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Make a Difference by Giving

#GIVINGTUESDAY 2021: SCENGAGE

The Offices of Vocation and Mission Engagement, Communications and Development are delighted to report the success of the 2021 #GIVINGTUESDAY campaign. Titled SCENGAGE, the campaign was targeted to reach out and meet critical needs of people in our communities.

The campaign was propelled by social media posts featuring Sisters and employees and used a giving platform that offered an option of text-to-give. Nearly \$27,000 was raised to provide food, shelter and necessary home repairs. Funds were distributed to 20 different agencies.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to #GIVINGTUESDAY and who came together to make the SCENGAGE campaign a great success. Know that your caring and generosity made a real difference in the lives of people in need.

Contributed by: Wendy Relation, Development Director

Recently, Shannon Hoffman and Sister Maryanne Tracey, *Co-Directors of the Sisters of Charity Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement* personally delivered portions of the funds collected on Giving Tuesday to local organizations. Eva's Village, the Father English Food Pantry, and the Haiti Ministry were among those receiving donations.



Eva's Village is a nonprofit, comprehensive behavioral health, and social service organization located in Paterson, New Jersey. Pictured accepting a Giving Tuesday donation are Howard Haughton, Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Kelly, Chief Operating Officer, and Sister Eileen Clifford, SC, member of Eva's Village Board, Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC, and Shannon Hoffman, Co-Directors of the Sisters of Charity Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement presented the donation.



The Father English Food Pantry is located in the heart of Paterson, New Jersey, serving those most in need. The food pantry also supports local food pantries in parishes and diocesan affiliates by filling in gaps where there are needs in the local pantries. The check was presented to Sister Maureen Sullivan, SC and Carlos Roldan, Director of the Food Pantry. Also pictured is Shannon Hoffman and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC.



The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth's current work in Haiti is focused on a commitment to building strong communities. A check was presented to Sister Dianne Moore, SC and Dawn Colapietro, Seton Associate. Also pictured is Shannon Hoffman and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC.



Saint Vincent Academy is a four-year, Catholic, college preparatory school for women located on West Market Street in Newark, New Jersey. A check was presented to Principal Joan Tyburczy. Also pictured is Shannon Hoffman and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC.



The mission of Women Rising, which is located in Jersey City is to assist women and their families achieve self-sufficiency and live safe, productive, and fulfilling lives, through social services, economic development, and advocacy services. The check was presented to Sister Rose Ann Mazzeo, SC by Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC.



Mike Savage accepts a check from Shannon Hoffman and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC for the Sandwich Ministry at Our Lady of Peace Parish in New Providence. This ministry was started to meet the needs of people facing food insecurity due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It has grown dramatically in the past two years.

Josephine's Place, located in Elizabeth New Jersey, works to create a safe, welcoming space where women have access to classes, workshops and programs that enable them to grow in confidence, develop competencies and life skills, realize their potential, and uplift their families, communities, and future generations. Gail Driscoll, the Director of Josephine's Place accepts a check from Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC and Shannon Hoffman.





Campus Kitchen, a community service program at Saint Peter's University, in Jersey City strives to save food that would otherwise be discarded and shares it with people facing food insecurity.

Rebuilding Together Jersey City is an all-volunteer organization that works in collaboration with communities and local businesses to rehabilitate owner-occupied, low-income homes to make them healthy and safe, at no cost to the owner.

Erich Sekel accepts checks for both organizations from Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC and Shannon Hoffman.

Seton Associate Candidates 2022

It is with great joy that we share the following news: Four candidates are presently in the Formation process to become Seton Associates and two Associates are preparing to make a Lifetime Commitment. These enthusiastic men and women, who are on fire with the Charism of Charity, will be engaged in a yearlong formation program. There are several aspects to the program including sessions on prayer provided by Sister Anita Constance, SC, sessions regarding Discernment with Seton Associate Kim Borin, and the history of the Congregation with Sister Noreen Neary, SC. Future sessions will include information on, Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Mother Xavier. Panel discussions by Seton Associates are also included.

