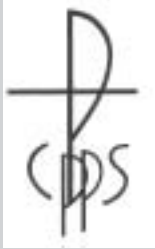


SISTERS OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD  
PARTNERS IN MISSION NEWSLETTER



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Audrey Lauenstein was born in St. Louis to Marie and Henry Hansman and was baptized in the Catholic Church when she was just 20 days old. She is the mother of 6 children and grandma of 11. Audrey and her husband Don have been married for 48 years.

Audrey was taught by the Precious Blood Sisters and attended St. Elizabeth Academy. As a CPPS Partner in Mission for 14 years, her favorite ministry was working at Room at the Inn. Now that the Sisters are no longer able to host Room at the Inn, she would like to help prisoners who are released from jail to become again productive members of society by assisting them to find jobs etc.

Audrey is blessed with the gift of faith. She's taught PSR to 4<sup>th</sup> graders for forty years. She is also a caregiver. With the aid of her husband and her children, Audrey cared for her mother in her home for many years

Audrey and Don are a great couple! They love to travel and have traveled to Canada, down the Oregon coast and many other places. One of Audrey's most recent "trips" happened when she was walking on a tread mill and she started to fall off. Don rushed to help her and accidentally hit the button to speed it up! She was a bit bruised but has fully recovered!

Audrey, you are blessed among women and a gift to us!

By Karen Block

WALKING THE PATH

By Rick Heitman

It's my great pleasure to announce that all three women, candidates in the CPPS Partners in Mission Formation Phase, have chosen to make their commitment to become Partners in Mission!



Susan Kroupa is a bookkeeper who lives in St. Peters. Susan and her husband, Ken, have three children, and celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary this year! Susan's prayer partner is Sr. Elaine Lamm. Patti Ballman (not pictured) resides in Wentzville and teaches

third grade at St. Theodore School in Flint Hill. Patti and her husband, Dale, have been married twenty-six years and have four children. Sr. Charlene Grieshaber is her prayer partner. Mary Martin also resides in Wentzville. Like Susan, she celebrated her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary this year. Mary and her husband, Jim, have two children. Employed by the firm of Pickett, Ray, & Silver, Mary, as office controller, is a board member of the CPPS Centers for Professional and Pastoral Services. Sr. Toni Temporiti is her prayer partner.

Nine women entered the CPPS Partners in Mission Exploration Phase in February 2008. All nine women have chosen to continue walking the path and to become CPPS Partner in Mission candidates. They will begin the formation phase in September 2008. Sally Baumbach, Susan Grimm, Debbie Whited, and Maureen McGrath constitute the group studying in O'Fallon. Kay Canull, Rosemary Christie, Sandy Meyer, Diane Rademacher, and Linda Buxton comprise the group studying at the St. Pius V convent in St. Louis.

Please hold all these women in your prayer!

## The Vienna, Virginia Conference

By Sr. Rosemary Oellermann

Rick Heitman and Sr. Carol Orf attended the NACAR conference in Vienna, Virginia. For the first time more associates than professed religious attended the two day conference. Sister Helen Prejean, the keynote speaker, presented a strong indictment against the death penalty and hosted a lively question and answer session. Several breakout sessions covered such topics as charism in the religious family, responsibilities of associate directors, and canon law. Rick found the liturgy very uplifting and the people very enthusiastic. Rumor has it that NACAR 2010 will be in the mid-west, maybe even in St. Louis!

Another rumor circulating involved Rick and a lost car??



## Getting to the Core of Things

By Lori Spieker

Should someone ask you a personal question about yourself, you would most likely be able to respond with accuracy. However, deep, deep within each individual is a part of us with which we aren't completely familiar. It is the part we know of but don't intently know. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 CPPS Partners in Mission and Sister Prayer Partners gathered at Meadowlark for a day of reflection under the direction of Sister Joanne Rataj, CPPS. She gave us input on Centering Prayer and led us as we practiced this ancient form of prayer. With gratitude to Sr. Joanne, we now have the tools to break ground, to go deeper, in preparation for the arrival of the Master Gardener with a Master Plan for getting to the core of things. Along with the Motherhouse, we are being renovated!

## Reflection Day at Meadowlark



## Catch the Joy

By Sr. Rose Marie Dobelman

The faith community being featured in this newsletter is "Joyful Outreach," outreach to our older sisters. The group has ten members who are committed to celebrating the life and gift of each of its members and to continue to joyfully celebrate the life and gift of others.

The Small Faith Community is comprised of Sandy Hosack, Kay Schmitt, Judy Powers, Paddy Lambert, Partners in Mission and Joanne Reuter, Ruth Kertz, Esther Hogan, Dorothy Ann Katke, Teresa Reichmuth and Rose Marie Dobelman, sister prayer partners.

One of our most gratifying events of this year was celebrating with the sisters of St. Anne's community on third floor. We played bingo, served root beer floats and gave each sister a gift bag of goodies. The sisters were so grateful for our time together.

Since our group is large we still struggle with getting everyone together at one time. Those who are able to meet include all in prayer and do share the giftedness each member brings to the Small Faith Community. We celebrate with joy!

### Upcoming Event

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**CPPS PARTNER IN MISSION ASSEMBLY DAY**

**Sunday, September 14, 2008**

**Presenter: Sr. Rosemary Russell**

### TOPIC

**SOA/WHINSEC**

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**PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

