



our name is our mission
 Associate Sisters of the
GOOD NEWS
 October 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10/22 Fall Area Gathering
 3 p.m. Living Word Center, IL

11/6 Memorial Mass
 2 p.m. Living Word Center, IL

**11/27 Advent Prayer Service
 & Associate Commitment**
 3 p.m. Living Word Center, IL

3/18/17 Day at the Races
 New Orleans Fairgrounds, LA

**3/26/17 Annunciation
 Prayer Service**
 Living Word Center, IL

4/30/17 Jazz Brunch IL

6/26-30/17 Assembly
 Living Word Center, IL

7/1 Jubilee
 10:30 a.m. St. Thomas of
 Villanova Church, Palatine, IL

**2/22-25/2018
 Election Assembly**
 Arlington Hts., IL

Chioma's First Profession of Vows

Sister Chioma Ahanihu's Profession of First Vows took place on Saturday, September 24th at the Living Word Center.

It was a beautiful ceremony attended by over 100 guests including Chioma's mother, Maria Ahanihu and her two sisters, Sylvia Iwejuo and Mavis Ahanihu. Chioma's mother came from Nigeria for this ceremony.

In the picture above (from left to right) are: Sylvia Iwejuo, Father Kenneth Oguzie, Chioma and her mother, Maria, her sister Mavis and Father Peter Opara.

The Priests are from Chioma's village, Mbaise, Nigeria.

Chioma will visit her Nigerian home in November and December. Presently she is studying Spanish at the Mexican American College in San Antonio Texas.

We bless you Chioma and praise God for your presence among us as a Sister of the Living Word.

Illinois Associates to Make Commitment



You are invited to attend the Advent Prayer Service scheduled for Sunday, November 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the Living Word Center (IL) and being planned by Sisters Joanne Fedewa, Barbara Mass and Kris Vorenkamp. The Associates in formation are discerning their commitments and are pictured at left.

Associate candidates being guided by Joanne Fedewa, SLW (seated center) are: standing left to right - Nancy Russell, Margaret McDonald and Linda Nicholas, seated on either side of Joanne Fedewa are Sharon Heynez and Sue Geimer.

Louisiana Associates Reorganize

The Louisiana Associates discerned that it would be more amenable to gather in smaller groups such as the Associates do in the Chicago area.

Julia Stump, SLW and Nancy Pumila, ASLW met with Associates, interested and enthusiastic retreatants and Sisters October 1, 2016. They began with a prayer service, discussed the charism and purpose of the Community and related their experiences and ministry to the poor. The group was pleased to be together and made plans for their next meeting.

Barbara Aretz, ASLW and Donna Williams, SLW congratulate this gathering and pray for continued graces for each participant.

Minnesota Associates

The Minnesota Associates and Sisters gathered together September 18, 2016. We adapted prayers, themes and symbols used at the 2016 retreat and Assembly and celebrated two 80th birthdays (Associate Cathleen Williams and Sister Mary Nicholas Eiden), two 70th jubilees (Sisters Agnes Martinka and Rosaria Schlechter) and a farewell (Sister Rosaria Schlechter).

Let us continue to praise our God and celebrate God's love among us with each other.

West Texas Associates Gather and Share

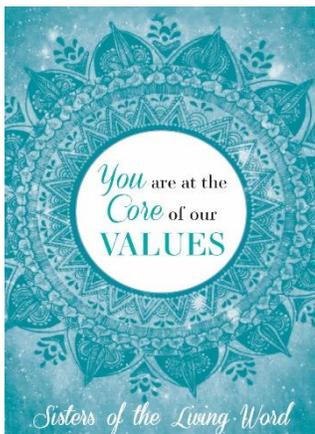
"I shall sing to Yahweh all my life, make music for my God..." Psalm 104:33

A big "HOWDY" from West Texas! Our group met Monday evening, September 19, 2016 for our monthly meeting. We were a little smaller than usual, with one of our members in the hospital recuperating from an angiogram, one member was at a Women's Conference in Odessa, TX, and another helping out with a Spanish ACTS retreat at St. Stephens.

We focused this month's meeting on the September chapter from May I Have This Dance by Joyce Rupp. The theme for this chapter was "Instruments of God". The music of divine love plays uniquely in each person's life. Through individual personalities and personal life events, the goodness of God takes on a melody of its own. We are called to be instruments through which the melody of God takes shape. Through our lives God's love seeks to dance and make music for the world.

We were asked to reflect on our lives as instruments of God. What kind of instrument would you be? What kind of music is God playing in your life now? Who are the people you have known who were instruments of God for you or for others? What kind of melodies did you hear in their lives? How did these melodies affect your life?

"Glory be to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine. AMEN.



Core Values for All of Us

The Chicago Associates met on October 14th at Mary Pat Wilkans' home. They shared the idea from the recent meeting and then prayed on our Living Word Core Values:

- > *Life of Faith*
- > *Living the Gospel*
- > *Peace and Justice*
- > *Simplicity of Life & Care for the Earth*
- > *Respect*