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BEARERS OF THE WORD, BRINGING CHANGE THROUGH OUR MISSION

1. Brígida, who is with Pastoral Migratoria, studying for citizenship, with Rita Ramos, SLW
2. Jeannette Daniel, SLW, caring for the earth in New Orleans
3. SLW Kathleen Heer, Judiann Derhake, Jeannette Daniel and ASLW Linda Strohmeyer and Catherine Guirovich at Cafe Reconcile (LA) which provides job training for at-risk youth
4. Joel Curcio, SLW, honored for post-tornado recovery in Mississippi with Mrs. Lois Harrison, Volunteer Coordinator
5. Kristine Vorenkamp, SLW, Pastor Pete Warmanen, Dr. DuBois McCarty and Pastor John Alan Boryk, Bridge the Black/White Divide Members
A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Carrie Miller, SLW

CALL . . . RESPONSE . . . COMMUNION . . .

Since our recent Congregational Leadership Installation Service these words touch my spirit with new and deeper meaning.

Our journey of faith is not about miles or years, but about a stance of openness:

- of our hearts to compassion,
- of our eyes to the light of goodness and truth that we need to see,
- of our hands to those who journey with us in need of us, and in blessing us, in the present, sacred now.

At the time of our election to Leadership, each Sister anointed our hands as a sign of blessing and support. This was a humbling, affirming gesture. Jesus calls all to a life of service to others. He strikingly demonstrated this at the Last Supper when he washed the feet of his disciples.

The new congregational leadership therefore chose to use this sign to express our commitment to the Congregation, to our lives as women religious, and to our SLW mission by including a ritual of handwashing in our installation prayer. With the Sisters’ anointing of our hands, and our washing theirs, a bond of communion was a felt experience to be treasured: together we hold our concerns about the present and our anxieties about the future of religious life, the church, the world, and the earth. Nurturing and deepening our bond, together we hold a vision of our lives and mission. In joy, with enthusiasm, and in communion we journey towards a new horizon before us!

Carrie Miller, SLW
NEW PARTNERSHIP IS FORMED

By Sharon Glumb, SLW

THE NEW WISCONSIN RELIGIOUS COLLABORATIVE officially came into existence during meetings of the Board of Directors in February and March of this year. Nine congregations of Sisters, eight in Wisconsin and the Sisters of the Living Word in Illinois, created and received approval for this non-for-profit organization. Each signed a partnership agreement, and a Search Committee began the work of hiring the first Executive Director. One Sister is sent from each congregation to serve on the Board of Directors. I serve as the board member for SLW. The headquarters of the Collaborative is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

My own experience of “birthing” this collaborative has been exhilarating! The other Sisters who serve on the Board also serve in leadership for each member congregation, so they are women with wide experience and much wisdom. The challenges and opportunities we face together will form new bonds among our member congregations.

This simple beginning step holds great promise for ensuring that the Sisters of the Living Word remain focused on our mission and ready to meet the challenges of the future.

Board Members of the Wisconsin Religious Collaborative (From left to right) Back row: Sylvia Anne Sheldon, OSF, Theresa Sandok, OSM, Sharon Glumb, SLW, Jean Steffes, CSA, Julie Tydrich, FSPA. Front row: Beverly Heitke, SDS, Pat Cormack, SCSC, Rose Jochmann, OSF, Angelo Collins, OP

Below: Sisters sign the contract for the WRC. Left to right: Angelo Collins, OP, Rose Jochmann, OSF, Jean Steffes, CSA, and Beverly Heitke, SDS
SLW INSTALLATION OF NEW CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

By Chioma Ahanihu, SLW

WITH JOY, WE, THE SISTERS OF THE LIVING WORD, welcomed new leadership on the evening of Friday, June 22, 2018. Many Sisters gathered at the Living Word Center in Arlington Heights after traveling from the various parts of the United States where they serve for the Installation of SLW Sharon Glumb, Kristine Vorenkamp, and Carrie Miller. The occasion was heralded with a wonderful prayer service and reception with Sisters, Associates, and friends and families of the Sisters in leadership.