It is enriching to be working with these beautiful people and we look forward to the day when we can introduce them to you in person.

The four candidates are:

Catherine Bialkowski from Clifton, New Jersey
Glenn Ciottone from Morris Plains, New Jersey
Kathleen Sweeney from Rahway, New Jersey
Yolanda Kunz from Saddle Brook, New Jersey

The two Candidates who will be making a Lifetime Commitment are:

Lynn Berhalter from Hackensack, New Jersey
Bernadette Caponegro from East Hanover, New Jersey

We ask that you please keep these individuals in your prayers as they continue their journey to become Seton Associates and Lifetime Associates.

In other Seton Associate news, we already have two people interested in joining the Formation Program for next year! If you know anyone who you think might be interested in becoming a Seton Associate, please let us know.

By now you should have received a letter containing the Seton Associate Annual Commitment Renewal. We ask that you complete the form and return it to us by February 22, 2022. You can mail it to the attention of Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement, P.O. Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Julie Scanlon Fund - Update

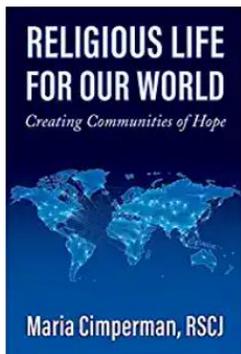
Nadia and Raoul, the couple who came from Haiti to receive healthcare are doing well. They are very happy with their host family who lives about a mile from the hospital. They are also very pleased with the care Nadia is getting at the hospital as the doctors and nurses have gone out of their way to make Nadia feel comfortable, comforted, and cared for. The plan is that Nadia will receive chemotherapy for the next six months followed by surgery and radiation. The doctors are optimistic pending results of CAT scans that will determine if the cancer has metastasized to any other parts of her body. The couple is thinking very positively and is exceedingly grateful to be given the opportunity to receive the care Nadia needs in the United States.

Though all the medical treatment is being provided pro bono, we still have expenses for travel, food, prescriptions, and personal care items. The money we have to raise is \$10,000. We are absolutely delighted to report that we have reached 75% of our goal largely due to the generosity of the Seton Associates through the Julie Scanlon Fund. If you haven't had the opportunity to contribute but would like to please know that it will be appreciated.

Our deepest thanks to each of you for your prayers, clothing donations, gift cards, and financial contributions. You are truly helping to save a life. We will keep you posted.

This update on the Julie Scanlon Fund was shared with us by Dawn Colapietro, Seton Associate and Haiti Ministry Program Director

Reading Group



Sisters and Seton Associates engaged in a discussion regarding the book *Religious Life For Our World*, written by Sister Maria Cimperman during the book club sponsored by the Ongoing Formation Committee. This club met monthly via Zoom and will continue with new selections of books and other media.

Seton Associates Marissa Gioffre and Bernadette Caponegro shared their experience of being a part of this enriching and growth filled program.

"I look forward to book club each month and will miss this time with the Sisters once we finish reading Sister Maria Cimperman's *Religious Life For Our World*. Our conversations, especially on topics that I initially feared might be too uncomfortable or taboo to discuss in a religious community, were candid and gave me so much hope for the future of the Catholic Church and our world." Marissa Gioffre

"The Ongoing Formation Book Club was a wonderful experience. I initially joined because I had a hunger for good reading, something I have missed since my graduation in 2019. Having to attend the monthly meeting, I knew would keep me on point with my commitment. I was gifted with so much more! The sharing and insights of all in the group added so much to the readings. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to the possibility of another book club."

Bernadette Caponegro.

Choose Life: Ongoing Formation Committee invites you to a Lenten Experience. Join us in reading *Let Us Dream. The Path To A Better Future*, written by Pope Francis. To join the reading group please email tnolan@svanj.org by Tuesday, February 18, 2022.

