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Dear Associates,

Although 2018 is already in full swing I want to wish you the blessings of peace and joy and love for this New Year. May it bring you an ever deepening awareness of how greatly God loves you, and how blest we all are to belong to the world-wide Chevalier Family. Together may we continue to be on earth the heart of God's dear Son, Jesus.

Pope Francis always has some good spiritual advice for us and I would like to share with you his Ash Wednesday Homily for 2018:

"The season of Lent is a favourable time to remedy the dissonant chords of our Christian life and to receive the ever new, joyful and hope-filled proclamation of the Lord's Passover. The Church in her maternal wisdom invites us to pay special attention to anything that could dampen or even corrode our believing heart.



We are subject to numerous temptations. Each of us knows the difficulties we have to face. And it is sad to note that, when faced with the ever-varying circumstances of our daily lives, there are voices raised that take advantage of pain and uncertainty; the only thing they aim to do is sow distrust. If the fruit of faith is charity – as Mother Teresa often used to say – then the fruit of distrust is apathy and resignation. Distrust, apathy and resignation: these are demons that deaden and paralyze the soul of a believing people.

Lent is the ideal time to unmask these and other temptations, to allow our hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus. The whole of the Lenten season is imbued with this conviction, which we could say is echoed by three words offered to us in order to rekindle the heart of the believer: **pause, see and return.**

Pause a little, leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere. Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift...time with God.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the need to show off and be seen by all, to continually appear on the "noticeboard" that makes us forget the value of intimacy and recollection.

Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments that arise from forgetting tenderness, compassion and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt and even immersed in sin and error.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the urge to want to control everything, know everything, destroy everything; this comes from overlooking gratitude for the gift of life and all the good we receive.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the deafening noise that weakens and confuses our hearing, that makes us forget the fruitful and creative power of silence.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the attitude which promotes sterile and unproductive thoughts that arise from isolation and self-pity, and that cause us to forget going out to encounter others to share their burdens and suffering.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the emptiness of everything that is instantaneous, momentary and fleeting, that deprives us of our roots, our ties, of the value of continuity and the awareness of our ongoing journey.

Pause in order to look and contemplate!

See the gestures that prevent the extinguishing of charity, that keep the flame of faith and hope alive. Look at faces alive with God's tenderness and goodness working in our midst.

See the face of our families who continue striving, day by day, with great effort, in order to move forward in life, and who, despite many concerns and much hardship, are committed to making their homes a school of love.

See the faces of our children and young people filled with yearning for the future and hope, filled with "tomorrows" and opportunities that demand dedication and protection. Living shoots of love and life that always open up a path in the midst of our selfish and meagre calculations.

See our elderly whose faces are marked by the passage of time, faces that reveal the living memory of our people. Faces that reflect God's wisdom at work.

See the faces of our sick people and the many who take care of them; faces which in their vulnerability and service remind us that the value of each person can never be reduced to a question of calculation or utility.

See the remorseful faces of so many who try to repair their errors and mistakes, and who from their misfortune and suffering fight to transform their situations and move forward.

See and contemplate the face of Crucified Love, who today from the cross continues to bring us hope, his hand held out to those who feel crucified, who experience in their lives the burden of failure, disappointment and heartbreak.

See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone? Yes, for everyone. To see his face is an invitation filled with hope for this Lenten time, in order to defeat the demons of distrust, apathy and resignation. The face that invites us to cry out: "*The Kingdom of God is possible!*"

Pause, see and return. Return to the house of your Father. Return without fear to those outstretched, eager arms of your Father, who is rich in mercy (cf. Eph 2:4), who awaits you.

Return without fear, for this is the favourable time to come home, to the home of my Father and your Father (cf. Jn 20:17). It is the time for allowing one's heart to be touched...Persisting on the path of evil only gives rise to disappointment and sadness. True life is something quite distinct and our heart indeed knows this. God does not tire, nor will he tire, of holding out his hand (cf. Misericordiae Vultus, 19).

Return without fear, to join in the celebration of those who are forgiven.

Return without fear, to experience the healing and reconciling tenderness of God. Let the Lord heal the wounds of sin and fulfil the prophecy made to our fathers: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezek 36: 26).

Pause, see and return!"

What a wonderful promise our loving Father has given us in the words of Ezekiel! May we treasure our new heart of flesh and through it make the Sacred Heart of Jesus known and loved wherever we may be.

In loving and grateful union in Jesus' dear Heart with Mary

Sr Ancilla White Osh

VALE, SR MARILYN KNOLDER FDNCS

07.05.1944 – 02.11.2017

Many of you knew Sr Marilyn Knolder and will be saddened to hear of her death at 8am Thursday, 2nd November, All Souls' Day, 2017. Marilyn's main apostolate in her earlier years was in education, both primary and secondary. During her later years she worked closely with our Associate Movement, and so many of you have been inspired by her articles in the Ametur, as well as been supported and helped by her loving concern and friendship. I share with you the Eulogy from her Requiem Mass in the Kensington Chapel of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, 15th November, 2017.

Sr Marilyn Knolder FDNCS - Eulogy

The other day I was looking back at various articles that Marilyn had written for our Associates' Newsletter. One in particular, attracted my attention and I would like to share a little of it with you this morning. Marilyn entitled the piece, *A Time for Singing "Alleluia"*. In it she spoke of a decorated Easter egg and she wrote:

*"Life will not always be a box of chocolates;
may not even be wrapped in pretty packaging.
It certainly won't always be sugar coated and frosted with icing flowers.
It won't always be joy and gladness
and our alleluia may be sung from a throat choked with grief and sorrow,
but in the words of Robert Browning's 'Pippa's Song'...
'all things are passing, God alone remains'.
As we learnt from our Catechism when we were young
'God made us to love and serve him here on earth
and to be happy with him forever in heaven."*

"And so", Marilyn concluded, "Alleluia is our song."

This says so much about the Marilyn we knew. One who bravely sang her Alleluia throughout her life, so much of which was lived with chronic pain and debilitating health. As Thursday, 2nd of November, the feast of All Souls, got under way our dear Marilyn went on her heavenly journey singing her joyful "Alleluia."

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus issues this invitation:

*Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest.
Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. (Mt 11:28)*

These words always gave great comfort to Marilyn as she learned to live within the limitations of her illness, striving always to be an authentic, faithful, and prayerful religious and, at the same time, working in a full-time apostolate. She always said that this effort contributed very much to her growth and development as a human person and a woman.

Marilyn Georgina was the eldest of the six children of Kenneth and Mary Knolder. To Rosemary, Angela, Kenneth, Jeffrey and Ron, and to their partners Elizabeth, Carmen, John and Gary, and their children Emma, Megan, Christian, Kent and his wife Elise we offer our sincere sympathy and our gratitude for the gift of your dear sister and beloved aunt to our religious family.

