

Sisters of St. Joseph
Care of the Charism Implementation Team
Team Notes July 30, 2017
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Present: Barbara Johnston, Bernadette Carlow, Barbara Czynnik, Carol Ann Ziecina (via phone), Carolyn Bodenschatz, Christine Kresho (via phone), Dorothy Pashuta, Jean Uzupis, Judith Maroni, Mary Elizabeth Brush, Mary Margaret Doorley (via phone), Paula Drass, Rita Murillo, Sandy Yost, Sharon Costello, Valerie Zottola (via phone)

The meeting opened with prayer and shared reflection. Sr. Rosemarie Schwartz was remembered in prayer.

The committee met as a whole.

Congregational Update

There are no new updates other than recent Congregational mailings.

19th Annotation

Paula and Carolyn reported that the sisters working on the 19th Annotation will plan the Assembly Retreat. The retreat is the step-off to the year of prayer and preparation for Chapter 2018 with a theme related to “Consciousness of God’s Love.” The Charism Team will not be involved in this planning process. Kathy Wray will oversee the anticipated liturgy along with any music needs for the retreat day and prayer sequences for the assembly. However the Charism Prayer Subcommittee may be needed to plan the Assembly prayer sequences. **Paula and Carolyn** will keep us informed. The prayer subcommittee identified dates to meet in case they are needed.

CSJA Invitational Letter

Judith reported that Karen resigned from the team because she will be on sabbatical for the next several months. Karen indicated that she did make the suggested edits to the CSJA invitational letter and will forward it when she finds it. Karen is in the process of moving her office. Judith expressed gratitude for all that Karen contributed to the work of the Charism team.

Charism Implementation Team Report to Assembly 2017 and to Chapter 2018

Team members then entered into a discussion of what needed to be included in a report to the Assembly including an overview of what has been accomplished, what is unfinished, and ongoing work recommendations. The report to the Assembly is to be 10 minutes in length.

Ideas shared to be included in the report included:

- Charism is an intangible entity to describe. It is more subjective than practical and is not, for the most part, a task to be completed.
- The published “Framing Our Meetings” card proved to be significant in assisting us as a Congregation to keep Charism central to what our purpose and discussion in meetings.
- Recommend that we as a Congregation be more intentional in bringing the Charism to our awareness in our daily living.
- We carried through with planning the prayer sequences for community meetings since 2015 making the charism the focus of our prayer.

- Charism resources were compiled and filed in the community library; these materials can be made available to the Federation web site. The wooden CHARISM BOX is in place in the library holding Charism materials.
- We used the “Approach to Charism Wheel” adopted at the 2013 Chapter of Affairs as a means to broaden our sense of Charism to include vowed members, associates, benefactors, co-workers, ministries, volunteers, and board members
- Recommend to Chapter that with Charism as the central focus we advance a mission integration approach in Spirituality Center programs, along with the Ignatian approach to spirituality
- We once talked about doing a kind of Charism guide booklet to help keep Charism intentional. A recommendation was made to do something easily accessible rather than a booklet.
- Might there be a way to do more with the card Anne Clifford did on nonviolence with a charism intention?
- We began our team work together with a retreat day that grounded us in Charism. This led to initiating an annual assembly retreat day that centered us in our foundational documents and drew us together communally. The first retreat in 2015 included the NRRO planning consultants as a way to introduce them to who we are and understand the foundation upon which we stand.
- At each meeting we began with contemplative prayer and sharing. At almost every meeting we shared, discussed, and clarified the meaning of Charism that came from the heart and our desire to live the charism with all whom we ministered. We emphasized that we do not own the charism, that it simply is and that it is important for us to recognize the charism in others.
- We desire to keep charism intentional and to look through the lens of charism in mission and ministry supporting it in others
- We created take-away items such as: prayer cards, retreat cards, wordles, book marks
- The question was posed as to whether we need to have a separate Charism Implementation Team versus having the intentional Charism perspective integrated into whatever structures come out of Chapter 2018.
- We recommend continued effort to keep charism consciousness active with intentionality in all aspects of mission and ministry, as well as in our congregational planning.

Judith then shared a rough draft of what she gleaned from reviewing minutes from team meetings, some of which was included in the above team sharing. (See Attached)

Additional Discussion

We affirmed the many ways our sisters have intentionally carried charism into their ministries and the creative ways they have communicated and supported the charism of union in their relationships with others.

Tasks

Judith and Jean will work on synthesizing the material for the report to the Assembly.

Sandy will work with Jean and Judith in putting together a power point of the information for presentation at the Assembly.

Carolyn and Paula will let us know if we can assist in planning the prayer frame for the Assembly.

Sandy will edit Carol Ann’s posted Maxim Reflections to “Care of the Charism Maxim Reflections” and will delete “Sabbath Reflections”

Subcommittees

Resources & Processes: **Sandy’s** work with the Federation in an effort to gather charism resources for inclusion on the Federation web site is completed. **Barbara J.** has more material that can be filed in the community library that is not directly related to charism such as material from formation conferences. She will work with Mary Ann Siedlarczyk for inclusion of this material in the library.

Formation in the Charism: No report for this meeting.

Prayer: May assist with planning the prayer sequences for Assembly 2017.

Next meeting

Jean offered that our next meeting be a time of celebration for the graces we have received by being members of the Care of the Charism Implementation Team. Everyone agreed with Jean.

Mary Elizabeth offered to host a pot luck luncheon at **St. Augustine Plaza on Sunday, October 1st at 1:00 pm.** She will email a “will bring” sign-up list to us soon.

Prayer leader for the next meeting: Barbara J. and Bernadette

Next meeting: October 1, 2017, 1:00 PM at St. Augustine Plaza.

Please notify Jean to be zoomed in.

Meeting Format—Enjoy and Celebrate the Graces