We joyfully offer our lives as bearers of the Word

Bearers of the Word, bringing change through our mission

1. Sue Geimer, ASLW, Carolyn Strass, ASLW, Joanne Fedewa, SLW, Linda Nicholas, ASLW, Margaret McDonald, ASLW, and Nancy Geimer Russell, ASLW planned the October party for the SLW at Resurrection Life Center.

2. Colette Fahrner, SLW, leads a discussion group about On Care for Our Common Home: Laudato Si by Pope Francis.


4. SLW Joel Curcio and Sharon Glumb spent time with the Nuns on a Bus on their Tax Justice tour.

5. Crayons were donated by the Rotary Club to Jeannette Daniel, SLW for the Montessori students at St. Anthony in Bunkie, Louisiana.
A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Did you ever notice that the daily sunrise and sunset are the same each day and yet different? We witness the same movement of planets; but the conditions through which we see the events are never quite the same.

So too it is with our lives. We are the same persons each day, but the conditions of life change moment by moment. One day's response is inadequate for meeting the challenges of another day.

As a Community of Sisters, we are exploring what responses are needed in new conditions of our lives, our world and our Church. In our 2018–23 Direction Statement, we renewed our “commitment to our Living Word Mission . . . to those in need of a compassionate presence.”

In a world shaken by war and the displacement of refugees, within a church system rocked by the sin of sexual abuse, in a country where the greed of a few places heavy burdens on the many—our Community’s core values demand that we take action, “individually, corporately and collaboratively.”

Immigrants and refugees demand our compassionate presence, especially as separations tear apart families. The planet demands that we change our behaviors, especially our use of fossil fuels, to sustain life. Anyone whose life was forever changed by abuse demands a hearing and a chance for healing.

These are some of the newly–emerging conditions to which our Community must respond. Our Mission demands the new responses of advocacy, of activism, of a compassionate presence to newly recognized wounds. Please join us in this Mission—making the difference needed at this time, in these conditions, so that the reign of God on earth might continue to unfold.

Sharon Glumb, SLW
CIVIC GROUP MAKING HEADWAY
By Kristine Vorenkamp, SLW

I am a part of the CORE team for the Bridge the Black/White Divide group that has been in existence for three years. We have hosted many breakfast conversations on topics regarding racism in the northwest suburbs of Chicago.

In September we were delighted to say that we worked with the Daily Herald, a long-standing northwest-suburban newspaper, to host a breakfast and conversation on the question: “What is the Role of the Media in Combatting Racism in the Northwest Suburbs?” which was attended by a diverse group of people, from pastors to journalism students.

As a Sister of the Living Word, supported by my Sisters in this work, I felt very satisfied to be a part of this event which has as its goal raising up the concerns of those whose voices are not heard. Many constructive ideas were shared about how the Daily Herald and other media can reach out to people of color in our communities that need recognition and appreciation. Some suggested that the media could improve the public’s understanding of diverse cultures and religions by covering more festivals and events hosted by minority communities. One gentleman questioned: how many of us know that the mosque in Schaumburg has been there for forty years? It seemed to me that there is a great amount of awareness growing regarding these issues. The Daily Herald has its work cut out for itself, but so do we as citizens, in speaking up about our community’s needs.
THE JOURNEY OF MINISTRY in the state of Iowa for the Sisters of Christian Charity Daughters of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Immaculate Conception (SCC) and the Sisters of the Living Word (SLW) began in Germany, as early as 1866 when Mother Pauline von Mallinckrodt, the foundress of the SCCs, agonized over the situation as more and more Community schools were taken over by the government, leading to the sisters losing their teaching positions. During the succeeding years of Catholic oppression in Germany, Mother Pauline received numerous requests from bishops and pastors in the Americas to come to teach. In 1873 the first SCCs arrived in New Orleans. In 1879 SCCs arrived in Le Mars, Iowa and in Sioux City in 1894. Education was the major ministry and the SCCs remained active in both locations until 1975. Even though the second Vatican Council in the 1960s was called as a means of getting fresh air into the Church to have a positive impact, it was also the source of confusion and pain to some. The Catholic Church suffered growing pains and so did religious communities. Sr. Annamarie Cook, foundress, realized the challenges and pain within the Community. She sought new ways to encourage positive life-giving alternatives. In 1975 the Sisters of the Living Word were founded.

