

# IN Formation - Vocation SCN9

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## Summer Service Project Report on Year of Consecrated Life



*Francesca Perrupato*

The Year of Consecrated Life activities include three open houses: one in February, one in the summer, and one in September. The focus of the February program was on community; the focus of the

The group was well integrated with Sisters and Associates as they worked side by side on the weekend in their various projects. They participated in liturgy on Saturday evening as well as in the meals together.



*Denise Cooper*

In August the group of nine students will be invited to join the Vocation/Formation team as well as the other Sisters present on the service weekend for an ice cream social at the start of school. There will also be an opportunity to ascertain the interests and needs of the students in further spiritual and/or social programs or offerings from the Sisters of Charity.

summer is service/ministry; and the focus of the September day is prayer.

The summer service project took place on Memorial Day weekend at Maris Stella. Sister Diane Collesano accompanied nine College of Saint Elizabeth students for a cleanup weekend. The group gathered at the outset for prayer and a blessing on their time together. Sister Diane orientated them to Maris Stella and its place in the mission of the Sisters of Charity.

Sister Ellen Dauwer

## *Ask Me About My Tattoo*

It's not every day two Sisters and a Seton Associate go off together and return with a tattoo!

That's what happened when Sister Elise Gittrich, Sister Maryanne Tracey and Rosemary Carroll attended the Federation's Formation Personnel Committee Meeting in Moncton, Canada last spring.

Out of sight – or oversight – of the Motherhouse, the trio cast their inhibitions aside and got inked –

each with the same, identical tattoo!

They still sport the image and, if you watch them closely, you can tell it's there. Many have seen it without realizing it!

Turns out, the image is not so unusual nor is it unique to them. In fact, those of you reading this now probably have the same tattoo!

What is it? You'll find the answer somewhere in this newsletter!!

## Sister Regina Engages Students Through Song

Joe Cunder, a friend of mine, teaches fourth grade students who attend Religious Education instruction weekly at Queen of Peace School in New Providence. Last year, he told me that the youngsters were anxious to learn about Sisters. They said they had never seen a Sister. He told them that he knew a Sister and would ask her (me) to come sometime and speak to them. That is how I became involved giving a vocation talk to Religious Education students.

My first visit was in April, 2014. The group consisted of both girls and boys, so I also included information regarding the priesthood (seminarians, etc.). The children were very attentive. I began by teaching them the refrain of a song I had composed: "Come, follow Me." I sang the verses and they sang the refrain. I accompanied them on a mini keyboard. They enjoyed the music at the beginning of the class.

Sister Maryanne had provided materials for me to distribute at the end of the presentation. I emphasized that although they felt they had never seen a Sister, they really had, but did not recognize them because now many Sisters do not wear a veil or distinctive dress or suit, as I do. The Sisters of Charity (may choose) have a choice.

My most recent visit was this past May. I spoke to another group of fourth graders who also were very interested in what I shared. Joe told me that on the last day of class, he asked them what was the most special experience of the year. They agreed that my talk on a religious vocation was the most impressive! The Holy Spirit was responsible for that, I'm sure.

I am scheduled to visit the school again in October and am looking forward to it.

Sister Regina Bernard McCartney



## STOP AND PRAY DURING THE DAY

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**  
**Sisters of Charity Motherhouse**

**Praying the Legacy of the  
Sisters of Charity  
A Year of Consecrated Life  
Event**

**Beginning at 8:45 a.m. -  
Participate in some or all of the  
prayer opportunities  
Come and go as you please!**

**More details to follow  
[www.SCNJ.org](http://www.SCNJ.org)  
or call 973-290-5325**

**Tattoo answer:** After spending time in prayer and spiritual conversation, our Convent trio realized they have the name of Jesus tattooed on their hearts. It's indelible and colors all of their actions toward others.

## ***Martin Book Stirs Discussion of Jesus***

Eight women joined Sisters Elise Gittrich and Maryanne Tracey on Tuesday evening, June 23, to discuss James Martin's Book *Jesus*.

Their book review led to a deeply spiritual conversation as the 10 participants shared their personal understanding of and relationship with Jesus.

One of the women had just returned from a trip to the Holy Land and her description of walking in the footsteps of Jesus and other experiences there enriched the conversation. Others who also had been to the Holy land at one time brought photographs and other artifacts to pass around.

The group will meet again to discuss Part II of the book on Wednesday, August 19, 2015.