



## SOLIDARITY WITH EL SALVADOR'S DISAPPEARED

### We seek Ever-widening Circles


This Spring Marina Ortiz and Patricia Garcia of the Pro-Historical Memory Commission, and Bethany Loberg of SHARE El Salvador have traveled across the U.S. to raise awareness of human rights abuses and share the Pro-Historical Memory Commission's work for truth, justice, and reparations in El Salvador. From April 24-25, 2013, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston and Associates organized the Boston segment of this initiative called **Truth and Justice Tour**. The sisters and associates who represented us at the SHARE El Salvador Delegation in December were instrumental in arranging seven speaking engagements during these two days. In addition, Casserly House offered lodging to the speakers and the group visited our Motherhouse to enjoy the view from the Penthouse.

The Salvadoran Civil War claimed the lives of thousands of innocent children, women, and men. Many of these civilians were kidnapped, tortured, and murdered without any official recognition or record; today they are referred to as the "Disappeared".

To this day, tens of thousands of family members of the Disappeared still do not know what happened to their sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters.

Marina was "disappeared" as a child and Patricia was "disappeared" and tortured twice during the civil war. Both have worked for truth and justice since their adolescence and have family members who were "disappeared".

Both shared compelling, heart wrenching, and soul-stirring stories with parishioners, students, sisters, associates, and friends at St. Agatha Parish in Milton, Boston College and St. Ignatius Parish in Chestnut Hill, two Theology classes at Marian High in Framingham, Brandeis University in Waltham, and the Paulist Center in Downtown Boston.

"From those to whom we minister we receive more than we give." [CS] Constitution p. 32] As the tour crisscrossed the Greater Boston area, it was clear that all involved in this experience were truly seeking ever-widening circles of people. The Pro-Historical Memory Commission is committed to telling the story of the Disappeared and their loved ones so that it is not lost to future generations. In just two short days, they collaborated with us and enabled over 200 people in the Boston area to become part of the story. 

**TOP TO BOTTOM:** Members of the Truth and Justice Tour with those who were part of the December 2012 El Salvador Delegation. **LEFT TO RIGHT:** Pati Garcia, Judy Swett, CSJA, Bethany Loberg, Marina Ortiz, Lois Connors, CSJ, Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA, and Claire Morrissey, CSJ; Bethany, Pati, and Marina during one of their presentations; Pati, Marina, Eleazar Castillo, and Bethany at St. Ignatius, Chestnut Hill. Eleazar of the Friends of CO-MADRES in New York, provided transportation and also shared briefly; Claire Morrissey, CSJ, introduced the group to the Theology classes at Marian High School.

Dates to  
Remember...

- MAY 7, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- MAY 9, THURS., 7:00PM — SHARING THE STATE OF THE HEART — Fontbonne Convent, Milton
- MAY 12, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- MAY 15, WED., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- MAY 16, THURS., 7:00PM — TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome
- MAY 23, THURS., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- MAY 26, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- MAY 29, WED., 6:30PM — CONSCIOUSNESS CONVERSATION 2 — Penthouse, Motherhouse
- JUNE 2, SUN., 10:00AM — DONOR DAY — details to follow
- JUNE 4-11 New MEXICO ASSOCIATES VISIT TO BOSTON — details to follow
- JUNE 6, THURS., 7:00PM — SHARING THE STATE OF THE HEART — Fontbonne Convent, Milton
- JUNE 8, SAT., CONGREGATION PICNIC — Framingham — details to follow
- JUNE 9, SUN., 1:30—4:00PM THE LITERACY CONNECTION: CELEBRATION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND APPRECIATION



## Our Ever-Widening Circle of Associates

Whenever Northeast meets Southwest the Warmth of exchange of the Boston and New Mexico Associates escalates. The Associate Program begun in Boston in 1986 has 26 years of growth and experience that newer groups in New Mexico are ever-eager to share. Each visit with a sister or associate from either area binds us more closely over the 2400 miles.