The prayer service was led by Luanne Wilhelm, SLW with an opening song and video “The Wealth of Kings” by Ike Ndolo. The first reading, read by Fidelis Rolfe, SLW, was from John 15: 5-8, after which the Sisters read aloud the first call from our direction statement: “We are called to be an attentive presence in our relationships with each other, all of God’s people, and Creation.”

Chioma Ahanihu, SLW shared the second reading from an address given by Mary Pellegrino, CSJ. This was followed by the recital of our second call statement: “We are called to investigate and choose collaborative options for our future with other religious, and take necessary actions.”

The last reading, from Luke 4: 16-21, was read by Ruth Platte, SLW, and we recited our third call statement: “We are called to respond individually, corporately, and collaboratively to those areas of society that are in need of a compassionate presence.” We sang the refrain “Happy are they who believe that the promise of the Lord would be fulfilled,” based on Mary’s Magnificat and led by Kathleen Heer, SLW.

We prayed Psalm 119 led by Mary Catherine Connolly, SLW, and read the fourth SLW call: “We are called to commit ourselves to a contemplative way of being in our world, by deeply listening for God’s voice in Scripture, in our personal experience, in the culture, and in the Church.”

A beautiful hand washing ritual followed. The ceremony concluded with a blessing and a wonderful reception. Indeed, it was an evening to usher in the new Leadership Team and to prayerfully pledge our support for their ministry to the community.
FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

By Margaret McDonald, ASLW

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 8, about forty Sisters of the Living Word, Associates, and friends gathered at the Living Word Center to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. The beautiful program had been planned by SLW Kathleen Heer, Mary Ann Zrust, Rosaria Schlechter, and Rosalie Erdmann, and Carol Kelzer, ASLW. With prayers, readings and quiet times for thought, then sharing, we celebrated a Feast Day the SLW share.

Each attendee was given a word to consider, and then asked to discuss with everyone. Mine was “prepare,” and we talked about the many preparations the Blessed Mother had to make as she readied herself and the world for the birth of Christ. It was an afternoon for much soul-searching.

Coffee, tea, and refreshments were served after the celebration.

Below: Annunciation Robert Campin, 1495

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

By Chioma Ahanihu, SLW

IT WAS A VERY LOVELY SUMMER DAY Saturday, June 23, 2018 as SLW Virginia Thoennes, Jeanine Randolph, and Sharon Glumb celebrated their 70th, 60th and 50th Jubilees respectively at St. Edna Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Sister Virginia was not able to attend and will celebrate with the Sisters at Presence Resurrection Life Center, where she resides, at a later date.

Saying Yes to the Lord!

The event began with a Mass which was well-attended by the Sisters of the Living Word, family, and friends. The presider was Father Ed Salmon, who in his homily elaborated on the history and transition of the Sisters from their original congregation to the birth of the Sisters of the Living Word in 1975. The readings were well-chosen by the Jubilarians with the first reading from Isaiah 55:10–13, the second reading from Philippians 3:6–16 and the Gospel from John 15:11–17. The music for the Mass was beautifully rendered by some of the St. Edna music ministers.

There was a reception at the parish hall after Mass and we were treated to a sumptuous meal. We had the privilege of sharing in the Sisters’ years of experience through pictorial videos created about each of their lives and ministries. In all, it was a joyful occasion to have a celebration with our Jubilarians who share 180 years of saying Yes to the Lord through their combined ministry experience.
SISTER GENEVIEVE WAS THE FIFTH of nine children, born Mildred Genevieve Shea, during a blizzard in Nova Scotia on December 2, 1919. Her mother had prayed that her unborn child would be called to the priesthood or religious life.

In 1937, Sister Genevieve entered the Sisters of Christian Charity, in Wilmette, Illinois. She began her religious life from an impulse of the Holy Spirit on the day that she heard that her two older cousins were going to enter the Sisters of Christian Charity, she was moved with the desire to do the same.