Kenneth and Mary were very diligent in passing on the faith to their family. Her father's health was poor, because of injuries received while he served in the Army during WW11. Money was hard to come by, but all the children were sent to Catholic schools. The faith was very important in Marilyn's family with the family Rosary being said each evening; their home was consecrated to the Sacred Heart; Grace was said at meals; weekly confession was the norm and there were little altars in the home to honour the Sacred Heart and Our Lady. From her earliest childhood Marilyn went to Mass each day, often riding her bike for two miles or catching the bus.

During her early school years Marilyn was taught by the Josephite and the Dominican Sisters. When she was nine she met the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. She said that all of these Sisters inspired her and enriched her faith. At this time she joined the League of the Blessed Sacrament, and was a promoter of the Annals and the Apostleship of Prayer. It was at this young age that Marilyn also became aware of her desire to be a religious sister. When she was only twelve years old she began reading books on religious life that her Mother had bought for her.

Marilyn relished her secondary school days at OLSH College Enfield where she was an able student and school leader. She loved learning Art of Speech and Irish Dancing and she excelled in both these fields. She also belonged to the Marian Girls' Club.

At the age of 15 she left school as she needed to help with the family finances. She gained employment in the Public Service as an endorsing clerk with the Register General of Deeds Department. She made daily visits to pray in the Adelaide Cathedral and at this time began to enjoy her first social outings. However, she never wavered from her first desire and on 25th March, 1962, at the age of 17, and with the full blessing of her parents, Marilyn entered OLSH Novitiate at Hartzler Park, Burradoo.

Marilyn made her first Profession of Vows in 1965 and went to live at Kensington where she began her new life of teaching and study; first she gained the Leaving Certificate at OLSH College Kensington and then studied to be a teacher both in Sydney and in Melbourne. She was very creative and artistic and became a brilliant teacher who gave her students a love for

learning. She took a personal interest in each one and kept in contact with many of them over the years.

Education was Marilyn's passion for the rest of her life: from 1967 to 1979 she taught in the primary schools at East Bentleigh and Highett in Melbourne, and in Mascot, Sydney. In 1980 she began her years of study which continued throughout her life. She first gained a Bachelor of Arts, with honours in English Language and Literature. This was followed by a Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration and then a Master's Degree in Religion Studies which she completed in 1993. From then on, while she was full time teaching English and Religion at OLSH College Enfield, Adelaide, or at Chevalier College, Bowral, she also undertook many courses, in education, spirituality, and English. There are too many to mention here!

In 1996, Marilyn suffered a life-changing illness and as a result her ministry changed direction from secondary education to adult education and formation in the Chevalier Charism with the Associates of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. She began this ministry at Mascot but soon moved to Kensington where she was to live until 2016 when, because of deteriorating health, she moved to St Joseph's.

In this new apostolate Marilyn's life of prayer and study was used to great advantage helping the Associates in their spiritual journeys. The Associates greatly appreciated the talks she gave at their meetings and the inspiring articles she wrote for the Associates' newsletter. She also loved to compose poetry, much of which has been compiled in one book. (One of her poems is on the back of your Mass booklet). In 2007 Marilyn completed a Diploma of Ageing and Pastoral Care at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. She had decided to do this because of her work on the Parish communion round, being a volunteer at St Joseph's, doing personal shopping for the residents there and helping with the sisters' Medical Forms. She gave joy to the residents by using her artistic skills in decorating the dining room and chapel for feast days and other special occasions.

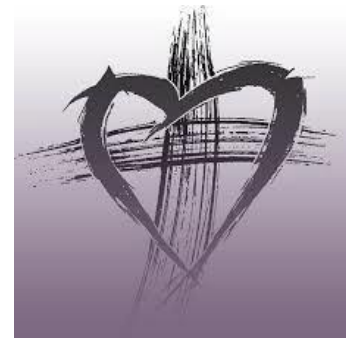
Even after she herself became a resident at St Joseph's Aged Care Facility Marilyn continued to use her artistic talents as she made scrap books, some for boys and some for girls, for the Children's Hospital. She made beautiful crocheted rugs, looked after her flower garden on the balcony, and kept up with her friends by email. She also continued to send the Time Magazine to the Sisters in South Sudan. This was greatly appreciated by the staff at the school and also by the pupils there, all of whom are starved of information about what is happening in the world outside South Sudan.

Marilyn loved beautiful things – God's wondrous creation, the many and varied works of human hands, poetry, flowers, birds and animals, especially cats! Who could forget her lovely scarves which brought beauty to the place from which so much of her suffering came. Books she devoured, creative ideas flowed freely from her mind and I often begged her to stop thinking up new projects!! Marilyn was kind, thoughtful and noticed when others were suffering or worried or needing something to make life a little less stressful – and she would try to ease the situation. In the last few weeks Marilyn was unable to do so many of the things she loved to do. She was, however, always grateful for the help that others gave her.

So today we remember this dear person, friend and sister, Marilyn. She has been God's Heart to so many of us during the past years. We have seen her as she struggled with poor health, uncomplaining and brave. We have listened to and read her words of comfort, support, advice and inspiration. We grieve her loss but, at the same time we rejoice with her that all suffering is ended. She is now with God whom she loved so deeply and is rejoicing in the wonder of God's eternal embrace. She is singing "Alleluia" forever in heaven. We thank God for her life with us. Rest gently, dear Marilyn.

Sr Helen Simpson osh and Sr Ancilla White osh

OUR ON-GOING FORMATION SECTION



SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART

in accordance with FR. JULES CHEVALIER'S CHARISM.
An on-line program for members of the Chevalier Family
and for everyone interested in a Spirituality of the Heart.

Section 24

"A spirituality which can change hearts"

(Evangelii Gaudium n. 262)

James Cuskelly MSC we already met in earlier sections of this program. He was one of the first MSC who introduced the Chevalier Family to a "Spirituality of the Heart". When we really want to live a Spirituality of the Heart, he declared: *"We have to go down in the depths of our own soul in a realization of our profound personal needs of life, of love and of meaning"* (Jules Chevalier, *Man with a Mission*, p. 128).

Why do we have to pay attention to our profound personal needs in the depths of our soul or heart, in order to live a Spirituality of the Heart? In his book published in 1900, Fr. Chevalier already gave a profound reason. He wrote:

*"God reveals to us the aspirations of his Heart
through the aspirations of our own heart. ...
Whether one knows it or not,
the truth is that our heart is made for his Heart."
Indeed, he said, God creates
"needs in us in harmony with his desires"
(Le Sacré Coeur 1900, p. 77).*

St. Augustine, living in the fourth century, commended the faithful, saying: *"Return to your own heart... There you will find God, because you are formed in his likeness"* (Sermons on the Gospel of St. John 18:10, with reference to Isaias 46:8).

