

Tidings from

St. Joseph Retreat Center, Cohasset, MA

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THE SPIRIT OF THE CSJ FOUNDING WOMEN

The Retreat Center Team holds a monthly meeting to discuss what we have accomplished and hope to accomplish and what our challenges are, as well as such practical matters as coverage and needs. As we gathered for our June meeting, four women in a circle together, I felt a strong kinship with the Founding women of the Sisters of St. Joseph, sitting in their kitchen in France centuries ago, whose vision, courage and fidelity made it possible for us to gather together here at St. Joseph Retreat Center. I thought of all the challenges they faced, and how they dared to say "yes" even in times of distress. In our own way, we were recreating the scene of the Founding women: sitting together, facing our challenges, working together to further our mission.



Being a part of the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph continues to be a blessing for me. In facing daily challenges at the Retreat Center as well as recent health challenges, I feel deeply aware that I am part of an all-encompassing mission: that of connecting neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God.

The 2011-12 Brochure is now available and the new programs are also online. I am excited by our new offerings and wish that we can serve as many people as possible. We are always grateful for your presence here. In serving in the spirit of the Founding women, we hope that you will feel that spirit when you come to St. Joseph Retreat Center for spiritual renewal.

Jean Martin

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CONTEMPLATIVE SABBATICAL?

Call or visit our website,
www.csjretreatcenter.org for
details on our 34 day Program
February 3 - March 7, 2012



UPCOMING PROGRAMS PLAN AHEAD FOR BEST AVAILABILITY!

DIRECTED RETREATS

July 5 - 11, 2011, September 27 - October 5
October 19 - 27, November 1 - 9,
November 14 - 18, November 25 - 30
*(call for details on other scheduled Directed
Retreats. You may be first on the waiting list!)*

GUIDED RETREAT

September 2 - 8, 2011

MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

John Kerr, CFX

WEEKEND RETREATS

September 9 - 11, 2011

DIRECTED/PRIVATE PRAYER WEEKEND

Maureen Casey, SND, Carol Fitzsimmons, CSJ,
Joan M. McCarthy, CSJ

November 11 - 13, 2011

VISIONS OF THE NIGHT: A STUDY OF DREAMS IN REVELATION AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

Russell Holmes

December 2 - 4, 2011

QUIET ADVENT WEEKEND

Retreat Center Team

MORNINGS OF PRAYER

September 23, 2011

GOD'S AUTUMN GIFT OF AGING

Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ

October 28, 2011

PRAYING WITH MARY: SAYING YES!

Kathleen Short, CSJ

November 21, 2011

GATHERING THE HARVEST: COMING HOME TO GOD

Patricia Boyle, CSJ

TRANSITIONS AND TRANSFORMATIONS

For several years the Retreat Center and Team have been blessed by Joan Duffy, CSJ's gracious presence, expertise and wisdom as a Team member. As of May 1 Joan will now continue to participate in the Retreat Center's mission as a frequent adjunct director and consultant.

On June 13 we delightfully welcomed Karen Sugar to the Team as Secretary. Karen will also continue her reliable service as a Dining Room Assistant.

During the past year many improvements have been made to enhance the property, the ambiance and convenience of guests. These include:

- Pillars, rods, railings on the back porch
- New skylight for ventilation on 3rd floor
- Ceiling fans and lights in 3rd floor rooms
- Luggage racks in every bedroom
- Electrical outlets and food warmers on the kitchen buffet serving table
- Electric heaters in chapel, dining room and living room fireplaces
- Two new outdoor benches
- Chapel refurbishings
- Painting of living room furniture & Room 3
- Varnishing of main stairway railing
- Repair of easels & gift of a white board
- AC unit in kitchen
- New electronic thermostats and covers
- New CD sets and guides for listening

PLEASE COME AND BENEFIT FROM SUCH ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS! "GOD IS WAITING TO BE GRACIOUS TO YOU!"

(Isaiah 30)

Joan M. McCarthy, CSJ

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

What did you like best . . . ?

*"The atmosphere, the hospitality;
it's very homey!"*

*"The feeling of love and acceptance
of all in the midst of silence."*

*"The magnificent setting with its
view of ocean and sky and the
cleanliness."*

"God is everywhere!"

RETREAT CENTER STAFF

Joan M. McCarthy, CSJ, *Director*
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