This was the year that the SLWs acquired the administration of the parochial schools at St. Joseph Parish in Le Mars and St. Boniface School in Sioux City. Later, the SLWs would also minister at St. Mary’s in Remsen, Iowa.

Sr. Rosalie Erdmann, SLW went to Sioux City in the Fall of 1976, joining five other SLWs at the parish. She taught at Bishop Heelan High School for 28 years, retired in 2004, and just recently left the area to move closer to Living Word Center in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Rosalie spent 42 years in Sioux City - almost two generations. She loved her time with the students, parishioners, family and friends. Her advice upon her retirement: “You are offered so many opportunities, make the most of them. Use your God-given gifts. You will find joy in service to others.” Some accolades received by Sr. Rosalie: “Mission Club started me on the road to volunteering.” “Thank you for your passion and dedication in shaping young people to be good people.” “An exceptional teacher of young people who has done an admirable job reinforcing the values of our faith!!! I can recall several things she taught that remain with me 35 years later.”

With Sr. Rosalie’s departure from Sioux City there are no Sisters of the Living Word in Iowa. However, the presence of the charism and mission of the Community is alive and well. In the early 1980’s the Community initiated both Prayer Associates and committed Associate Formation Programs. Women and men who feel drawn to the mission of the Community choose to gather together to pray, share faith and support each other in living a Christ-centered life. Sioux City has a well-established group of Prayer Partners and an Associate, Carol Kelzer, who has been with Sr. Rosalie since 1976. Carol, a beloved minister in the locale, is well-versed in the spirituality of Living Word and well-able to continue the legacy that she, Sr. Rosalie and the other SLWs have demonstrated.

The Sisters of the Living Word have been proud to serve in Iowa.
Though their physical footprints are no longer visible on Iowa soil, the seeds planted in those Church communities over a century ago have been nurtured, pruned, transplanted and will bear fruit into the future.

**SLW IOWA SERVICE THROUGH THE YEARS**

St. Joseph and Gehlen Elementary and High School were served by SLW in LeMars starting in 1975 with SLW Mary Catherine Connolly, Mary Leonore Schulz, Vianney Moore, and Marilita Roy.

Sisters Annamarie Cook and Elizabeth Hebert were the last SLWs at Gehlen Catholic High School in 1984.

Sr. Rosalie Erdmann was the last SLW at Bishop Heelan High School and St. Boniface in Sioux City 1975-September 6, 2018.

Sr. Stella Stacken was at St. Boniface for a generation: 1975-1999 as was Sr. Helen Saffert 1976-1997.


*Rosalie Erdmann, SLW*

Sr. Stella Stacken with Associate Carol Kelzer (right) who continues the mission of the Sisters of the Living Word in Iowa.
FAITH COMMUNITY HOMES RECOGNIZES CARRIE MILLER, SLW

A SURPRISED CARRIE MILLER, SLW was recognized by Faith Community Homes at their September Giving Hope event in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Sr. Carrie announced her retirement from FCH after being elected to SLW Congregational Leadership. Festivities were planned to honor her as an FCH founding member. The SLW provided financial support funding Sr. Carrie’s position during the first few years of operation.

In June she was wined and dined by the Board and given a monetary gift for the Sisters. She was glowingly written up in their newsletter as well as in the Daily Herald.

When she attended the Giving Hope event, Sr. Carrie was surprised to learn she was going to be recognized again.

Here is an excerpt from the evening’s program:

“Sr. Carrie put into action the founding members’ collected vision that all have the right to safe, decent, affordable housing. She lived each day exemplifying the promise to work toward a just and healthy vision of community which values the lives and needs of all residents.