It is certainly God who implants in our hearts our deeper aspirations, our desires for solidarity and justice, as well as our search for love and meaning in life. In *"The Joy of the Gospel"* (EG) Pope Francis considers these deeper desires of people's hearts, as well as their search for meaning in life to be a clear sign of people's thirst for God, even if people are not aware of it. He points to the *"innumerable signs in today's world, often expressed implicitly or negatively, of the thirst for God, for the ultimate meaning of life"* (EG 86). *"We may be sure"*, he states that it is, *"God's presence (which) accompanies the sincere efforts of individuals and groups to find ... meaning in their lives"* (EG 71)). And when people foster *"solidarity, fraternity, and the desire for goodness, truth and justice"* (EG. 71), God's Spirit is certainly at work among them.

Implicitly, the Pope's words also convey the message that it is important to pay attention to the deeper aspirations of our own hearts, our own *"profound personal needs of life, of love and of meaning"* as well as our own desire to foster justice, truth and solidarity. Because, also in us, *"God's saving love... is mysteriously at work... above and beyond (our) faults and failings"* (EG 44).

A Reflective moment

In 'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis draws attention to the fact that our own time is marked by
"the return to the sacred and the quest for spirituality"

He continues by saying:

"Today, our challenge is...the need to respond adequately to many people's thirst for God, lest they try to satisfy it with alienating solutions or with a disembodied Jesus, who demands nothing of us with regard to others.

These people should find in the Church a spirituality which can offer healing and liberation, and fill them with life and peace, while at the same time summoning them to fraternal communion and missionary fruitfulness. If not, they will end up by being taken in by solutions which neither make life truly human nor give glory to God".
(Evangelii Gaudium n. 89).

MEETING REPORTS

ALICE SPRINGS: We met on 22 July 2017 after 11 a.m. Mass, then recited the Rosary at the Cemetery in memory of our deceased Associates and friends. We then went out to lunch.

For the Nativity of Our Lady, on 9 September, we celebrated Mass, had lunch, and joined in the Parish activities.

Paula Thornton

For our October meeting, Sr Kathleen prepared Readings for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – *Celebrating Mary in our Lives*. We will attend the Advent Retreat for Women in November, led by Sr Anne Surtees OSU. Sadly, in December we will farewell Sr Margaret Reis. **Paula Thornton**

On 25 November several of us attended the Retreat, "*Waiting with Mary*", directed by Sr Anne Surtees OSU. It was held at the St Francis Centre from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many of us commented we needed this time to slow down and think about Mary and her journey and think about our own journey during Advent and beyond.

Paula Thornton

Sr Margaret Reis' Farewell Luncheon was held at the Mercure on Sunday 10 December. We are very sorry to see her leave Alice Springs, as she has had a long association with our town, having first arrived here in 1961. Sr Margaret has lived in several places, but we are grateful she has returned to Alice Springs at various times. We thank her for all she has done for us and will miss her enormously. We wish her well in her move to Brisbane. There will be a Parish Farewell for Sr Margaret on Saturday 16 December at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at the John Paul II Centre. Sr Kathleen is celebrating her 70th Birthday on December 19. We wish her a very Happy Birthday and will help her celebrate when we are able to get together in the New Year!

Paula Thornton

BENTLEIGH: The Bentleigh Associates met at OLSH Convent, Bentleigh, on 28 October 2017 for their Annual retreat Day. Sr Ancilla and Therese Poulton facilitated the day. Sr Ancilla reminded

us that **AMETUR** (Name of our Newsletter) which means, "*May He be loved*", will be the theme of our Retreat Day. We were shown photos of the OLSH Communities all over the world. God sent Jesus to show us what He is like, and when Jesus returned to the Father, he left us with the mission of carrying on His mission of spreading the Good News.

Therese Poulton, an OLSH Associate from Sydney, then described her experience at the Conference of Chevalier Lay Associates in Brazil, based around the theme, "*Spirituality Without Borders*".

We moved to the Chapel and welcomed our new members, Rani Perera and Beth Yagmoor, into the OLSH Associates with a lovely Commitment Ceremony.

Patricia Mirabile

We met at OLSH Convent, Bentleigh, on 25 November 2017. Our OLSH friend, Lee Toll, joined us today. She told us about joining the group that returned the 42,000-year-old Mungo Man from Canberra to Lake Mungo. Lee read Pope Francis' Advent Prayer, suggesting that Advent is a personal, as well as global journey. She then told us about her pilgrimage with three friends along the Camino de Santiago (Way of St James). They started in Veزالay, France, and travelled to Issoudun, then worked their way down through Spain to Santiago de Compostela Cathedral. The symbol of the walk is a scallop shell, the ridges indicating the different routes of the journey. Lee found the Camino an enriching trip where she was able to transcend personal worries and weakness and where she could share our Chevalier Motto, "*May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved*".

Patricia Mirabile

Our first meeting for 2018 was on 24th February at the Convent. 14 Associates met and we welcomed Margaret Leigh to her first meeting. Sr Elaine reminded us of the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, penance and alms giving. Fasting is especially useful as it reminds us of those people without enough food, especially those in the Congo and South Sudan.

We are following St Mark's Gospel this Lent. It emphasizes the call to discipleship as well as healing and overcoming suffering. In the Transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's Son to Peter, James and John. We, too, can each have our own Transfiguration experience where we reveal spiritual insights to others or they can enlighten us. We talked about some of these experiences.

Patricia Mirabile

BOWRAL: We had our August Meeting reflecting on the questions from "*A Reflective Moment*" (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* n. 222). We agreed in our sharing, how true it is that we can be so much carried away with the flood of new consumer goods, and it does baffle the heart. Sometimes we are not satisfied with what little we have. We want more and it doesn't make us happy. It is in the appreciation of little things and cherishing each thing and each moment that we find our true joy. Our Christian spirituality proposes more growth and the capacity to be thankful and be happy with it.

Sr Annabella Muller

CALLALA: In October we met at Tony and Mary Caruana's home. Tony joined us for the meeting and also Noel Reid who is in better health after a recent illness. We read the article from the *Ametur* regarding Bishop Cuskelly and his writings. We found it very interesting that he gave us the expression, '*Spirituality of the Heart*'. There was a lot of discussion on the different examples of the four '*Movements of the Heart*', and how we each interpreted them in our own way.

Mary Collier

In November our small group met at Mary Borg's home. We prayed the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and read from the *Ametur* '*A Passion for Jesus*', and discussed how we could all be 'missionaries' as we carry out our daily activities as nurses, teachers, catechists, etc.