During her first years in ministry Sister Genevieve’s personal capabilities continued to be noticed. She was named superior of various local communities, as well as principal and teacher of many schools.

She was sent to Rome to study the Theology of Apostolic Religious Communities. She wrote that this was the strongest influence on her personal spiritual growth since Vatican II.

Sister Genevieve was a consistent and active voice in the development of the theology of her religious community. She was committed to the practice of discernment and was instrumental in the growing understanding of its importance in the community.

She worked faithfully that the renewal of the Vatican II theology and spirituality be implemented in her religious community. In 1975, however, she felt called to the formation of a new religious community, the Sisters of the Living Word. She felt great peace and joy knowing that her God was faithful in this choice.

Later her ministries included chaplaincy at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Detroit, organization of senior ministries at St. Juliana’s, Chicago, and St. James in Arlington Heights and service on myriad committees in the Sister of the Living Word community, in the Archdiocese of Detroit and Chicago.

IN MEMORIAM
GENEVIEVE SHEA, SLW
(Deceased June 19, 2018)
By Kristine Vorenkamp, SLW

She loved learning, joining in over ten elderhostel programs through her years. She was a talented writer, having published articles in the fields of healthcare, religious life and Religious Archives journals. Her true relationship with Jesus led her to speak and act against unjust systems. She always used her voice, rooted in her habit of deep reflection on the Word, especially in very difficult times. In her last years at Resurrection Life Center she ministered to others spiritually, leading prayer services and a prayer group. 🙏
NINETY-EIGHT YEAR OLD NUNS are in the news these days, thanks to Sister Jean Schmidt, BVM, the Loyola’s men’s basketball chaplain. While Loyola’s move into the NCAA Final Four was a big story, Sister Jean’s press conferences became an even bigger story.

Friends and supporters of the Sisters of the Living Word were not surprised to hear that older nuns still contribute to both society and to an order—our own Genevieve Shea, SLW, also 98 years old, is a strong presence in the SLW.

Sister Genevieve received a lot of attention this year as she celebrated both her 80th Jubilee as a sister and her 98th birthday. Most people by her age might be expected to “take it easy,” yet she continues to be active, both at Resurrection Life Center where she lives, and through the SLW community writing reflections on a variety of topics and contributing to OutWORD.

Originally from Nova Scotia, Canada, Sister Genevieve served in many areas of the United States, from Chicago to New Orleans to Detroit as a teacher, administrator, chaplain, and archivist.

At 14 she attended the Sisters of Christian Charity convent school in Wilmette, Illinois, and joined the order in 1937. After Vatican II Sister Genevieve participated in a Civil Rights march and worked for migrant workers’ rights. These ideals led her to join the new community of the Sisters of the Living Word in 1975. She liked the idea of making decisions for herself and being able to work in ministries she felt called to participate in.

Sister Genevieve believes that it is important to keep up with changes in society and technology to share the love of Jesus. She has 60 books on her iPad, knows how to use a computer and has taught others technology.

Rebekah McFarland, community archivist, is amazed at Sr. Genevieve’s memory. “I wanted to find something and was having a hard time locating it. I met with Sister Genevieve who closed her eyes for a moment and told me where she thought it was. When I checked back it was exactly where she said!”

A special gift of Sister Genevieve’s is her ability to write and articulate what goes on in her heart. When speaking about being called to become a Sister, she emphasizes that we are all called to dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel of Jesus, whether formally by living a consecrated life as a religious or as lay, married, or single persons. Each of our calls to holiness is important and universal.

Those searching for role models would do well to emulate the generosity, sacrifices, and faith shown by 98 year-old nuns. ♡

This article about Genevieve Shea, SLW, was written before her death on June 19, but we decided to run it posthumously because it shows her personality, faith, and strength of character.
“I WILL SING TO THE LORD WHO HAS BEEN BOUNTIFUL WITH ME.”  PSALM 13:6

By Donna Williams, SLW

THIS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN the precise Scripture verse that prompted the newly founded Sisters of the Living Word to establish their Ministry Grant Program in 1975, but it could have been. It was our intent to reach out and support ministries that Sisters, Associates, or friends were involved in beyond their 9 to 5 jobs. Grants were given to organizations that were in accord with the mission and charism of the Living Word Community.

