelly, CSJ [far right] with mothers who participated in this retreat.



**Sisters of St. Joseph Accept the Pinnacle Legacy Award**

On April 27, 2017, Pope John XXIII High School honored the Sisters of St. Joseph with the Pinnacle Legacy Award for their commitment to the past, present, and future of the school. Through the Pinnacle Award, Pope John XXIII High School salutes extraordinary leaders who are pioneers, champions, and visionaries. This award pays tribute to individuals who have turned challenges into possibilities and imagination into accomplishments. They strengthen our communities, support our educational institutions, and open doors for future generations. They march unwaveringly through the storms, knowing that they can make a difference. And they do. They stand against tremendous odds for all of us, protecting the hopes and ambitions of all who will be tomorrow's leaders.

Sisters Peggy Reavy, Lorraine DiMare, and Nancy Brennan accepted the award in the name of the congregation. On May 9, 2017, Lorraine and Peggy visited with Sisters Maureen Doherty and Rosemary Brennan to deliver the award. ☸



**PICTURED AT LEFT:** Sisters Peggy Reavy, Nancy Brennan, and Lorraine DiMare receive the Pinnacle Award in the name of the Sisters of St. Joseph; Sisters Maureen Doherty, Lorraine DiMare, Peggy Reavy, and Rosemary Brennan with the Pinnacle Award.

## BOSTON CSJ ASSOCIATE INITIAL AND RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

# Partners in Sharing the Charism of Unifying Love

*The following is the welcome by Maureen Doherty, CSJ, at our May 1, 2017, liturgy.*

It is indeed good for us to be here. Tonight we celebrate the initial commitment of Juanita Campos, Kathryn Davis, Arleen Frechette, Mariette Murphy, Donna Sordello, and Kathy Teahan as Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. We welcome them as our partners in sharing the charism of unifying love, as we work together to bring about God's dream for our world.

The bonds that unite us as the family of Joseph are special blessings. In a recent presentation, Carol Zinn, CSJ, reminded us that associates are not junior varsity sisters! They are called to live out their own vocation and mission in whatever their present life circumstances may be. This fact was made very clear to me as I read the letters from our candidates requesting to join us as CSJ Associates.

We also welcome those associates who will renew their commitment tonight. We are humbled and most grateful that all of these women have chosen to share their gifts with us. And we welcome your family members and friends who have gathered with us this evening, and witness your commitment to share more deeply in the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston.

So, thank you most sincerely for enriching us with your love and dedication. Together, may we continue to proclaim that we are gospel people sent forth to unite neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God, desiring always to share God's inclusive love with all people, working to bring about a just society. Together, may we move into the future, trusting in God's companioning presence, living out our lives with one desire only: to be always what God wants us to be. ☩



**PICTURED TOP TO BOTTOM:** Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, receives the initial commitment of CSJ Associates Mariette Murphy, Kathy Teahan, Kathryn Davis, Juanita Campos, Arleen Frechette, and Donna Sordello; Joan Duffy, CSJ, and Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ, during the commitment ritual. At the conclusion of the liturgy, Linda Boothroyd, CSJA [right], and Kathy Tighe, CSJA [background], were honored by Denise Cohen, CSJA, and Margaret Lelakes, CSJA [not pictured] for their years of service as members of the CSJ Boston Associate Leadership Team.

**AT LEFT:** Presider, Fr. Terry Devino, SJ, and the gathered assembly.



A video of our May 1, 2017, Associate Commitment will soon be available at [www.csjboston.org](http://www.csjboston.org).

## Dates to Remember

- MAY 17, WED., 5:00PM — A PLACE AT THE WOMEN'S TABLE — Motherhouse
- MAY 18, THURS., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY— Motherhouse — all welcome
- MAY 19-20, — ASSOCIATE RETREAT WEEKEND IN NAHANT
- MAY 24, WED., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY— Motherhouse — all welcome
- JUNE 1, THURS., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY— Motherhouse — all welcome
- JUNE 3, SAT., CONGREGATION PICNIC — details to follow
- JUNE 4, SUN., — THE LITERACY CONNECTION, CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT  
To attend, call 617.746.2100 by May 31, 2017.
- JUNE 11, SUN., — DONOR APPRECIATION DAY — details to follow
- JUNE 15, THURS., 7:00PM — TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse
- JUNE 29, THURS., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY— Motherhouse — all welcome

*Long deeply for God.  
Be constant, wisely eager  
to receive God's love.*

*Maxims in Haiku #42, Frances Agnes Blake, CSJ  
Based on Maxims of the Little Institute*

### SISTER ROSENDA GILL, CSJ

Date of Birth: August 30, 1917

Date of Death: Saturday, May 6, 2017  
In the 79<sup>th</sup> year of her Religious Life.

### SISTER CATHERINE A. DONOVAN, CSJ

*Sister Theresa Gertrude*

Date of Birth: August 5, 1924

Date of Death: May 11, 2017

In the 71<sup>st</sup> year of her Religious Life.

**Membership: 260**

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<http://www.csjboston.org/news-and-events/in-memoriam/>