Mary Collier

Our members are saddened by the death of Sister Marilyn Knolder. For many years Sister travelled to the Callala meetings and made them so interesting and helped us understand Father Chevalier's Spirituality of the Heart. Sister organized some retreat days for our Associates at the

Callala Convent holiday house. One lovely presentation was of all the different images of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and their history. We remember Sr Marilyn and all the sisters in our prayers.

Mary Collier

The December meeting was held at Teresa Galea's home and she was pleased to have her daughter, grand-daughter and great-grand-daughter there, and also her son-in-law. We are grateful to our Parish Priest, Fr Patrick Faherty, who came to say Mass with the 15 people present. Father stayed for lunch and this was an enjoyable afternoon for our final meeting for the year 2017.

Mary Collier

CANBERRA: The Canberra Associates met at St John's Kippax on 2 September 2017. Annette gave us a meditation on *The Prayer of St Francis*, a prayer, we all agreed, was a lovely one to meditate on, and especially how our world is at this time. A lively discussion followed and I think we solved most of the world's problems with, "If only the world would live by the Prayer of St Francis, we would live in hope". We offer all our prayers for the world and all of its peoples. We appreciate Sister Dain for her willingness to travel down each month when she is available to be with us.

Christine Casey

The Canberra Associates met at St John's Kippax on 3 November 2017. Margaret Toye gave a great meditation on *Jesus Meets a Samaritan Woman at the Well*. Jesus began his mission to the lost and broken of Israel. Here he meets a woman of Samaria at Jacob's Well. In Scripture, meetings at a **WELL** had special significance. They were considered meeting-places of love and commitment. The promise of Jesus to the Samaritan woman and to us is to become a source of life for others; to recognize our poverty and brokenness, and accept ourselves as we are.

We then discussed and read the first four pages of the *Ametur*. We were all moved by the last paragraph – *May Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, our Mother and life-long Companion, stay close to us so that we may be true disciples of the Heart of her Son.*

Christine Casey

We met on Saturday 2 December 2017. We attended 12 noon Mass at St Matthews Catholic Church, Page. After attending Mass, we all went out to lunch to celebrate Christmas together. Sr Dain came with us. We discussed our plans for next year and what Sister would like us to do. We all feel blessed to have her travel down each month from Hartzer Park to be with us and hope her health allows her to do so for many more years.

Christine Casey

We met at St John's, Kippax on 3rd February for our first meeting for 2018, and reflected on Living with the Sacred. Our meditation was living and being spiritually nourished in the SACRED pasture of the Present Moment, NOW. Living with the Sacred may lead to deep trust and faith, but not to uninterrupted peace of mind. It opens us in love to the suffering and brokenness of the world as much as to its joy and beauty. Living with the Sacred increases our consciousness of the divine reality in our daily life, of the many ways that God comes to us. It is not finding something new but uncovering something that has been there all along, something that can make everything new. Any moment can be a sacred moment that knocks us onto our knees in adoration and wonder. To nourish such attentiveness we have to slow down; we have to set aside time; we have to practise stillness and quiet. After much discussion we ended with our shared lunch and plans for our retreat weekend at Hartzer Park in March.

Christine Casey

CORINDA: After viewing the slides of the OLSH Provincial Assembly with music, "Standing on Their Shoulders", the Associates went to the convent chapel for silent prayer and shared reflection. Some of the group shared their reflections after the Associates' Reflection Day led by Sr Gerardine in July. The theme was the development of Devotion to the Sacred Heart and then how it changed into Spirituality of the Heart. We also shared a little on "Spirituality of the Heart" Section 21 – *A Change of Heart*. Each member was given a copy of the Address by Pope Francis to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart for further reading and reflection.

Sr Merrilyn Lee

ELMORE: The Associates gathered for the feast day of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception with a good attendance. Mass was celebrated in the Convent Chapel by Father A. Caldoua. This was followed by Exposition, Anointing, Rosary and Reconciliation. A cup of tea and an early lunch followed. A note from Sr Ancilla was read and also a list of all the Associates from our area since 1976 – of course many not here today.

Our numbers are small now but still good friendship and Faith are evident. Mr Bill Comer showed an old attendance book of the Old Goornong Catholic school. Sr Aloysius and Sr Maureen set the school going in the timber church at Goornong from 1940 to 1945. The Sisters drove ten miles to the town each day. Sr Declan took over in 1942. At this time a school was conducted in Elmore – Grade one to Intermediate level. Dianne was taught by the sisters at this time. Such a busy OLSH Convent! It was a lovely day for the Elmore Associates.

Norma Holmberg

HARTZER PARK: We were fortunate to have Therese Poulton attend our September meeting to acquaint us with the content and outcomes of the Third International Meeting of the Laity of the Chevalier Family which she attended in Brazil earlier this year. Therese spoke with much enthusiasm and concluded with remarking that the gathering was "a wonderful and enriching experience that strengthened my feeling that we are part of a thriving worldwide movement of great promise." We too were inspired by what we heard. There was the opportunity to discuss points of particular interest and we look forward to the future and further outcomes on both the international and national level. Our heartfelt thanks to Therese for her visit and presentation both of which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Jan Clark

In October, following the theme of the recent Associates' Retreat, Sr Ancilla led us in a Reflection of "Praying with Julian of Norwich". There was 'review and news' and shared thoughts and comments on the Retreat and the future direction of the laity of the Chevalier Family.

Section 23 of Our On-Going Formation Program, "*A Passion for Jesus and a Passion for His People*" generated discussion about numerous points and especially the responsibility of current political figures, our response to them and their various policies; the changing attitude of younger generations and their deeper and wider responses to social justice issues and spirituality; the encouragement given by Pope Francis' words and statements e.g. in *Evangelii Gaudium* .

Jan Clark

Our first meeting for 2018 was held at Hartzler Park on 18th February. As Mother Marie Louise Hartzler's Anniversary would fall during the following week Sr Ancilla's Reflection was a prayerful time contemplating some of the words and aspects from and about Mother Marie Louise. We are blessed to be in a place that is named in her honour and we anticipate the forthcoming Retreat, given by Sr Dain for Associates in this place we consider to be our "spiritual home" in the highlands. Sr Ancilla also spoke about the symposium at St Mary's Towers next month and outlined some of the points to be discussed and decided upon following the Conference last year for the Laity of the Chevalier Family in Sao Paulo.

Jan Clark

KILBURN: Nine ladies attended our meeting on 19 August. Two newcomers, Nell Hollitt and Priscilla Pereira, were warmly welcomed to the group. We prayed for Associate member, Roma Frick, who died since our last meeting. We looked at the "everywhere" of our OLSH motto, recognizing that Associates are an integral part of this. Using the publication, *Flame*, of the ex-students of Bentleigh College, we were pleased to read of Sr Anne Gardiner's contribution to our "everywhere", along with Anne Carey who nursed Ebola victims and Anne O'Loughlin, Principal of Bentleigh College. As Associates we make the Sacred Heart known and loved in our own milieu. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament completed our meeting. We prayed especially for Roma and for Julian, the little seven year old victim in the Barcelona tragedy.

