

Saint Joseph Excellence Award

Over the course of the past two years, we have recognized several individuals for their dedication to the Sisters of St. Joseph by going above and beyond the scope of their job – and by demonstrating the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph in all that they do. We are pleased to announce the fall 2017 recipients of the St. Joseph Excellence Award.

Bill Nerone (*Finance*) – Bill recently transitioned into his new role as the Director of Finance and during that transition, he managed the office in a professional and dedicated manner. Bill maintained the functions of the office amid the transition of not only his position, but defining and recruiting a new position. Bill has been described as a true “partner in mission” with the Sisters. Congratulations Bill!



Jill Snyder (*Housekeeping*) – Jill's calming presence and willingness to always help wherever and however needed was the focus of her nomination. She puts the needs of the Sisters before her own and never gives the impression that she is being inconvenienced when asked for help with a specific need. Jill truly demonstrates her commitment to the mission and charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph! Congratulations Jill!



Karyn Zaffuto (*Administration*) – During the early months of 2017, while both the Finance and Human Resources offices were transitioning, Karyn offered assistance to both Bill and Allie and was an essential part of keeping projects going. For example, Karyn worked closely with Bill in preparing budget materials, including updating the format of the forms. She also assisted Allie with the overwhelming amount of mail received on a regular basis. Her generous assistance helped to ensure seamless transitions of activities. Congratulations Karyn!

As we move into 2018, we will be sun-setting the St. Joseph Excellence Award and developing a new employee recognition program. As the details of the program are designed, we will share the information with all staff. In the meantime, please know that the Sisters are ever grateful for the dedication and commitment from our staff!

Sisters and staff bid a fond farewell to retiring employee



After nearly 15 years of employment with the Sisters of St. Joseph, it was a bittersweet goodbye to Roxanne Kisiday as she retired November 2nd. A morning gathering of fellowship and farewell was celebrated in the Dining Room. Colleagues and Sisters shared stories of Roxanne's kind, caring demeanor and her commitment and dedication to a job above and beyond well done for each Sister she assisted on the Supportive Living floors.

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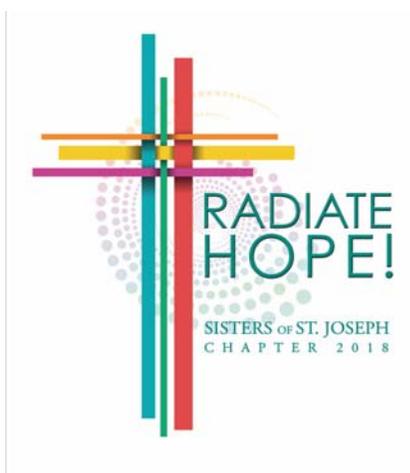
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Dear Staff,

You may have noticed the large logo displayed on an easel in the Motherhouse Dining Room. The logo depicts multiple colored crosses and circles in a swirl with the words, **RADIATE HOPE!**

This symbol and message will inspire our Sisters as they prepare for Chapter 2018, which begins this summer. You may recall that Chapter, a sacred and significant gathering of all Sisters, is held every five years to set goals for the next five years and to elect a new Leadership Team.

In our planning discussions on a Chapter theme, the word **HOPE** emerged over and over again. We asked ourselves, "What gives us hope?" We turned to Christ who by his death and resurrection offers us **HOPE** during times of both joy and sadness.



The cross of Christ appears prominently in the logo. The various colors illustrate diversity and inclusion, and the woven effect symbolizes the "contemporary" lace of the Congregation. The crosses, too, are multi-layered to give the illusion of the depth of God's grace.

Emanating from the background is a swirl of colored dots. This is designed to show not only the outreach of Christ's hope, but also the outreach of the Sisters and Associates to the "dear neighbors." It stretches openly and outwardly, a sign of the continuation of the Congregation's mission.

