

## HELEN SULLIVAN, CSJ, NAMED DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE

### Responding to Needs as They Continue to Change

On June 17, 2013, Helen Sullivan, CSJ, will begin her tenure as Director of the Boston CSJ Office of Justice and Peace. Helen is so aware that she stands on the shoulders of Sisters Pat Lambert and Carole Lombard, two amazing women who built the office and its ministry into what it is today. Most recently, Carole has nurtured many connections locally, nationally, and globally. Helen approaches her new ministry as a next evolution both for the office and for herself.

In beginning this new ministry she is aware of both her varied experiences that have prepared her for this work as well as areas that will be a learning curve. "Years ago I spent nine summers El Paso, Texas and Juarez, MX. I volunteered with a local group to transport food clothing and water across the border where people were in desperate need. It was a good opportunity to be with the poor. Since then I have had a variety of hands-on experiences of working in the area of direct service and systemic change."

When I realized that Carole was no longer able to continue as Director of our Office of Justice and Peace, my first reaction was sadness. I'm in awe of her wide range of contacts and her expertise in guiding us to respond to needs as they arise. At first I thought I would offer to open the mail if they needed it. I really didn't think about the job at that time."

When the position was advertised, it sparked something in Helen and she pondered the fact that some of the ministries that have opened to her over the years had actually been preparing her for this new moment. For three years, Helen worked with Catholic Charities to provide social services in two parishes in Cambridge and Somerville. From 1991-2000, she was Director of The Literacy Connection. Helen then worked at Jackson Mann Community Center and Elementary School in community outreach programs until being elected to our Leadership Team in 2006. Helen looks forward to beginning this ministry. Grateful for the groundwork done by Carole Lombard she remarks, "Our sisters and associates are already tuned in to issues. As our Constitution states, 'In all that we do, we hope to be women of reconciliation, freeing others to be themselves in Christ.' p.25 #10. I want to honor what has been done in the past and work with others as we respond to needs as they continue to change." ❧

**PICTURED ABOVE:** Helen Sullivan, CSJ, chats with a neighbor during the Allston-Brighton Women of Excellence reception at the Veronica Smith Senior Center; A glimpse of the Gratitude Book prepared for Carole Lombard, CSJ, by sisters and associates and presented to her on May 24, 2013.

## Dates to Remember...

- 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., 12:00NOON — CONGREGATION PICNIC — Framingham
- JUNE 8, SAT., 4:00PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY WITH NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATES — All welcome
- JUNE 9, SUN., 1:30—4:00PM THE LITERACY CONNECTION: CELEBRATION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND APPRECIATION
- JUNE 20, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome
- JUNE 22-29 — VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

# Eucharist Means Thanksgiving

Peggy Sullivan, CSJ, greeted those present at our Donor Day liturgy saying, "The word 'eucharist' means 'thanksgiving' and this is true on so many levels today. This day's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate – all of us together as Eucharistic people who are continually fed and nourished by Jesus. We, Sisters of Saint Joseph and Associates, appreciate the presence of donors among us so that we may thank you in person for your generosity. You honor us, and reverence the mission of Jesus that we embrace, when you join us in addressing the needs of our day that affect the lives of the 'dear neighbour'."

In her reflections, Rosemary Brennan, CSJ, remarked that it is significant that we gather on the Feast of Corpus Christi because Eucharist brings us to the real presence of Jesus. "It reminds us of the importance of gathering together especially around a meal. Meals are where we tell stories, share memories, build relationships. Our Eucharist meal empowers us to go out and share compassion, love, and the message of Jesus." She concluded by thanking our donors who, for years, have given out of their generosity and partnered with us in sharing the message of Jesus. ✪

THE PICTURES ON THIS PAGE OFFER A GLIMPSE OF OUR DONOR DAY LITURGY AND THE BRUNCH THAT FOLLOWED.



## Social Networking 101

On Saturday, June 1, Karen Hokanson, SNDdeN, Assistant Professor of Education at Emmanuel College, and Kristin Hokanson, SNDdeN, Founder and Principal of the Notre Dame Virtual School, presented an inspiring, informative, and entertaining workshop for sisters and associates titled "Social Networking 101." The goals of their presentation were to define Social Networking, provide examples of Social Networking, understand the potential of Social Networking, think about what CSJs are doing and consider how social networking can advance our mission. In two short hours they painted the broad strokes of Facebook, Twitter,

LinkedIn, YouTube, Google, Blogging, and suggested uses for each that can serve to enhance our mission and ministry. By the end of their two-hour presentation it was clear that "Social Networking is not a fad; it's a fundamental shift in the way we communicate." *Socialnomics* by Eric Quailman. While this workshop was clearly an overview, the good news is that our Technology Committee is planning to offer workshops in these applications during the months ahead. ✪

PICTURED ABOVE: Karen Hokanson, SNDdeN, and Kristin Hokanson, SNDdeN, presenting Social Media 101.



***"Our growth in Christ is characterized by a share in his life, death, and resurrection"***

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**SISTER BLAITHIN SULLIVAN, CSJ**

**Date of Birth: February 10, 1916**

**Date of Death: May 22, 2013**

**in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of her Religious Life.**

**SISTER MARY K. WALSH, CSJ**

*Sister Donatus*

**Date of Birth: February 2, 1925**

**Date of Death: May 27, 2013**

**in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of her Religious Life.**

**MEMBERSHIP: 351**