New York Charity Trip

In December the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth as well as Seton Associates traveled to Mount Saint Vincent to enjoy a day of community and prayer with the Sisters of Charity of New York. The meeting emphasized the

Vincentian virtues of Humility, Simplicity, and Charity. The gathering also included the history of both communities as told by Sister Noreen Holly and Sister Mary McCormick in the roles of Mother Mary Xavier and Mother Elizabeth Boyle. The Sisters and Associates were also able to reflect and share with each other the ways in which the Vincentian virtues are alive today.

The Rev. John Duffell presided over the celebration of mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception where our own Patti D’Esmond led the entrance procession carrying a candle. The liturgy also included a renewal of vows for the Sisters of both Congregations as well as commitment renewal for the Seton Associates. At the conclusion of the event Sister Maureen Shaughnessy remarked “The day was superb! From beginning to end we were ‘at home.’ Thanks to all who made it possible. As Father John said, ‘East meets West’ - an historic event!”



Seton Associates Shannon Hoffman, Anne Marie Gardiner, Dawn Colapietro, and Judy Rosenberg at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.



Patti D’Esmond, (left) in the entrance procession.

Celebrating Traditions Changing the World



Catholic Sisters Week
March 8-14, 2022



Choose Life
Ongoing Formation Committee Presents

Join our reading group for Lent as we dive into the writings of Pope Francis and Austen Ivereigh

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
LET US DREAM
THE PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE
POPE FRANCIS

All are welcome!

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| Day Session 2:00 - 3:30 pm (EST) March 9, 23 and April 6th | Night Session 7:00 - 8:30 pm (EST) March 8, 22 and April 5th |
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Please register by emailing
tnolan@svanjan.org
by Tuesday, February 18, 2022

Golden Opportunities . . .

You are
invited to
volunteer...

Summer 2022 Volunteer Opportunities at
Maris Stella on Long Beach Island.
For information contact Sister Mary
Morley, SC at mmorleysc@gmail.com



Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

Bread of Life Sandwich Ministry

SANDWICH DATES 2022

Third Monday of each month

except where indicated *

JANUARY 10*

FEBRUARY 14*

MARCH 21

APRIL 11*

MAY 16

JUNE 20

JULY 18

AUGUST 15

SEPTEMBER 19

OCTOBER 17

NOVEMBER 21

DECEMBER 19

Groups we serve:
Operation Chillout (Veterans Experiencing Homelessness) and through the kindness of Our Lady of Peace Church, the sandwiches are shared with Saint John's Soup Kitchen in Newark, The Salvation Army in Plainfield, Summit Helping its People in Summit, and Saint Joseph's in Elizabeth.

Drop off and pick up options are available in the following capacities:

1. Drop off to Sister Maryanne Tracey at Seton House on Sunday
2. Drop off to the Motherhouse that morning
3. If you are unable to drop off the donations, pick up from your home can be arranged for that morning with prior arrangement.

If possible, please also include a bag of fruit or snacks.

Should you have any questions or to let us know that you or your group can participate please contact Shannon Hoffman at shoffman@scnj.org or 973.290.5336

Thank you for your support of the Sandwich Ministry!

GROUPS WE SERVE

- ST. JOHN'S SOUP KITCHEN IN UNION
- THE SALVATION ARMY IN PLAINFIELD
- SAINTS GUARANT HELPING IT'S PEOPLE
- ST. JOSEPH'S IN ELIZABETH

ST. JOHN'S SOUP KITCHEN
ST. JOSEPH'S
Social Service Center

RECIPE

1 LOAF OF BREAD
2.5 LB OF MEAT
1.5 LB OF CHEESE
SANDWICH BREAD

STEPS

1 - MAKE THE SANDWICHES
2 - PLACE SANDWICH IN THE SANDWICH BAR
3 - PLACE THE SANDWICHES IN THE BREAD BAR AND TIE IT
4 - WASH THE TOP OF SANDWICH AND THE SLIPCASE ON THE BAR

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

Seton Associate
30th
Anniversary Celebration

April 3, 2022

11:00am

Holy Family Chapel

DETAILS ON RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



Thank you to all who assisted us in helping those with food insecurity by making sandwiches and providing fruit or snacks. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. To join this ministry, contact shoffman@scnj.org

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