Our next meeting is 14 October when Ellen Mary Lomman will share with us her experience of the Associate Conferenced which she attended recently in Brazil.

Sr Pat Smith

NOTRE DAME: In our September meeting we reflected on the gospel of the Canaanite woman, the woman of great faith. We discussed this gospel as being an episode of Jesus' life where he crossed the boundaries of culture, gender and religion to reach out to this woman who persisted with her request even though she was initially ignored by Jesus. We learn both from Jesus and from her. Where in my life do I need to cross boundaries of culture and religion to reach out to others? From the woman we need to follow the example of perseverance, not to give up and to keep on asking Jesus for what we need.

Therese then gave a report on the Conference for the Lay Associates of the Chevalier Family in Brazil. There will be a full report in the Ametur to follow. We concluded with a shared afternoon tea with the Sisters.

Maureen Maher

On Saturday 11th November we shared an inspiring reflection so beautifully prepared by Judith on the Gospel of 32nd Sunday, The Five Wise and the Five Foolish Young Women. This is the only parable of watching and waiting where discipleship is portrayed in a feminine context. There is something of the foolish young women in all of us. The good intentions that remain only intentions, the visits not made, the reconciliation not offered, the donations to charity not given. But there is also something of the wise young women in us as well, our lamps of kindness: our friendship offered, compassion and forgiveness shown.

As it was *Remembrance Day* we went to the Chapel to pray and remember those who had fought and given their lives for their country. May leaders everywhere work for lasting peace, true justice and understanding among people. May they come to know that true peace is the peace of Christ. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, you suffered in spirit with Christ on the cross: stand by and strengthen all those who are called to share the sorrows of the heart of your Son especially those victims of war. Amen.

We also prayed during this time in a special way for Sister Marilyn as it was the first time her group of Associates had been together since she had died. We grieve her loss but rejoice that her suffering is now ended. We then shared afternoon tea with the Sisters.

Maureen Maher

We began our meeting on 9th December with a reflection on the readings for 2nd Sunday of Advent so beautifully prepared by Judith. We discussed that Christ is still being born, not in His human flesh but in our hearts if we offer him the hospitality of our discipleship. Ours is the privilege and challenge to accept the Son through the power of the Holy Spirit into the most intimate depths of our lives and then bear him to others. In our special prayer time, "*Waiting in Hope with Mary*", we prayed:

"The people of Advent are 'us':
John the Baptist prods us into newness.
The Zachary in us resists until Elizabeth insists.
Our Joseph lets it happen,
and the young Mary in us seizes the gift and runs with it.
It must be so if Christ in us is to be born." **Maureen Maher**

We met on 10th February and reflected on the Gospel for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It was about Jesus' miracle which broke down certain barriers of the time. During Jesus' time a leper was a real social outcast of community, ignored and ostracized. We see Jesus reach out with immeasurable compassion. We are called to do the same to those people who are outcasts in our modern society. We spoke of the importance of 'touch' during this miracle. Jesus made no attempt to move away from the leper, His hand stretched out to touch the man and affirm his choice to heal him.

In our lifetime we often spend time turning things on, turning around corners, and the hair on our head turns from colour to grey or white. The Church during Lent asks us to look deeply at ourselves

and reflect on those areas where we need a real turnabout. We seek to follow our greatest Example, Jesus, as the One to follow in the way we think, act and speak.

“Grant me a new heart in you, O Jesus:
melted stone, thawed gem, molten gold.
My treasure in Your Heart, Your Heart my treasure.” **Maureen Maher**

RANDWICK: In September we met in Ventnor, and after prayers and a reading, we welcomed Therese Poulton who spoke to us about her recent trip to Brazil, where she represented OLSH Associates at the 3rd International Meeting of the Chevalier Family. Therese’s address was detailed, entertaining and inspirational. At a later date, Therese’s report on the meeting will appear in the Ametur but she did leave with us her notes, which make for wonderful reading. The meeting in Brazil was an extensive gathering which achieved much, including acceptance of the Guidelines on the topic of “The Future and Vision of the Laity of the Chevalier Family” of which we are a part. We thank Therese warmly and gratefully for her charming presence and very welcome presentation. May she inspire many other groups, as she did ours. A number of our group will attend the Retreat at Douglas Park in October .
Margaret Krijnen

We met in Ventnor for our October meeting. Our Gospel reading dealt with the instruction of Jesus to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves. The latter part of that instruction is sometimes difficult for those of us who are not always as loving towards all as we should be. This led to a wonderfully human and enlightening discussion. A report was delivered on the Retreat at Douglas Park, led by Sister Pauline Compton. The subject of the Retreat was the spirituality and writings of Julian of Norwich, and was a marvelous experience for those who attended, and we are very grateful to Sr Pauline for her enlightening presentations and exposure to a wonderful woman of the Church. Prayer sheets given to us by Sister were distributed to those who could not attend. A number of our members were not well at the time of the meeting, and for them we sent our prayers for recovery and a return to good health and spirits.
Margaret Krijnen

We met at Ventnor on Monday 19th February, 2018, for our first meeting of the year. We were very pleased to welcome Sister Terie, who will be joining us on our journey this year. Sister is most welcome, and told us of her background, and very interesting life in the OLSH Order. Some of our members explained their backgrounds, and connections to the Sisters, and there were some wonderful stories and connections divulged. We prayed for our sick members, and hope that they are comforted and supported by our prayers and good wishes. A retreat at Hartzler Park and a Chevalier Day at Douglas Park were discussed, and while none of us are able to attend, Sister Terie will be attending Douglas Park, and will discuss the day with us at our next meeting. Sister shared with us a very special quiet time with a hymn of Brother James Maher, and a wonderful prayer for healing of the Church at this difficult time. We are very grateful for this Our next meeting will be on 19th March, again at Ventnor.
Margaret Krijnen

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**REPORTS ON THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHEVALIER LAITY
IN SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. JULY 2017**

Many thanks to Therese and Ellenmary for their splendid reports of the grace-filled events of this wonderful Assembly.

