Week of May 5, 2014
Chicago News

Congratulations to Our Jubilarians!
by the 2014 Jubilee Committee
Jubilee 2014 was celebrated in Chicago on April 27. Continuing the celebration, we share these pictures with you. Each is a one-page pdf file. The first page of pictures is of the Jubilarians and the second is a small sample of the many expressions of joy that day. These and additional pictures taken are being compiled into a photo album for sharing. Click here for page 1 and click here for page 2. To read the homily given by Sister Carlotta Oberzut, click here.

Welcome to Our Seven New Associates
by Carol Conway

Associate and mentor Pat McEnerney and Chicago co-leader Peggy Goddard (right) look on as Darlene Mecaskey signs her covenant.

Our newest and very happy associates: Kathy Gordon Davis, Mary Trant, Darlene Mecaskey, John Trant, Rose Marie Knight, Laurel McGrath and (seated) Lisa Eglar.

Our annual covenant ceremony was a great success as we welcomed seven new associates. Following a reflection by Judith Bobber (inspired by the Widow's Mite and a letter from Catherine McAuley to Sister Mary Ann Doyle), our magnificent seven delivered their covenant statements to a crowd that was moved and enlivened by the promises. After, several associates renewed their covenants, including Sue Budinsky, Mary Meillier and Carol Miller, who moved to ongoing status. A lovely reception followed. A good time was had by all at the reception that followed.
Calling all MercyCare Ministers
You are cordially invited to a reception of gratitude for your involvement in ensuring a Mercy presence at Saint Xavier University through participation in numerous events throughout the academic year. The reception will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2 p.m., at Mercy Ministry Center in McDonough Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 14, to Margaret Schroeder at mschroeder@sxu.edu or 773-298-3600. For official invitation, please click here.

Listing of Prayer Circles to be Compiled
By Carol Conway
I am assembling a list of Prayer Circles. If you are a member of one, please email me the date, time, place, type, and whether you do or do not have room for new members. Please send it to me by Monday, May 19, at: cairec49@yahoo.com

Lake House and Mercy Retreat Center
As you all know, Sister Timothy Matthews has done an outstanding job of maintaining the Lake House and Mercy Retreat Center for many years and we are very grateful. We are looking for some sisters to work with Sister Timothy this year and transition into her responsibilities beginning next year. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Sister Margaret Johnson at 773-779-6011 x3827.

St. Catherine Residence
St. Catherine Residence will hold their annual Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 20, in Milwaukee. Please RSVP tp Sharon Arnett at 773-779-6011 x3810 by May 12.

Attention: Mercy Associates
New rosters (phone directories) are at the Meeting Place for you to pick up. For hours, please call Sharon Arnett at 773-779-6011.
Roster Updates
(For a complete listing of changes made to the WMW Roster, please refer to the main page of the West Midwest Messenger.)

Save the Date for MVC Mass
This year’s Commissioning Mass for members of Mercy Volunteer Corps (MVC) will take place in Mercy Chapel on Sunday, Aug. 10, at 4 p.m. All are welcome to help send off the new group of volunteers. Your presence is desired at the Mass, ritual send-off and reception to follow. Please note this date on your calendar and plan to come. Any questions? Please contact Sister Carol Mucha at mucha@sxu.edu

Reminder: Upcoming Vocation Fair
Sister Kathleen McClelland would like some sister(s) to accompany her to a Vocation Fair at Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford on Tuesday, June 24, 2-6 p.m. If interested, please let her know at kmcclelland@mercywmw.org or 312-391-5315.

Reminder: Mercy Meeting Place News
On Wednesday, May 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m., a farewell reception for Carol Miller will be held at Mercy Meeting Place. Please stop by and wish her well on this next phase of her journey. Sharon Arnett has been promoted and will be absorbing Carol’s responsibilities.

Reminder: Honoring Sister Lillian Murphy
The sisters and associates in the Chicago area will be honoring Sister Lillian Murphy with a reception on Saturday, May 10, 1:30-3 p.m. Sister Lillian is retiring from Mercy Housing after 27 years and we would like to say “thank you” for all she has done in Chicago, Aurora and Milwaukee. The reception will take place in our new meeting room. She is also receiving an award from Saint Xavier University at the Graduation Ceremony that day as well. Please RSVP today to Sharon Arnett, 773-779-6011 x3810.

Coming Events
Saturday, May 10: Reception for Sister Lillian Murphy, Mercy Meeting Rooms, 1:30-3 p.m., Please RSVP today to Sharon Arnett, 773-779-6011 x3810 or sarnett@mercywmw.org

Saturday, May 17: Make Straight the Pathway: The Rough Road to Immigration Reform, featuring Sister Simone Campbell, 9 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Catalyst Maria School, 6727 S. California Ave, Chicago, IL; $25 at the door; or $25 pre-registration may be sent to: Dorothy Pagosa, % 8th Day Center for Justice, 205 W. Monroe, #500, Chicago, IL 60606; for brochure, click here.

Sunday, June 28: Candidate Luz Eugenia Alvarez to be received into the Community, 2 p.m., Mercy Chapel, adjacent to Mercy Circle

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