



Vocation and Mission Engagement

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Vocations

The Gift of Mission is an interactive vocation awareness program, which is brought to young people through the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC). The vision of the NRVC is “to set the world ablaze with the fire of God’s love through the prophetic, joyful witness of religious sisters, brothers, and priests as radical disciples of Jesus.” This program, in practice since 2010 was suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, at the current time, as Covid subsides in some areas, members of the NRVC were asked to revive the program and they responded positively to an invitation to present about their religious vocations.

Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC and Shannon Hoffman were part of a Vocation Team who presented a Program to 18 students from Villa Joseph Maria High School in Southampton Pennsylvania. The students were excited to learn about the wide variety of vocational ministry opportunities that are available to them.



Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC (far left) and Shannon Hoffman (far right) are pictured with students and other presenters at Villa Joseph Maria High School.



Nancy Costello, Shannon Hoffman, and Sister Maryanne Tracey met at Villa Joseph Maria High School.

Joy of Sox

Shannon and Sister Maryanne were delighted to meet their friend, Nancy Costello at the Vocation event at Villa Joseph Maria High School. Nancy and her husband Tom founded the non-profit organization Joy of Sox. This organization, located in Radnor, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia, was created because the couple became aware that it is rare for people experiencing homeless to receive socks.

We will be traveling to Joy of Sox to volunteer for the day on May 13, 2022 from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. To join us please contact Shannon shoffman@scnj.org or Sister Maryanne mtracey@scnj.org

Catholic Sisters Week

Catholic Sisters Week is an annual celebration which began in 2014 to honor woman religious. This year as part of the celebration, we asked the staff of our sponsored ministries of Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth and the Seton Associates to share the ways that the sisters have touched their lives. Below are a small sample of the posts that were shared on social media:

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"I was blessed have had Sister Alberta Keuhlen, SC, in my life for over 20 years. She loved being a Sister of Charity and was my Seton Associate sponsor."
- Anne Marie Civinskas, Seton Associate



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"The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth have touched our lives in so many different ways. It is an honor and a privilege to stand by them as Seton Associates and carry on their Charism of Charity." - Valerie Arrabito and Mary Fiervo

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"It has been a joy to work with the Sisters of Charity at St. Joseph's Health in Paterson, NJ, for 20 years! They are a constant reminder of God's love."
- Susanne Palombo, Director, APH and Integrated OP Treatment, Harbor House
Susanne is also a Seton Associate of the Sisters of Charity. Pictured here with her sponsor, Sister Patricia Mennor, SC

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"We are so grateful to have Sister John Mary Tierney, SC, in our lives. She is that rare human being who always has a kind word and love to share with all."
- Mikki Manno, Seton Associate

March 8-14, 2022 Pictured is Sister John Mary (center) with her grandniece Micayla and Mikki.

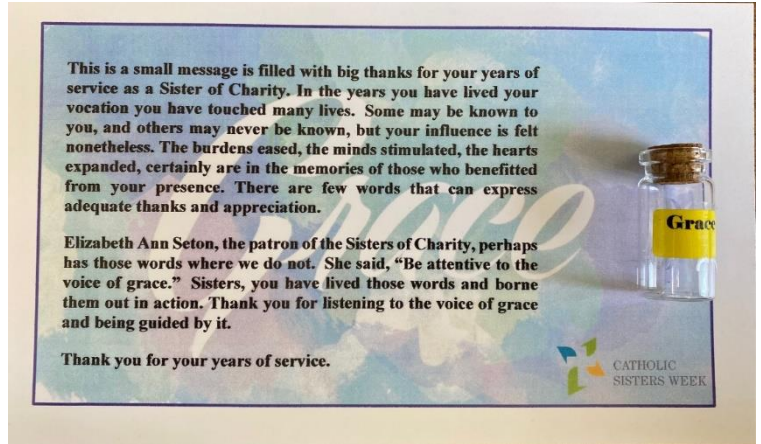
Sisters of Charity and Seton Associates meet in a monthly SC Ecospirituality Reflection Group. At this meeting we reflected on food – one of the most important ecological decisions we make is what we put on our plate.

*Caring for Earth
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In appreciation of the Sisters and their many accomplishments, employees and co-workers of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth gathered in the Motherhouse to honor and celebrate our Sisters during Catholic Sisters Week.



Sister Regina McCartney and John DiMucci led our musical celebration with Let There be Peace on Earth.



Bread of Life Sandwich Ministry

On March 21, 2022 student members of *Toward Boundless Charity* at The Academy of Saint Elizabeth worked together to make 100 sandwiches in record time. These sandwiches were added to the sandwiches made by sisters, employees, friends, and Seton Associates to total 593, possibly our highest collection, so far!

Seton Associate Megan Knight, the TBC coordinator for the Academy, spearheads the Academy sandwich ministry.



Students from the Academy donated their time and talent to make sandwiches for those facing food insecurity.



The sandwich ministry serves several food banks throughout northern New Jersey. Should you wish to participate contact Shannon Hoffman.



Seton Associates Megan Knight and Kimberly Borin are shown here making sandwiches.



Sister Gloria O'Brien pours water on the newly planted tree in celebration of Earth Day.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The Sisters of Charity and Partners in Mission, the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, and Saint Elizabeth University - three communities that share this common land with soil, water, trees and plants, and other animal creatures planted a tree in celebration of and for our Earth. The theme of Earth Day 2022 is *Invest in Our Planet: What Will You Do?*



Shannon Hoffman and Sister Maryanne Tracey at St. John's University.



On a very cold and damp day in April, Shannon Hoffman and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC joined 25 other Religious Communities of men and women, on a large lawn at Saint John's University in Jamaica, New York, for a Vocation rally.

While the day was cut short because of the weather, it was great to bond with so many Religious from other Congregations and at the same time reach out to the young people on campus.

Golden Opportunities . . .



The **Evening Seton Associate Meetings** held at Convent Station will resume on **Thursday, May 19, 2022**. Join us at 5:30 pm for supper followed by the meeting from 6:00 – 7:00. We are looking forward to seeing those of you who live in the area at this meeting. If you are able to join us, please reply to shoffman@scnj.org or mtracey@scnj.org by May 16th.

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