SLW MINISTRY GRANT RECIPIENTS:

$1000 TO INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS, CHICAGO to help with the commissary accounts of detained immigrants.

$250 TO NORTHSIDE LEARNING CENTER HIGH SCHOOL, CHICAGO to provide uniforms for students participating in the Special Olympics.

$1000 TO OUR LADY OF TEPYAC HIGH SCHOOL, CHICAGO for an Appalachian Summer Service Program for girls.

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$200 TO AMATE HOUSE, CHICAGO for faith formation for the volunteers.

$500 TO SMALL SUMS – AT HOME GROUP, INC., ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA to help homeless finding jobs with the specific things they need to start back to work.

$150 TO SIOUXLAND RESTORATION CENTER, SIoux CITY, IOWA to provide a safe, healthy environment where adult survivors of sex trafficking can rest, heal, recover and develop life skills to become empowered, independent and self-sufficient women.

Your gifts keep giving in remarkable ways... giving hope, comfort and very practical assistance to many.
SYLVIA VILLALBA, ASLW, grew up in Fort Stockton, Texas, in a caring, close, Catholic family. She attended public school but went to Wednesday evening “Sunday school” and she loved retreats in junior and senior high school. Sylvia felt “touched by God” and “drawn to people,” two powerful desires matching the core values of the Living Word community of Sisters.

After some years in college, Sylvia moved to Midland where her work for others began. She finished her degree and entered the criminal justice system, working as a court administrator and probation officer. She compassionately fulfilled her legal responsibilities, some of which were recommending sentencing or probation to the judge.

In her present position of division officer for three districts she visits homes and talks to people with pending federal charges. Through these visits Sylvia has come to see firsthand the effects of how poverty, mental illness, addictions, and oppression can contribute to crime, bringing grief and pain to so many.

Tie together Sylvia’s call to contemplation and her compassion for the poor and oppressed and we have the perfect candidate to be an Associate of the Living Word. Sylvia Cevallos, a member of her prayer group, invited her to attend a prayer trip to Puebla, Mexico where she met Associates Barbara Aretz and Bobby Mills. When Barb invited her to become an ASLW, she invited Sylvia Cevallos to join with her. Both Sylvias made the commitment and remain active Associates.

Asked what she liked about being an ASLW, Sylvia replied, “Learning from each other, listening to each other’s faith stories and journeys. Everyone is so different. It is a delight for me to hear the way God works in each one’s life.” Her advice: “Stop and listen to what God is telling you.”

If you would be interested in learning more about becoming an Associate of the Sisters of the Living Word, please contact:

Donna Williams, SLW at associates@slw.org or
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JAZZ BRUNCH HIGHLIGHTS

By Margaret Mei

APRIL 22ND WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY
to show support of the SLW by
attending the 3rd Annual Jazz
Brunch at the Chevy Chase
Country Club in Wheeling,
Illinois. Our oldest guest was
Genevieve Shea, SLW (98)
and the youngest was one-year old Emma, the granddaughter of our
event chairs, Gary and Patty Colabuono. From oldest to youngest a
good time was had by all! We are grateful to all who attended!

Many of our Sisters wrote thank
you notes on cards featuring Sister
Genevieve’s artwork for each and
every guest. James Fotopoulos of
Photos Hotdogs provided each
guest with a free hotdog gift card.

The Prime Rib Brunch was out-
standing! The silent auction items
were plentiful, the Gift Card Raffle
boards were full of wonderful
opportunities, and the Your Choice
and the 50/50 Raffles made many
people very happy. Everyone
enjoyed the music of the Elmhurst
College Jazz Ensemble.