No matter where we are in history and what challenges we face, our Sisters strive to **RADIATE HOPE** - to love and serve God and our neighbors near and far. As we move toward Chapter and map out a future full of **HOPE**, we are grateful for your prayers of support.

It is our prayer that you, too, will **RADIATE HOPE** in your family and work life and be inspired by the words of Pope Francis:

*"There are difficult moments in life, but with HOPE
the soul goes forward and looks ahead to what awaits us."*

Sister Barbara Sister Diane Sister Mary Sister Sharon

New(er) faces you may see at the Motherhouse

We have been fortunate to recently welcome several new employees this past quarter. We are blessed to have them share their time and talents with the Sisters, staff, and community. Say “hello” to Kathy and Amanda!

Kathy Fletcher Wray (*Spirituality Director/Worship Coordinator*) God’s cleverness never ceases to amaze me! I believe many around the motherhouse know that I was once a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and have maintained that connection over 30 years, even as I became a wife and a mother. I’m so happy to be back in this new capacity. Me? My husband, John, and I live in Washington County, a mere 40 miles from here! We spend a lot of time working around our 3 acres, farming, tending gardens, repairing tractors, fixing barn roofs...you know... farm stuff. We love it. Two of our kids, Mary and John, live and work in the D.C. area and our youngest, Sarah, is a teacher in our Catholic School system. We’re so grateful that each one is engaged in meaningful, satisfying work. This photo is from a recent family wedding. Thanks to all who have made me feel so welcome and have answered all my questions!



Amanda Krampy (*HR/Benefits Representative*) If you stop by my desk, I will show a photo of my most-loved people, Paige (7) and Jack (4), and gladly share a humorous anecdote about Paige’s love of cats and Jack’s penchant for all things with wheels. These two keep me busy, grounded, and grateful. When I’m not wrangling Jack or helping Paige with second-grade homework, you will likely find me snuggled on my couch browsing Pinterest for Holiday crafts, shopping at Target, or planning a weekend adventure with friends. Life is best lived in experiences, and I attempt to capture those stories in picture. A former photographer turned hobbyist, I so

enjoy sharing my creative talents with friends and families, snapping photos of the real moments of life. Thank you for the warm welcome back! I am very grateful for the opportunity to return to the Motherhouse for this new phase of career and life!

Employee picnic brings Sisters and Staff together

S for Spectacular. T for Talented. R for Reliable. Just a few descriptions chosen by Sisters to recognize employees at the annual summer picnic held September 6th. These words were on display in Medaille Hall where board games, art projects, and fellowship were also on display. Many showed their creativity by painting rocks for the "Beaver County Rocks" project where decorated rocks are hidden for others to find the inspirational messages. The rocks created at the picnic were displayed in the Dining Room recently. The back lawn was open and there were lawn games and snacks for the afternoon. An exceptionally hot and humid day, many chose to retreat to the cool of the indoors and hold a friendly competition with traditional games like checkers, Othello, and scrabble. Thank you to everyone who took part. We look forward to a rematch of fellowship and fun at the Christmas Luncheon.



Christmas luncheon scheduled and charity partner chosen

This year's Christmas Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, December 6th** from 11am - 1pm here at the Motherhouse. Mark your calendars for this annual event focusing on the gratitude and goodwill of the season. We are planning elements of faith, food, and fun. Please join us.

In the weeks leading up to the Luncheon, we hope you will join us in this year's charity partner, The **Foster Love Project**. One of the goals of this local organization is to collect essentials and small comforts to assemble Placement Bags for youth newly placed in foster care. With often short notice of placement, a foster child may arrive with just the clothes he is wearing or possessions in a black trash bag. Through the Foster Love Project, children are given a Placement Bag to "meet basic needs, provide small comforts, and give them something to call their own."

We will be sharing information about the Foster Love Project's mission (www.fosterlove.org) and ways you can donate to our Placement Bag drive in the upcoming weeks.