“Spirituality without Borders:

Vision and Mission of the Laity of the Chevalier Family”

Brazil was the venue for the 3rd International Meeting of the Chevalier Family. The first was held in Issoudun in 1999 and the second in Santo Domingo in 2008. 75 lay people and 25 professed (MSC priests, OLSH sisters and MSC Sisters) attended. Countries represented included Australia, PNG, Brazil, Republic of Congo, Senegal, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Dominican Republic, United States, Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador, Korea, Philippines, France, Belgium, Germany, and The Netherlands. There were translators in English, Spanish, French, Dutch, Korean, and Portuguese. The Tri-Generalate was represented by Sr Merle Salazar (OLSH), Fr Wahyudi (MSC) and Sr Bonaventura (MSC Sisters). Each day began with a reflection presented by a different country and ended with the celebration of Eucharist prepared again by a different country.

We had a number of presentations on various topics and much time was spent on the “Guidelines” document and voting for nominees for the position of General Secretary. Alison McKenzie was elected to this position and her deputy, Doris Machado (Brazil), will begin the process of selecting an International Council early next year. The General Secretary of the Laity of the Chevalier Family, together with the International Council, will have responsibility for overseeing the development and organization of the Laity of the Chevalier family.

The “Guidelines” document is titled, “General Guiding Principles and Statutes of the Laity of the Chevalier Family”. This document was approved by those present and will be published widely in the near future.

- Rita Cleuren (existing Secretary) gave an overview of the development and growth of the Laity of the Chevalier Family over the past 20 years. Much of this development has been guided by Rita and other members of the European Committee.
- The topic for the first session was “In What Way was Jesus a Border Crosser?” by Sr. Merle Salazar an OLSH sister from Philippines who is now attached the Generalate in Rome. Jesus crossed, ignored, went around, and used borders. He left some intact, He changed some, destroyed others and created new ones.
- In the afternoon session, Sr. Mercy Mejia Benitez MSC from Guatemala presented a talk on “Jesus, Image of God and His Spirituality”. She used texts from the New Testament to describe Jesus: images of light to the world, good shepherd, resurrection and life, way of life, the true vine, meek and humble of heart. Some of our images of God can be counterproductive to our understanding of God, sometimes in conflict with our images of Jesus.
- Sr Marisa Aquino, OLSH from Brazil gave a lecture connecting “Pope Francis and Spirituality of the Heart”. She spoke of many comparisons between Jules Chevalier’s charism and that of Pope Francis. She made the point that although Jules and Francis are separated by time they are connected in Spirituality.
- Hans Kwakman MSC presented “A New Concept for Organization of the Lay Family: The Role of Laity in the Chevalier Family”.

Part I: On Chevalier’s original intentions in erecting a Lay Branch of the Society of the Sacred Heart

Part II: On the Organization of the Lay Branch of the Chevalier Family.

Friday 21st July was Australia’s day for the liturgy and presentations.

The video shown was of Sr Anne Gardner OLSH receiving her recognition as Senior Australian of the Year. Fred spoke on “Fr. Chevalier’s Vision: A Mission Without Borders”. Alison’s followed with a presentation on the same theme from an Australian context. After her talk Alison provided

two questions for discussion – the one about how to involve young people in the lay Chevalier movement generated a great deal of interest and discussion.

Saturday 22

We were divided into language groups and encouraged to reflect on the topic, "The Future and Vision of the Laity of the Chevalier Family". Later in the day we voted for the acceptance of the "Guidelines". They were accepted unanimously

Two days' Outings

Thursday 20: The Brazilian Laity led us on a pilgrimage to the Basilica at Aparecida about two hour's bus trip away from Sao Paulo. This year was the 300th year anniversary of the discovery by a fisherman of a headless statue of Mary in the river. Many miracles have been attributed to the statue. Originally a small chapel was built and over the years it has grown into a massive structure – very imposing with decorative tiling and many impressive statues. There is a TV studio, a huge canteen, many eating areas, candle shop, a gift shop, parking facility for hundreds of buses and cars plus a whole shopping centre with massive food hall and kiosks that sell all sorts of things!!! Mass (standing room only) was a spectacular affair with a MSC bishop and 30 MSC priests presiding. The Bishop welcomed us in his homily and took the opportunity to speak about Jules Chevalier and his spirituality.

Sunday 23

We were taken on a pilgrimage to Mass at Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur – about 1 hour drive. This was a huge event with great music and singing. All the Ministers of the Eucharist looked very official in their grey uniform and after Mass we went downstairs to the hall for lunch prepared by the parishioners. We then travelled to the OLSH Provincial House – beautiful grounds with vegetable gardens. The sisters run a school there for disadvantaged people, teaching English, computer skills, and craft. We had a sumptuous afternoon tea and were entertained with song and music provided by the Sisters.

We then travelled by coach to another huge area with approximately 10,000 residents with very poor housing and crowded. The main church has a Crèche under the church attended by 200 to 300 children daily. There are two other smaller churches in the area.

Monday 24th

Election of the General Secretary: Each nominee was announced and spoke. Nominees (7) – Doris Machado (Brazil); Lynn Ditlow (USA); Silvi Barghon (France); Maribel Lopez (Guatemala); Hipolito Rosario (Dominican Republic); Ingrid Manzano (El Salvador); Alison McKenzie (Australia).

Election: There were 23 eligible to vote: 1 from each country and 4 International committee members. After two rounds of voting Alison was declared elected with Doris as deputy. Evaluations followed and then came our final liturgy. It was very moving as you can imagine. We began the conference as strangers but ended as friends and confreres.

We have many things to consider for the future of the Laity of the Chevalier Family and much work to do over the next years. The next General Assembly of Laity will be in six years in a country yet to be decided. Guatemala has made an initial offer. It was a wonderful, enriching experience that strengthened my Spirituality of the Heart and my awareness that we are part of a thriving worldwide Movement.

Therese Poulton, OLSH Associate, Sydney, January 2018.



OUR LADY OF APARECIDA.

Queen of Peace and Mirror of Justice, obtain peace for the world, ensure that Brazil and all countries may have lasting peace, that we will always live together as brothers and sisters and as children of God. Our Lady Aparecida, bless all your sons and daughters who pray and sing to you here and elsewhere. Amen.

(Pope Francis)

The Third International Conference of the Laity of the Chevalier Family Brazil, July, 2017

One hundred lay and professed members of the Chevalier Family from nineteen countries gathered together in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in July, 2017. Representatives of the Tri-Generalate of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus were present.

The theme of the conference was: Spirituality Without Borders: Vision and Mission of the Laity of the Chevalier Family. Therese Poulton and I were privileged to be invited to attend as Australian representatives of the Associates of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Fred Stubenrauch and Alison McKenzie, representing the Australian Lay MSC, were invited to present a lecture. We joined with them and Perpetua Haiveta, a representative of the Associates of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Papua New Guinea, to form a regional language group.

