

# E-VOC

evoke: 1. to call forth 2. to re-create imaginatively



*Sisters of Charity*  
of Cincinnati

## CALENDAR

**March 1, 2017**

Ash Wednesday

**March 8-14, 2017**

National Catholic Sisters Week

**April 9, 2017**

Palm Sunday

**April 16, 2017**

Easter Sunday



In February, the Sisters of Charity hosted the production team working on the creation of a television series based on Servant of God S. Blandina Segale's life. Among those at the Motherhouse was Alma Sisneros, the actress who will be playing S. Blandina. Ms. Sisneros had the opportunity to visit with Sisters Annina Morgan (pictured) and Loretto Burke to research her character; both Sisters had the privilege of meeting S. Blandina in her later years.

## Turning with God this Lent

By S. Janet Gildea

“**T**urn away from sin and believe in the Gospel” is one of the admonitions we receive with the ashes at the beginning of Lent. This turning is at the root of the word “conversion” which literally means a turning with. How does God invite you to turn this Lent?

We have become quite accustomed to taking directions from the GPS on our phones. “In 500 feet turn left and your destination will be on the right.” It has made navigating unfamiliar terrain much less stressful. The Holy Spirit is an inner companion, an advocate, who will direct us in the Gospel life, away from choices that are not in our best interests and towards the freedom of the children of God. Isaiah the prophet says it so beautifully: *Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying: ‘This is the way; walk in it,’ when you would turn to the right or the left (Is. 30:21).*

The process of discernment is also about discovering the way you turn with God on the path of life. Consider the symmetry of a pair of figure skaters. The partners are in continuous communication even when separated on the ice, keeping time with the music and the strokes of each blade. This image speaks of the steady guidance and direction God provides when we open our decisions to the Spirit, allowing ourselves to be turned with love.



### Shaker Hymn

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'Tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

An old Shaker song speaks of this kind of turning and the simplicity of heart that it requires. This Lent may you find the simplicity to be free in your discernment, to bow and to bend according to the turning God indicates, and to discover the right paths for your life.

# Future of Charity Blog

## “On Immigration, Formation, and Companions On The Journey”



Novice Romina Sapinoso takes a look at the Novitiate journey in her recent blog entry. To read more visit the Sisters of Charity Federation Future of Charity Blog at <http://futureofcharity.blogspot.com/2017/02/on-immigration-formation-and-companions.html>.

# Sister to All



For the past six years Sister of Charity Marie Pauline Skalski has ministered at St. Vincent Home for Children in Okemos, Michigan. Education, however, isn't her primary focus. Hear more about Sister's loving presence to the children. <https://vimeo.com/206241247>

# Lenten Reflection Resources

Here are two options for your Lenten journey.

## Living a Laudato Si' Lent

The Sisters of Charity Federation offers a calendar with daily ways to live *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' document on the care of Earth. The PDF is available here: <http://sistersofcharityfederation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/LIVING-A-LAUDATO-SI-LENT-CALENDAR-2017.pdf>

Thanks to the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth for preparing this calendar!



## Rise Up: A Lenten Call to Solidarity

The Ignatian Solidarity Network provides daily reflections on racial equality, criminal justice, alleviation of poverty and environmental justice. Sign up to receive an email each day beginning Ash Wednesday: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/lent-2017/>

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