

E-VOC

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



Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati

CALENDAR

May 9, 2017
Feast Day of St. Louise de Marillac

May 31, 2017
Feast of the Visitation

June 4, 2017
Pentecost Sunday

June 9-11, 2017
Vincentian Family Gathering,
San Antonio, Texas

July 13-16, 2017
Charity Moving Forward,
Greensburg, Pennsylvania



In April the Sisters of Charity Federation Future of Charity group gathered at the House of Charity in New Orleans, Louisiana, for prayer, reflection, sharing and fellowship. The group of recently vowed members and women in formation was formed to build relationships among younger, newer members of the 12 unique Federation congregations.

Good News – Bad News

By S. Janet Gildea

Have you ever heard jokes like this one: The doctor called me and said, “I have good news and bad news. Which do you want first?” I said, “Give me the good news,” and he told me that I had just one day left to live. “Well then what could possibly be the bad news?” I asked. The doctor said, “I got the report yesterday.” The lives of the disciples during the Easter season seem to be a confusion of good news and bad news. The crucifixion and death of Jesus left them sad, afraid, remorseful and hiding out. Then, the experiences of the risen Christ brought amazement, relief, joy and truly GOOD NEWS! It must have been an emotional rollercoaster.



Mary Magdalen goes to the tomb to anoint the dead body of Jesus. There is “an earthquake” that leaves the guards “like dead men” on the ground and the stone jarred loose from the entrance of the tomb. The body is gone. What could be worse news? She falls to the ground weeping. Moments later as Mary pours out her confusion and sadness she hears a familiar and beloved voice call her by name. Joy floods her heart and soon she is running to share the incredibly good news that Jesus lives!

Vocational discernment can also be an experience of good news – bad news. At times there is absolute clarity, joy and peace in the knowledge that “This is what God asks of me!” Any fears or details that still need to be worked out pale in comparison to the wonder of God’s love experienced in a very personal way. But not everyone has such an encounter. And it might not always feel like good news. As the author of the letter to the Hebrews says, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb. 10:31). The temptation can be strong to retreat to the familiar and comfortable, refusing to live in the reality of the good news and what it requires. Peter, after experiencing the risen Christ, announces to his friends, “I’m going fishing.” They come up empty until the Stranger on the shore suggests a different cast of the nets. So don’t worry if you swing between good news and bad news in your process of discernment. Either way, Christ is risen!

Future of Charity Blog

“Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?”



Affiliate Whitney Schieltz discusses discernment and transitions in her most recent blog post. To read more visit the Sisters of Charity Federation Future of Charity Blog at <http://futureofcharity.blogspot.com/2017/04/shall-i-not-drink-cup-that-father-gave.html>

Sister to All

S. Jackie Kowalski



Meet Sister of Charity of Cincinnati Jackie Kowalski. Currently S. Jackie ministers at Resurrection School in Price Hill (Cincinnati, Ohio). Weekly she meets with children who have lost someone significant through death, and works with those children to ease the grieving process. Learn more at <https://vimeo.com/214903229>

S. Sally Duffy –

YWCA Career Woman of Achievement



S. Sally Duffy with Pope Francis in 2014.

Before she was named a YWCA Career Woman of Achievement, S. Sally Duffy was coaching basketball at the University of Notre Dame. Read more about S. Sally’s decision to enter religious life in the following article <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/money/2017/04/06/sister-duffy-who-could-have-dreamed/99993610/>

Celebrating Sisters!

Four younger women religious held an online chat at the start of National Catholic Sisters Week. They are from different congregations



representing a variety of expressions of religious life. They shared their joyful memories, their passion for the present and their hopes for a vibrant future in their own communities and especially collaborating across congregations. Take a listen: <http://mysticsandprophets.blogspot.com/2017/04/celebrating-sisters.html>

E-Voc is the electronic newsletter from the Vocations Team of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati for single women wondering what new thing God is calling forth in their lives. To unsubscribe, [click here](#).

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