

SISTERS OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARTNERS IN MISSION NEWSLETTER



GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Karen Block was born in Denver, Colorado, the middle child of seven children and attended Catholic schools through high school. She married Don and they were blest with Mike, Cathy, and Paul. She is now the proud grandmother of eight grandchildren! Karen was a stay-at-

home mom and when her youngest began high school, she became registrar at McCluer High School and was responsible for the records of 3,000 students yearly.

Karen Block has been a CPPS Partner in Mission for four years and is a member of the Hospitality Small Faith Community. Sr. Margaret Mary Miller, her first prayer partner, invited her to partners. After Sr. Margaret Mary passed away, Sr. Estelle Sullentrup, who taught her children, became her new prayer partner. Karen was looking for spiritual guidance after her husband died and Partners in Mission gave her a sense of peace and love.

Karen recently enjoyed a trip to Colorado with Sr. Estelle. Karen would also like to visit Spain because her ancestors emigrated from Spain in the 1600's, settled in New Mexico and then moved to Denver.

Karen enjoys songs about our Blessed Mother and her favorite is "Hail Mary: Gentle Woman." She loves her frequent visits with Sr. Estelle. Together they pray the Divine Chaplet, the Rosary and also have attended Mass together.

Karen says she has many gifts from God especially her family and friends. She serves as a Communion Minister at DePaul Hospital and attends Adoration every Tuesday. Karen lives a faith-filled life! Thanks, Karen, for partnering with us!

by Shirley Petrosky

NEW PARTNERS – WELCOME!

by Sr. Rose Marie Dobelman

On Sunday, September 12, 2010, Assembly Day, seven Partner in Mission candidates will make a one year commitment to CPPS Partners in Mission. The Commitment Prayer Service will take place in the O'Fallon chapel at 4:00 pm. We welcome Marilyn Woebeking, friend of Sr. Luella Dames, Ellen Jones, a St. Mary's Academy Alum,



Toni Dressel, former member, Barb Bisanz, parishioner at All

Saints, Carol Jung, former member, Sharon Stockmann, former employee at SEA, and Sherry Smith, hairdresser for some of our sisters.

During the Commitment Prayer ceremony, the newly committed Partners in Mission receive a pin with the partners' insignia.

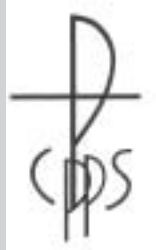


The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood praise and thank God for the powerful witness the Partners in Mission are; it is a great privilege to journey in faith with these women. Following the Commitment Prayer Service, the new partners will join the sisters and their friends for a delicious meal. WE, CPPS SISTERS, THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR PRESENCE!

A New Chapter for Partners

by Sr. Carol Orf

CPPS Partners in Mission, Dawn Boschert, Lorraine Cully, Barbara Groneck, Pastora Jurado de Gutierrez, Rick Heitman, Inger Honkaranta, Sandy Hosack, Dora Lara, Audrey Lauenstein, Mary Martin, Rose Meyer, Sandy Meyer, Kersti Nigesen, Judy Powers, Donna Pulliam, and Kay Schmitt have made a commitment to be present at designated sessions of chapter or to pray for the guidance of the Spirit as the Sisters set direction for the next six years. Thank you for your presence, your insights and your prayer!



Summer 2010

Important Date

September 12, 2010
Assembly Day

Editor: Sr. Carol Orf

I am a God Nearby

by Dawn Boschert

The CPPS Partners in Mission prayer day was held at Meadowlark. Sr. Carol and Sr. Ginny facilitated the day offering insights on the topic of prayer. Partners and sisters were given questions for private prayer and reflection. A time for sharing one on one and in the large group followed the reflection time. "I Am A God Nearby" and "I Will Make This Day My Prayer," songs by David Kaufmann, provided a beautiful touch to the prayerful experience. One partner comments, "I find myself still reflecting and listening to these songs." Another said, "I would recommend for those who have not experienced a prayer day at Meadowlark to try and make one. It is a very relaxing and peace-filled day."



Partners in Mission Small Faith Community, TLC

By Donna Pulliam

TLC what's in a name? When we originally formed the TLC group, we had no idea what our name should be; we also had to choose someone to be the leader of our newly formed community. This was another tough decision. So, we asked Celeste Marx to be the "temporary leader," and we would decide "later" what our name would be. Well, lo and behold, our Small Faith Community's name became: Temporary Leader Celeste.

The name stuck even after we decided to alternate leaders. Members of our group are: Donna Pulliam, Dawn Boschert, Peggy Holmes, Gayle McHenry, Sandy Meyer, Susan Kroupa, Patti Ballmann, Mary Martin, Celeste Marx, Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz, Sr. Anna Marie Himmelberg and Sr. Charlene Grieshaber. We meet monthly, share a meal, pray and share our faith on a topic determined by the leaders. We often



do guided imagery or group prayer. Sometimes our meetings are spent planning events which we sponsor, such as the PIM (Partners in Mission) picnic held at SEA in August, or plan the carnival held at Villa Theresa for all the Sisters.

We are a close knit community and feel comfortable sharing our life activities, joys, sorrows and prayer needs with each other. We are currently working on the next PIM picnic scheduled for August 7, 2010. We hope many of the partners and Sister Prayer Partners will join us again this year for a fun-filled afternoon of great food, activities and sharing the joy of being a CPPS Partner in Mission. As we have gotten to know and care for each other, TLC has taken on a deeper meaning: Tender Loving Care.

NACAR (North American Conference of Associates and Religious)

by Sr. Carol Orf

The theme for this year's conference was "Leaven for the World." Early Saturday, June 5, 2010, Dawn Boschert, Mary Martin, Rick Heitman, Maureen McGrath and Sr. Carol Orf met at the St. Louis Airport Marriott to enjoy breakfast together. After breakfast, the keynote speaker, Michael Crosby, OFM Cap., challenged us to live the gospel of God's Trinitarian reign and called us to the conversion needed to bring about this Trinitarian relationship of equality at all levels: society, culture and church. A variety of breakout sessions were offered and the day ended with the Eucharist and a banquet dinner. Another interesting fact learned: there are 50,000 lay associates in the United States!

TRANSITIONS

By Rick Heitman

The month of May is a transitional one....schools close and pools open. Spring rains give way to summertime's heat. Easter time ends and ordinary time begins in the Liturgical Year. For Partners in Mission, May marks the end of the Exploration Phase of candidacy, which then transitions into the Formation/discernment Phase in the fall.

Our CPPS Partner in Mission candidates meet in one of two locations: the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center for those candidates from the St. Louis area and the Precious Blood Center for those from the O'Fallon area.

This year, six candidates have chosen to continue on into the one year formation process. Chris Grady, friend of Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz, Terry Sheinfeld, sister-in-law of partner Mary Martin, and Claire Vogt, a SEA alum, will continue their discernment at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center. Liz Allmeyer, a volunteer at Villa Theresa, Cindy Ryon, friend of Partner in Mission, Debbie Whited, and Nancy Roark, friend and seamstress, will return to the Precious Blood Center for their continued discernment.



In September, these women will enter into a period of study that focuses more intently on Precious Blood history, spirituality and prayer, ministry, and charism, the building blocks of the CPPS Partner in Mission relationship. It is an exciting time; our candidates choose and meet their Sister Prayer Partners and begin to build the community ethic that is both a Precious Blood and CPPS Partner in Mission hallmark!

Please hold these women in your prayer!

(No photo was available for the O'Fallon group)