Sr. Ancilla was not able to go with us because she was not well. I am very sorry that she missed sharing the experience with us. Unfortunately, due to cancelled flights, Therese and I took a very long thirty six hours to reach Sao Paulo. We missed the official Welcome to all participants on the Monday evening. Our conference began on Tuesday morning. Despite having missed the official welcome, the experience of the warmth and welcome from the host country, Brazil, was overwhelming. In fact, the warmth and welcome were there in all the Chevalier Family participants.

The program for the conference addressed Heart Spirituality, a Spirituality without Borders, and organizational matters, such as changes to the Guidelines, voting for the position of General Secretary and Deputy, and Finances. The program was concerned with both spiritual and practical aspects of belonging to the Laity of the Chevalier Family. Each day's program was enfolded in Prayer, Reflection and the Eucharist. The day began with Prayer and a Reflection prepared by a different country each day. The same country prepared the liturgy for the Eucharist, which was celebrated at the end of the day before we shared an evening meal. The presentations included:

"In what way was Jesus a Border Crosser?" by Sr Merle Salazar FDNCS Tri-Generalate. Jesus crossed borders, removed them and at times created new ones. Jesus was a Lover without Borders!

"Jesus' Image of God and His Spirituality", by Sr Mercy Mejia Benitez MSC Guatemala. Sr Mercy chose Jesus' "I Am" statements to describe Jesus' spirituality. "I am the bread of life". "I am the good shepherd". Sr Mercy invited us to look at our culture of origin and to describe what symbol or image of our own culture could Jesus identify himself with? Why?

"Father Chevalier's Vision: a Mission without Borders" by Fred Stubenrauch and Alison McKenzie, Lay MSC Australia. Fred suggested two questions. *Just what did Jules Chevalier envisage? Has that vision become a reality in a wide sense?*

Fred's conclusion included a quote from an Australian Lay MSC, *"Lay people have a great ministry in this vision/mission; they did not have to undertake any new work; they simply live the devotion in their family and daily life and hence spread the devotion in places clerics cannot go."* So Fred concluded, *"Today we have a great diversity of MSC apostolates across many borders."*

Alison was concerned with the Australian context, in particular Australian young people and how to invite them to cross borders. She asked, *"How do we reach young people who have no particular interest in belonging to church but are spiritually hungry?"*

"Pope Francis and a Spirituality of the Heart" by Sr Marisa FDNCS Brazil. Sr Marisa's lecture was a very comprehensive view of the alignment between Jules Chevalier's vision and mission and that of Pope Francis. A translation of Sr Marisa's presentation states, *"From his election on March 2013, Pope Francis, with his deep spirituality and immense ability to externalize God's infinite love for all, has been inspiring thousands of people throughout the world, especially the Chevalier Family, that we see an opportunity to reaffirm the currentness of our charism and the strength of our spirituality, centered on the love and mercy of the Heart of Jesus."*

"Chevalier and the organization of the Lay Branch of the Chevalier Family" by Fr Hans Kwakman MSC. This was a very detailed lecture on Fr Jules Chevalier's intentions in erecting his Society of the Sacred Heart as being open for religious, secular priests and laity. Much discussion was centred on the Guidelines and the various changes suggested by the laity. I was in awe of those, including Fr. Hans Kwakman MSC, who listened to us, made changes and presented us with a document ready for our vote. This process was smooth and prompt. The document was approved by the participants at the conference.

The document is now called, **"General Guiding Principles and Statutes of the Laity of the Chevalier Family"**. It will be published soon. These Guiding Principles are meant to be basic. This means that every family of national lay groups is free to formulate its own guidelines as long as they remain faithful to the basic orientation of the General Guidelines.

In all the discussions about mission and the future, the desire for an international logo was raised. It was accepted by those present that the logo for the International Meeting become our International logo. The designer has gifted the logo to the Chevalier Family.

A very important task for the conference was to elect a General Secretary and Deputy. The General Secretary of the Laity of the Chevalier Family together with the International Council will have responsibility for overseeing the development and organisation of the Laity of the Chevalier Family. Alison McKenzie from Australia was elected to that position. Her deputy is Doris Machado from Brazil. An International Council will be selected next year [2018].

The Brazilian Laity led us on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida in Sao Paulo, at some distance from the city of Sao Paulo. This year is the three hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Black Madonna in two pieces in the river by fishermen. It is a little black wooden statue of the Immaculate Conception. We attended Mass along with thousands of people on a quiet day! The Basilica is almost as large as St Peter's basilica in Rome. It is very beautiful with lots of brick, mosaics, frescos and carvings on the walls and a beautiful dome, all demonstrating a great devotion to the Madonna.

Our Sunday pilgrimage was exceptional. We visited the Church of the Dead on our way to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church for Mass. What a celebration! Mass was concelebrated by many priests, some from the conference. The music and singing were inspiring. The people were overwhelmingly warm and welcoming. We had lunch there. Then we visited the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Provincial House. We saw the school for disadvantaged people within the convent. More warm welcomes! And singing and food!

We then travelled to the parish of San Miguel. The facilitator for the conference, Fr Alex MSC is the parish priest there. The MSC had asked the bishop if they could have a poor parish. They have been there for two years. I have not seen such a poor area before. There is a huge drug problem. There are seventy thousand people living in the parish. They do not like to be called a *favela* (slum, shanty town). We visited three churches. The churches provide a crèche for children, schooling, and a food bank. The young people are attracted to the churches, and so the priests are fostering this. At the last church, the young people dressed up in country dress and danced in pairs to a bouncy, upbeat band. Again there was a large table laden with food. The young people were happy and seemed to be pleased that we visited them.

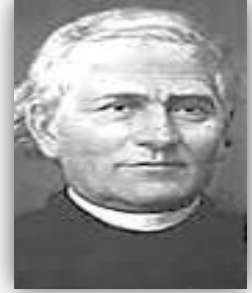
During the conference, some countries entertained us with cultural nights. The Brazilians invited us all to a gaucho spit barbeque night. The meat was beautiful. The last evening was party night. The Brazilians dressed in brightly coloured, country style-clothing. Again, the music was upbeat and there was lots of dancing. The next International Conference of the Laity of the Chevalier Family will be held in six years. The host country has not been decided yet. I will always be grateful to Sr Ancilla and the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart for inviting me to be one of the representatives of the Associates. Spending time with Chevalier Family members from around the world was inspiring and enriching. The sense of belonging was wonderful. My hope for the future is strengthened. To be able to come home and share my experiences and sense of belonging with our Associates here is an immense blessing.

Ellenmary Lomman, OLSH Associate, Adelaide, January, 2018





CHEVALIER FAMILY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATES,

RANI PERERA AND BETH YAGMOOR

who made their Commitment on
28th November, 2017, in the Chapel at OLSH Convent, Bentleigh Victoria.

MARY SPOWART

who made her Commitment on 18th December, 2017,
at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick.