The highlight of the day were the
testimonials of Natalie Crary (left),
the Partners in Mission Award recip-
ient and Josette Buehlm, ASLW
(at right and below)
who was the Volunteer of the Year, stating their
love and dedication to the Sisters of the Living
Word and their mission. After they spoke, a video was
shown that added to the strength of the good works of
the SLW. The Jazz Brunch was
dedicated to the memory of
committee member Michael
Robbins, longtime supporter
of the Sisters of the Living
Word. ☺
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 101: LUNCHEON AND EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

By Margaret Mei

SISTERS OF THE LIVING WORD and their Associates minister and volunteer with a number of agencies that focus on healing those affected by domestic abuse. From Illinois Marie McKenna, SLW with Catholic Charities and Carrie Miller, SLW with Faith Community Homes, and the Associates of Flint, Michigan who provide housing for recovering victims through Jo Jo’s House, to educational workshops on Human Trafficking in Minnesota and Louisiana, awareness grows and lives are positively impacted.

Domestic violence is a topic that the SLW and Associates care deeply about, so we partnered with WINGS Program, Inc. for an educational workshop in May at the Living Word Center. Shelley Welch, Senior Manager of Community Resources from WINGS in Palatine, Illinois spoke on Domestic Violence 101 to 54 guests. WINGS provides victims of domestic violence and their children with an escape route.

Here are some statistics:

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner.
- 75% of domestic violence calls to law enforcement occur after separation.
- Domestic violence is the single greatest cause of injury to women.
- 8 million paid work days are lost each year by domestic violence victims.
- $5.8 billion is the estimated cost of domestic violence each year.
- Teens are 50% more likely to be in an abusive relationship themselves if they have witnessed it in their own family.

In the 2016–2017 fiscal year, WINGS served 1,139 clients; of these clients 676 were adults and 463 were children. They provided 74,000 nights of shelter, served 92,000 meals, and offered 4,000 hours of counseling services and over 10,000 hours of children’s services. Their newly-opened Chicago location has 45 beds and provides 40% of Chicago’s domestic violence shelter beds, even though police receive 500 domestic violence calls per day.

WHAT CAN 1 PERSON DO?

If you know someone you think (or know) is experiencing domestic violence, there are a few key things you can do:

- Listen to them without judgment.
- Do not blame them (they are not at fault).
- Do not ask them why they don’t leave (it may take someone seven times before they leave their abuser for good).
- Give them the contact information to the local domestic violence agency.
- Give them the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233.
- Be supportive but remember to care for yourself (walking with a domestic violence victim can be emotionally draining).
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Margaret Mei
Director of Mission Advancement
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Words of wisdom by
Sr. Annamarie Cook, SLW Foundress

“As one reflects upon the story of Ruth who follows Naomi’s example of faithfulness, one becomes aware of the need for each of us to be just as faithful to the Word. This is what draws others to witness to the Word in their lives, and to spread the good news of the saving power of God.

This witnessing by our lives is a daily process with no room for vacations in between. It is something that cannot be broken up into: ‘I do this at this time; and that, at that time.’ It is an ongoing activity sparked by the love of God who dwells within us.”

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IT'S A BUSY YEAR for the world of archival collaboration. In April SLW Sharon Glumb and Joel Curcio and I attended “A Day of Dreaming about Collaborative Archives,” an event hosted by the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Saint Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana. Over fifty participants from twenty-seven religious orders participated, expressing interest in forming a collaborative heritage center in the Midwest. Work is being done to further explore this possibility.

In May I attended the annual meeting of the Chicago Area Religious Archivists, hosted by the North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, Illinois. While touring the building and archives we discussed how congregations and their collections do not need to mirror each other in order for the archivists to learn from and assist one another. To further this concept, we listened to a talk given by the Executive Director of the Chicago Collections Consortium which highlighted the ways institutions can work together even when not housed in one singular building.

The theme of archival collaboration will continue throughout the year. I attended the “Envisioning the Future of Catholic Religious Archives” conference in July, which expects to change the way religious archive management is taught in schools. Next I will attend the triennial Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious conference in September, where the topics of collaboration and heritage centers will continue to be discussed.

It's a busy year, but a good year. Even if we congregational archivists do not yet have all the answers we are, country-wide, all in a very similar place.
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