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Religious Formation Conference

“REJOICE! God’s Tomorrow Beckons” was the title of the Religious Formation Conference which was held in Pittsburgh, PA, from November 5 – 7, 2015. Sisters Patricia Mennor and Maryanne Tracey were in attendance. Both keynote speakers, Daniel Groody, CSC, and Janet Mock, CSJ, were very informative and enlightening regarding where God is leading us in the future.

Groody spoke of migration as a highly complex situation. People are migrants because they are in precarious economic and political situations and are on the move to find work. Presently there are 232 million migrants in the world - that is one in every seven people who are in search of a better life. He challenged us with the question, “How are we going to respond to this as religious?” He left us with much to ponder.

Janet Mock challenged us to be faithful to the grace that God has laid before us and to respond to this grace by going out to the edge to minister to those in need. She encouraged us not to concentrate on the negative, but to live our religious commitment with Hope and Humility.



Sisters Maryanne Tracey, Ellen Dauwer and Patricia Mennor pose for a picture after Sister Ellen was introduced as the new Executive Director of the Religious Formation Conference at their Conference in Pittsburgh.

This Conference was special for Sisters Patricia and Maryanne because at the Opening Prayer of the Conference, Sister Ellen Dauwer, SC, was introduced to those assembled as the new Director of the Religious Formation Conference effective January, 2016. It was with pride and joy that Sisters Patricia and Maryanne were able to welcome her in the name of the Congregation.

SOUP AND SUPPER

The Vocation/Formation office held its first Soup and Supper dinner and sharing on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, in room 110 at the Motherhouse. I joined 15 College of Saint Elizabeth students and six Sisters in an evening of dinner and sharing stories. Sister Dolores Lew shared her long and crooked pathway to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth - her vocation to serve God, through God’s people, in medicine and the

poor. She summed it up: “I know God led me to the Sisters of Charity.”

Following her story, the group embarked on an animated discussion including questions and clarifications. We all found it meaningful enough to want to continue monthly the sharing of our combined pathways thru life’s journeys.

Sister Kathy Clementz

World Meeting of Families



Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC, Executive Director of the National Religious Vocation Conference, Sister Maryanne Tracey, and Sister Deborah Borneman, SSCM, Program Director of the National Religious Vocation Conference, pause for a moment while greeting families at the Family Conference in Philadelphia at the end of September.

From September 22nd to 24th, Sister Maryanne Tracey had the opportunity to visit Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. There was excitement in the air, as Pope Francis would be arriving in two short days! She spent her time working at the National Religious Vocation Conference Booth in the Marketplace, where many other exhibits were open for all to see. The sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill were welcoming hosts, and Sister Maryanne stayed in their comfortable community during her time there. One evening, Sister visited Cafe Francis, a meeting place for young adults and religious men and women, and shared a simple dinner with people from all backgrounds and ages. Vocation speakers came to give talks on Religious Life, and afterwards, everyone spent time together as a community. The attendees were from all over the world – many states in America, as well as Africa, South America, and Mexico. Sister Maryanne is honored to have shared this unforgettable experience with many new friends, and to have represented the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth.

Catherine Bialkowski, CSE '18

Coming Soon! Coming Soon!

One of a Kind!



The Vocation/Formation Office in conjunction with the Communication Office is publishing a coloring book featuring our very own Mother Mary Xavier Mehegan, SC. The books will be available very soon and are designed for children in grades three through five. A “hundred thousand Thank You’s” to Sister Anne Haarer for her creativity, design and artwork, and to Donna Sartor and Sister Noreen Neary for their creative and archival contributions.

The books will be available to elementary schools, hospitals, CCD programs and to our Sisters and Seton Associates who would like to give one to family members who are age appropriate. It really is a masterpiece.

