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Reflection Starters

Decide on a time period for reflection. As you consider the following, where do you notice the footprints of Grace?

- ◆ I felt most alive when...
- ◆ I cherished these experiences because...
- ◆ These ideas brought me liberation...
- ◆ I outgrew these beliefs...
- ◆ These sufferings seasoned me...
- ◆ These influences shaped my life (persons, occupations, books, events)...
- ◆ These memories are enshrined in my heart...
- ◆ These people were most prominent...
- ◆ These were my deepest hopes...



It Doesn't Always Have to Be a "WOW" Moment!

by Donna Sordello, CSJA

The January Associates' gathering, "Spiritual Biography: Footprints of Grace" presented by Melinda Donovan from Boston College, focused on spiritual biography, the story of your life with God. In working on your biography, you will answer two questions: Who am I? Who is God in my life?

We all have moments when our souls swell with happiness, a state when we just can't help but smile and we feel that glow deep inside. When we reflect on those moments of Grace, we recognize God's presence and think, "WOW" That was YOU?!"

Some comments that were shared:

- * In writing a biography don't be disappointed if it's not spectacular; find God in the daily-ness of life.
- * Realize how critical is to know the abundance of God's presence.
- * It's a lot of work to do the ultimate spiritual biography; it could take you more than a year! Be kind to yourself and take the time to reflect.

Not all moments have to be "WOW" moments. It is important to find God in all things as we mature in God. ☪

PICTURED TOP TO BOTTOM: Melinda Donovan during her presentation; Reflection Starters were a part of the presentation; Associates Marianne Miller, Sarah Barrett, Nan Bouché, and Margaret Lelakes engage in discussion.

Important Reminder!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018
STATEWIDE CALL-IN DAY

The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Coalition has designated JANUARY 31, 2018 as a statewide call-in day in support of the [Safe Communities Act](#).

We are asked to call our state legislators to urge them to take concrete action to get the bill reported out favorably from the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security before the February 7 deadline. Among other provisions, the law would ensure basic due process for immigrants held in our state and local facilities, and would prohibit state support for any Muslim registry. Please make the calls on behalf of our Massachusetts immigrants and refugees on the statewide call-in day, Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

TO FIND THE PHONE NUMBER OF YOUR STATE LEGISLATOR VISIT:
<https://malegislature.gov/StateHouse/Contact>

Last year, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, California, ran a campaign called 100 Days of Prayer. It was a simple daily prayer that followed the first 100 days of the Trump Administration. 100 Days of Prayer traveled really far and they are doing it again, only a little differently.

Now they have launched a site – www.100daysofprayer2018.org.

You are encouraged to subscribe and receive a week's worth of daily prayers with each weekly post. Click "read more" for the full post of the week. There you will also find a flyer you can download, copy, post, or share. Please feel free to share this with others. Thank you for anything you can do to help the prayers spread.

This is a collaborative project with our Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange Communications and Justice Teams. They have committed to run three "100 days of prayer" campaigns in 2018: January-April, May-August, and September-December. There will be a couple of weeks of break in between the 100-day sets.

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DAYS OF PRAYER
2018

New Mexico CSJ Associates Living Prayer-Filled Lives and Commitment to Service by Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ

How fortunate I was to get on an earlier flight on January 3 and arrive in New Mexico before the storm crippled the Boston area! I would not want to miss the wonderful experience of spending time with our associates in the "Land of Enchantment." We are so blessed to count 44 women and men in Albuquerque, Santa Rosa and Clovis as CSJ Associates. The charism of unity and reconciliation is alive as our associates minister within their parish churches, through social service agencies, within their families and neighborhoods, and through their daily jobs/ministries. It was a pleasure to share with them the experience of Chapter through prayer and discussion. In beginning this New Year, we reflected on Maxim 73, "Live out your life with one desire only: to be always what God wants you to be, in nature, grace, and glory, for time and for eternity." Their prayer-filled lives and commitment to service as associates are truly gift. ☪



Betsy Conway, CSJ, and Denise Kelly, CSJ, joined with thousands of women and men on the Cambridge Common, Saturday, January 20, 2018, raising their voices for justice for all peoples.



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SANTA ROSA, NM ASSOCIATES: back row: Angelica Flores, Annie Kaufmann, CSJ, Lucy Flores, Pablita Abeyta, Isabel Sierra, Mabel Flores; front row: Grace Chavez, Charlene Chavez, Grace Gallegos.

Albuquerque NM ASSOCIATES:

Ken Balaskovits, Lucille Padilla, Gloria Balaskovits
Rose Agnes Urban, CSJ, Tina Marquez, Maria Martinez

Dates to Remember

- JAN. 30, TUES., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY — Motherhouse — all welcome
 JAN. 31, WED., 10:00AM-NOON — IMMIGRATION 101 — Hosted by The Literacy Connection
 — Motherhouse — all welcome
 — rsvp jill.uchiyama@csjboston.org or 617.746.2104
 FEB. 4, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent — all welcome
 FEB. 8, THURS., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY — Motherhouse — all welcome
 FEB. 10, SAT., 9:30AM — ASSOCIATES' GATHERING — Motherhouse—call 617.746.1670
 FEB. 10, SAT., 4:00PM — VIGIL LITURGY FOR SUNDAY — Fontbonne Convent — all welcome
 FEB. 13, TUES. — MARDI GRAS — Hosted by Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Brockton.
 FEB. 13, TUES., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY — Motherhouse — all welcome
 FEB. 14, WED., 11:00AM — ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent — all welcome
 FEB. 17 & 19, SAT. & MON. — CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS DISCERNMENT CLUSTERS
 — see details in CSJ & Associate News
 FEB. 21, WED., 5:30PM — WEEKDAY LITURGY — Motherhouse — all welcome
 FEB. 25, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY — Fontbonne Convent — all welcome

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