

Bridges

January 27, 2012

Religious of Jesus and Mary

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FROM THE PROVINCE OFFICE:

January 30th: Sisters Eileen and Margaret return from mtgs. in Miami, Florida.

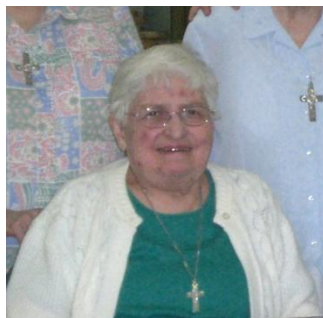
Sr. Rita Ricker joined the meetings yesterday to add the element of Quest. Sr. Janet reported the news of the meetings have been very beneficial and productive. A more in depth report will be in future Bridges. We wish everyone safe travels on their journey back to Haiti.

Please Pray for God's healing for...

all our RJM Sisters, families, friends and benefactors in need of God's healing, especially **Sr. Janet Stolba** who will be having "in and out" knee surgery on Monday, January 30th. She will be on crutches for a while and will attempt to come to the office.

Please Pray for God's eternal peace for...

our beloved **Sr. Annette Vanasse**, who passed away peacefully Wednesday, January 25th. Her wake was this morning, followed by Mass celebrating her Life at St. Martha's Church, Plainville, MA, and **Sr. Muriel Nadeau** who passed peacefully on Thursday, January 26th. As soon as arrangements are made for Sr. Muriel, we will let you know.



Sr. Vanasse



Sr. Nadeau

Of Interest

From Sr. Laura Dulude

As requested in last week's BRIDGES, I submit the following information for those who may be interested.

Genesis Retreat Center, located in Westfield, MA has a variety of quality programs. In July, Michael Morwood is presenting a 6 day guided retreat entitled: GOD, JESUS AND PRAYER IN A NEW STORY OF THE UNIVERSE. Michael is the author of *Tomorrow's Catholic* and *Praying a New Story*. Edwina Gateley, internationally know retreat director, is directing a 6 day program entitled MOTHERS, SISTERS AND DAUGHTERS: STANDING ON THEIR SHOULDERS.

More info can be found on the Genesis Center Website: www.genesiscenter.us

LCWR Occasional Papers Winter 2012

This issue focuses on the deep transformation that needs to occur so that we can be open to perceiving “the new” – whether the new be in our understandings of the world, life, the church, faith, religious life, etc. What does it take to live in the world today where much of what seemed certain and secure is no longer such, and where divisions in ways of thinking and perceiving seem to be separating us? What is it that the world needs from women religious at this unique time? Articles include:

Re-membered in Darkness: A Shift Recognized, Realized and Released

Mary Ann Zollmann, BVM shares a contemplative reflection on the experiences that have shaped her and how those experiences impact her leadership.

A Call to Transformation

In an interview, **Maricarmen Bracamontes, OSB** speaks of the unique challenges and opportunities facing women religious during these crucial times of major transformation.

Readying Ourselves for Change

Mary Jacksteit of the Public Conversations Project offers insights on how to best create an openness to new ideas within ourselves and our communities.

What Have You changed Your Mind About?

LCWR members **Patricia McDermott, RSM**; **Patricia Crowley, OSB**; **Laura Bufano, CSJ**; and **Mary Ellen Dougherty, SSND** reflect on the experience of shifting their thinking about significant concepts.

Pooling the Power of Goodness to Create Change

Exhibition designer and producer **Nancy Seruto** offers insights on what the world might most need from women religious as we move into the future.

Our Time is Now

Catherine Bertrand, SSND and **Barbara Stanbridge, IHM** share ideas on religious life leadership from the perspective of newer religious.

If you would like a copy (with permission) of any of these articles, contact Ruby Robertson. To read the current issue of the LCWR Newsletter, click on the following link [February 2012](#).



Birthday wishes to all our Sisters who are celebrating birthdays in February, especially Sr. Irene Rheume who turns 100.

Sandra Salazar	February 2	Catherine McIntyre	February 20
Ampelia Acuna	February 3	Irene Castonguay	February 25
Rosemary Nicholson	February 7	Irene Rheume	February 28
Priscilla Lemire	February 10		

Loving and gracious God,
You can make miracles with most unpromising means:
A universe from nothing,
A nation from withered Abraham and Sarah,
The mother of our Savior from a simple country girl.
We offer ourselves, with all our impairments and imperfections.
Make miracles with us.
This we pray through Jesus who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Praised forever be Jesus and Mary!

The Miami, Florida meeting closing prayer