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On the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington

By Helen Sullivan, CSJ, and Pat Andrews CSJ

Exactly 50 years after the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, over 150 sisters, associates, co-workers, neighbors, local business professionals, and elected officials, gathered in Motherhouse chapel in solidarity with the 250,000 people who, 50 years ago marched as diverse individuals united by a passion and commitment to a UNITED States of America.

The August 28, 1963, march was a pivotal event in the civil

rights struggle, resulting in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Fifty years later, we look back with gratitude for the work of civil rights champions, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the many who marched at his side and prayerfully considered the ongoing work yet to be accomplished.

During the viewing of a TIME video titled "[One Man, One March, One Speech, One Dream](#)", it became clear that the 1963 March on Washington was an interracial and interfaith march. Countless ordinary people with extraordinary vision and sense of urgency gathered in Doctor King's words "to remind America of the fierce urgency of now." Something greater grew out of this march. That was an awareness of the power of peaceful social movements to bring about significant change.

In the words of Rep. John Lewis, "The 'I Have a Dream' speech was a summons, a call to the collective conscience of America." In her remarks to those present, Sister Pat Andrews, CSJ, asked, "What is this dream that binds us together? Do we have a vision of the dignity that respects the rights of all people? Can we become a community that builds bridges instead of walls?"

As we dare to continue the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the march teaches us that we are at our best when we understand that our differences do not need to divide us. Dr. King's famous 'I Have a Dream' speech redirected the moral compass of our nation toward concern for the cause of justice. We've come a long way but many of the issues are still before us today. 50 years to the day – so much has been accomplished, yet, at the same time so much more needs to be achieved. ✨

PICTURED AT LEFT: Helen Sullivan, CSJ, introduces the service; Kathy Tighe, CSJA, Pat Quinn, CSJ, and Mary Theresa O'Reilly, CSJ, in conversation after the gathering.

PICTURED ABOVE: Pat Andrews, CSJ, speaks with Laress Wilkins, PhD, Philosophy and Religious studies, Regis College; Staff members, Dottie Harrington and Carmen Gonzales, leave chapel after the service; Thomas Nunan, Principal, St Joseph Preparatory High School reconnects with his former student, Felix Arroyo, At-large- Boston City Councilor, after the service.

Dates to Remember

- SEPT. 8, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- SEPT. 12, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome
- SEPT. 12, THURS., —RSVP TO INVITATION FOR OCTOBER 6, 140TH CELEBRATION
email lianne.nassise@csjboston.org or call 617.746.2029
- SEPT. 14, SAT., 4:00PM GOLDEN JUBILARIAN LITURGY AND SOCIAL — Motherhouse
— RSVP by 9/6/13 to lianne.nassise@csjboston.org or call 617.746.2029
- SEPT. 21, SAT., 9:30AM—1:00PM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING — COMPANIONS ON THE MISSION: EXPANDING CIRCLES OF LOVE
Motherhouse all welcome — call 617.746.1670 for details.
- SEPT 22, SUN., 10:00AM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — All welcome
- OCT. 4-5, FRI.-SAT. — ASSOCIATE GATHERING — Mount Carmel Villa, Nahant – call 617.746.1670 for details.
- OCT. 6, SUN., 2:00PM — CONTINUING TO DARE TO DREAM — CELEBRATION OF 140 YEARS — St. Agatha Parish Church, Milton, MA
RSVP by September 12, 2013 — call 716.746.2029 for details.
- OCT. 17, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — All Welcome

Everybody is a Part of the Solution

As Carol Mack, our new Mission Advancement Director, begins working with us, it is our pleasure to introduce you to her. Carol will work with Cheryl Duggan, the Mission Advancement Coordinator, who has kept the office initiatives going in the absence of a Director for some time now.

The first thing Carol will tell you about herself is that she and her husband are the proud parents of three grown children and two wonderful grandchildren. She comes to us with thirty years' experience in the area of non-profit development and mission advancement – mostly for Catholic organizations. She credits her own education at Christ the King High School with the Daughters of Wisdom as having a great impact on her desire to pursue a career in fundraising.

After receiving an undergraduate degree in Fine Arts, Carol operated her own marketing firm for a while. When her children were attending a Catholic elementary school that looked as if it might close, she decided to pursue training in fundraising and volunteered to help the school. These efforts gave birth to the first elementary school in the archdiocese of Hartford, CT to have a Development Department. Carol went on to work in a variety of positions including that of Director for Hartford's Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools and the Connecticut Northwest Center for Mental Health and Family Services.



So how did Carol and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston find each other? As it happened, the connecting link was a former co-worker of Carol's who now works in the Alliance for Catholic Education program at the University of Notre Dame with Kathleen Carr, CSJ. He knew Carol was seeking a ministry to which she could be totally committed and suggested that this position might be a good fit.

Carol was interviewed for this article on her fifth day with us and she already had a notebook full of jottings from conversations with each person she's met. "There's a wonderful story to tell," she remarks. "You've been here for 140 years and it's important to let the whole city of Boston remember how much the sisters have impacted the civic and business leadership of Boston. One thing I've noticed is the sisters' commitment to mission is the blood that runs through their bodies. It doesn't have an expiration date!"

For the immediate future, Carol will be working with the 140th Event Planning Committee to raise awareness of our ongoing needs. To that table she brings a wealth of strategic planning skills balanced by a sense of practicality.

Of her work style she comments, "I like to set a plan that is both practical and achievable. I like to work with people on any level. Please stop by the Mission Advancement Office and say 'hello'. The door is always open. I also welcome invitations to go and see what you are doing. I believe everybody is part of the solution. Even though you're not working directly in this office, you might have an idea or contact that is helpful. This is not a one person job. It's about organizing a whole community of ideas. I look forward to working for, with, and among you." ❧

**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH
CELEBRATE**

**140 YEARS IN BOSTON AND BEYOND
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2013 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**Celebration of Eucharist
Saint Agatha Church, Milton, MA**

**RECEPTION FOLLOWING
Saint Agatha Parish Center
RSVP by Sept. 12, 2013 to
leanne.nassise@csjboston.org
or 617.746.2110**

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***"Our growth in Christ is characterized
by a share in his life,
death, and resurrection
Constitution, Spirit & Purpose, #2***

SISTER MARGARET MCGARRY, CSJ
Sister Adria

**Date of Birth: April 11, 1928
Date of Death: July 9, 2013
in the 68th year of her Religious Life.**

SISTER MARGARET GARBALLEY, CSJ
Sister Mary Thomas

**Date of Birth: February 18, 1918
Date of Death: July 16, 2013
in the 77th year of her Religious Life.**

SISTER CAROLE LOMBARD, CSJ
Sister Francis Elizabeth

**Date of Birth: February 18, 1939
Date of Death: July 23, 2013
in the 57th year of her Religious Life.**

SISTER ELIZABETH O'HEARN, CSJ
Sister Melisa

**Date of Birth: January 7, 1919
Date of Death: August 1, 2013
in the 74th year of her Religious Life.**

SISTER COLETTE KENNEY, CSJ
**Date of Birth: April 14, 1917
Date of Death: August 17, 2013
in the 74th year of her Religious Life.**

MEMBERSHIP: 346