May you be richly blessed as you live out your Charism to be on earth the Heart of Jesus.

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND STATUTES OF THE LAITY OF THE CHEVALIER FAMILY

You have been hearing about the above document for the past few months, and indeed, some groups contributed to its composition by sending in ideas which Therese Poulton and Ellenmary Lomman took to the General Assembly in Brazil when the final document was formulated. The document has now been translated into the main languages spoken by members of the Chevalier Family. In order to begin to put the Document into practice each country has been asked to develop a **National Council** that includes representatives from groups associated with:

- MSC priests and Brothers
- MSC Sisters
- OLSH Sisters

On Sunday 4th March, a representative group of MSC and OLSH Laity of the Chevalier Family will meet at Douglas Park to begin the task of reflecting on, discussing and unpacking the Document to work out its implications for the Australian context. Of course, you will all be informed of the resulting decisions and the ongoing work of the National Council once it has been set up. Please keep all these things in your prayers. Father Chevalier must be very pleased to see his dream being realized ever more fully.

AUSTRALIAN OLSH ASSOCIATES' LEADERSHIP TEAM.

For some years now the Associates' Leadership Team has been composed of two Lay Associates, Mrs Therese Poulton and Miss Janet Clarke, and three Sisters, Marilyn Knolder, Theresa Coleman and Ancilla White. As our dear Sr Marilyn Knolder has died and Sr Theresa Coleman has joined the Community at St Joseph's Aged Care Facility, Kensington, it has been necessary to restructure the Leadership Team.

Mrs Ellenmary Lomman (Adelaide) has joined Mrs Therese Poulton (Mascot) and Miss Janet Clark (Mittagong) as Lay Associates of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on the Leadership Team.

Sisters Claudette Hiosan and Therese McNamara have joined Sr Ancilla as the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on the Team.

Please pray for the team members as they launch into this new and exciting chapter in the history and life of the Associate Movement.

DEEP GRATITUDE

This is an opportunity to thank ***Sr Theresa Coleman*** for her untiring, generous and devoted work with the Associates over many years. Her wise and gentle presence has always been an inspiration to all to whom she has ministered. Those fortunate enough to have been on the Issoudun Pilgrimages with Sr Theresa will never forget the wonderful experiences that Sister Theresa prepared and organized for them. May God bless you abundantly, dear Theresa, as you enter into a new chapter in your life of consecrated love.

FOR YOUR DIARY



ASSOCIATES ANNUAL RETREAT WEEKEND.

St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park.

Friday 6pm, 19th October – Sunday 21st October

Booking Forms available from

Sr Ancilla 0296621777

SOME THOUGHTS FROM FATHER CHEVALIER ON MARY.

As Jesus was lifted up on the cross, he gave Mary to us as our Mother
and placed in her heart an immense love for us.

(Meditations 11, p 671 f.)

The weaker we see ourselves, the more tempted we find ourselves,
the more we should trust in the love and protection of Mary.

(OLSH, p.121)

Mary is the hope of those who no longer hope;
the safe harbour for those who have suffered shipwreck.

(OLSH, p 206 f.)





We Remember Our Beloved Deceased

Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Sr Marilyn Knolder, Sr Berenice Twohill, Sr Paulita Choi, Sr Damian Philben (St Joseph's Kensington)
Sr Anne Hibunon, Sr Madeleine Fl'1 (Boroko, PNG)
Sr Mathilde Roerig (Issoudun), Sr Gertrude Pasqualina (Rome), Sr Christina Itinraoi (Kiribati),
Sr Veronika Lolonlu (Indonesia), Sr Albert Marie Bollen (Holland) Sr Maria Angela Castilho (Brazil)

MSC

Fr John Shallvey (St Joseph's Kensington)

OLSH Associates

Dorothy Forsyth (Bentleigh)

Relatives and Friends

Leo O'Sullivan, Brother Lucius, Esperanzo Baroro, Corrie Koning, Kathleen Webster, Bob David, Audrey Purcell, George, Agnes McCabe, Anthony Jahja, Betty Richards, Martin Leiby, Lucille Kane, Benda Frawley, Cath Gale, Margaret Long, Roma Frisk, Julian (aged 7), Armin Roth, Georgette and Baby Aziz, Ron Field, Apolonio and Leonor Oliva, Olivia Herrera, Harry Richardson, Arthur Haddad, Anthony McDonald, Sr Bridie O'Connell RSJ, Fr Eugene McCaffrey OCD, Fr Dennis Sheehan, Sheila's son, Aileen Gallagher's Grandson's wife.

We Remember Our Sick and Those in Need of Our Prayers

Purcell Family, Joanne Sharp, Ann Kendall, Graham Haddock, Barbara and Damien (cancer), Phyllis David, Janine James, Frances Lloyd, Esme Elefante, Tine Schrouer, Grace Corbit, Julie, Sr Bina, Sr Maritina, Brandon Price, Aileen Gallagher's Family, Val Bretherton, Beth Yagmoor, Amanda Nugent, Margaret and John Keen, Jean Tierney, Margaret and John Toye, Michael Jarvis, Evelyn Brown, Jim Gardner, Maria Hribar, Lesley and Graham Cheeseman, Shelly Knoke, Paul and Kathleen Casey, Hazel Bailey, Ros Sexton, Lyn and Peter Small, Paul Hemsley, Fran Bird, Patricia Crampton, Alia White, Sandra Wilson, Kaitlyn McCarthy, Evile Biermann, the Rohingya Refugees, Maureen Cantwell, Dorothy Dobie, Stephen Craddock, Colleen Corcoran, Catherine Turner, Margaret Sleep, Greg Baker, Rayma Weaver, Betty Evans, Kate Ruiz, Fr Lauro, Leslie Howard, Huey May (6 months old), Arlene Deihl, Jesus Arevalo, Jim Bevan Daniells, Mary Nappa, Jerome Hurd, Marie Dashwood, Sandra Haddad, Dorothy Garcia, Chris Hewsley, Tim Gleason, Nita Breen, Joe Griffiths, Br Charles Pasquale, Pam and Tom Stack, Miriam Devitt, John Muellner, Jay, David Moller, Tracy Magno, Maureen Maher, Ray O'Neill, Loimin, Jan and Rob, Pat Garbett, Margaret Quinell, Lana, Dorothy Thomas, Sr Margaret Bird, Ann Jarman, Paula Roberts, Heather Hardy, Aileen Gallagher's great grandson.

We pray in Thanksgiving For:

- For Aileen Gallagher (Bentleigh) on her 95th birthday.
 - The return to health of Paul, Christine, Julie.
- For the presence of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Corinda (Queensland) for 100 years.
 - For keeping Sandra safe.
- For our three new Associates: Rani, Beth and Mary.