Earlier this year, in her role of storyteller, Mary Rita fascinated us by sharing her personal journey to become an Associate, her week of pilgrimage to El Salvador, and her Women's Table ministry. She not only captured our attention but endeared herself to all of us as we came to know one more Boston CSJA. The widening circle of our Associate Program is expanding our hearts and horizons. A delegation of us is joyfully anticipating our trip to Boston in June to deepen our sense of unity in diversity. *Que vivan los CSJAs.* — *Ann Kaufmann, CSJ*

East meets West - literally! What an eye-opening adventure it was to experience New Mexico firsthand! Initial impressions included bright sun, beautifully painted clay pots, tan, beige, and rust-colored adobe homes, and dry landscape.

What a pleasure to meet the three CSJ Associate groups in Albuquerque, Santa Rosa and Clovis! While each group was unique, their common thread included hospitality and warmth. Experiencing this in person and *in New Mexico* helped me to truly appreciate the ever-widening circles of the CSJ charism. As I departed, I vowed to do my part to build bridges between New Mexico and Boston associates. We complement one another and the spirit of Joseph lives on—in the city, in the country, in the pueblos, but most importantly, in the hearts of sisters and associates East and West! — *Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA*



PICTURED TOP TO BOTTOM: Tina Marquez, CSJA, Maureen Doherty, CSJ, Mickie Urban, CSJA, Pita Sanchez, CSJA; Martha Telles, CSJA, Gloria Balaskovits, CSJA



PICTURED ABOVE: Associates listen to presentation during April 27 retreat day. Ann Murphy Fletcher, CSJA in foreground.

Here in Boston, 40 associates and sisters gathered in Cohasset on the last weekend of April for a wonderful day of prayer led by Carlotta Gilarde, CSJ. Carlotta presented stimulating input about our traditional images of God, as well as our Scriptural images. Her material provided so much food for thought and reflection, not just for this day, but for the days ahead. Half of the group arrived on Friday night for some social and relaxation time. The weather, the food, the companionship, the quiet all combined for an enriching and reflective day for all.

— *Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ*



Commitment Ceremonies in Santa Rosa (April 13) and in Boston (May 1) were special occasions. In Santa Rosa, where 3 women from Clovis (Marcy Kos, Jean Kriegshauser and Teresa Weeks) made their First Commitment, 39 other Associates reaffirmed their Commitment as Associates (though all were not able to be present). On a beautiful day, Father Kayammakal reminded us of the dreams of Joseph, which so smoothly connected with our own "Dare to Dream". After a delightful luncheon, the Associates from Albuquerque, Santa Rosa, Clovis, Grants, and Santa Fe had time to share their own stories with one another.

On May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, many celebrated here in Boston with Gloria Davila, Joanne Mauldin, Magalie Rowe-Torres, and Sandra Selvarajah as they made their First Commitment. Fifty-three others also reaffirmed their Associate Commitment (not all present). It was an evening of prayer and promise, hope and joy, celebration, food and companionship. In her reflections, Judy Swett, CSJA, invited us to celebrate our diversity of gifts, to cherish our relationships, and to continue to serve our Dear Neighbor without distinction as we "Dare to Dream" for a world where Joseph is a model of justice, gentleness and humility. Truly, we are blessed.

— *Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ*



ABOVE: Our newest New Mexico Associates : Marcy Kos, Jean Kriegshauser , and Teresa Weeks with Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSJ, Director of Associate Program.

BOTTOM RIGHT: OUR NEWEST BOSTON ASSOCIATES ARE PICTURED WITH THEIR MENTORS —

ROW 1: Sandra Selvarajah, CSJA, Carlotta Gilarde, CSJ, Ann Marie Ghiloni, CSJ, Gloria Davila, CSJA, and Joanne Mauldin, CSJA, ROW 2: Magalie Rowe-Torres, CSJA, Kathy Tighe, CSJA, Pauline Curley, CSJ, Elsie Cheverie, CSJA, Kathy Short, CSJ, Carole Anne Scott, CSJA, and Denise Edinger, CSJA