...We celebrate a woman who has brought hope:  
  • for families served and yet to be served;  
  • recognizing the wonderful work FCH has accomplished and the potential of more ...(to) be done;  
  • to continue to provide services to the...vulnerable and distressed members of our community, supporting them with counseling, housing, mentoring, and love.

The seeds Sr. Carrie planted have taken root, sprouted, and are blossoming... with our deepest thanks for her initiative, guidance, and leadership, we wish her every blessing as she moves to what God now calls her to do.”

Faith Community Homes Board of Directors with Sr. Carrie seated front and center.
ROBBY AND E. J. CORMIER, TRUE LIVING WORD ASSOCIATES

By Mary Cornille, SLW

AS I WAS TRACKING DOWN Robby Cormier and her husband, E.J., I heard so many great things about them: “...good people...really fine Associates...great Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioners...very kind... E.J. was a force behind the Crescent City Connection.” The conversation with Robby made the search worthwhile. Read on.

Robby (her real name, not a nickname) was born in Abbeville, Louisiana but soon moved to New Orleans due to her father’s work. She attended St. Joseph School in Gretna. After graduating from Archbishop Blenk High School, Robby went to work in the business world.

She and E.J. were married, became parishioners, and enrolled their daughter in Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, where they met SLW Lynda Rink and Elizabeth Hebert. Robby says they “loved it” and “couldn’t tell her no” whenever Sister Lynda, the Coordinator of the New Orleans Associates, had a request.

It was here that Robby and E.J. became Living Word Associates—living, breathing, planning, working, praying, and caring about the Word—like the many Sisters, Associates, Prayer Partners and friends who, with Jesus, come to bring new life wherever they are, especially to the poor and oppressed.

They were part of the Crescent City Connections, headed up by Associates E.J. and Ronnie Briggs, a wildly successful group. Robby says they “thoroughly enjoyed it and miss it!” This was also a time of great bonding between SLW and Associates, in significant measure due to Sister Lynda’s charismatic leadership.

Robby describes herself as “very close to Lynda.” After a seemingly-minor surgery turned brutally serious when complications set in, she woke from a week in intensive care to find Sister Lynda at her bedside. Robby knew she would be well when she saw her. Faith and friendship were sustaining factors in her recovery.

Today the Cormiers live in Jacksonville, North Carolina near their daughter Stacie and her husband, who was stationed there as a Marine. They attend soccer games of their granddaughter, Shelbie. They miss New Orleans and return to visit often.

Although Robby and E.J. have been wonderful Associates for many years, they never had a formal commitment service. Sister Elizabeth plans to take care of that on their next visit to New Orleans and we all say congratulations! “Welcome” is redundant to Robby and E.J., who have been such vibrant Living Words for years. As Sister Elizabeth has said, “What a good couple!” 😊

CRESCENT CITY FOOD CONNECTION was a cook-off competition between non-professional chefs, each featuring his or her favorite entrée. It was a real “food fest” with a Louisiana Flair and ran for 8 years to support the varied ministries of the Sisters of the Living Word. Cooking teams were judged by the attendees.

In addition to Ronnie Briggs, E.J. and Robby Cormier, Marie Pittari and Don Szabo the others involved included the Louisiana and Mississippi Sisters of the Living Word, and Associates Debbie Bergeron, Gwen Briggs, Catherine Guirovich, Flo Hansen, Jeannie Lagarde, and Sheryl Smith. Tony and Grace Mandina donated bread pudding for dessert every year.

Check the SLW Facebook page for recipes from the Crescent City Food Connection!
SEASON OF CREATION
By Kristine Vorenkamp, SLW

SOME GLOBAL ACTIONS are so very unifying. Being a part of the Season of Creation with Catholics around the world was inspiring and hopeful as we Sisters of the Living Word and Associates did what we could to celebrate God’s Creation. Pope Francis initiated this with his encyclical, On Care for our Common Home: Laudato Si.

The Season of Creation was celebrated from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. At the Living Word Center, we Sisters and Associates picnicked for Labor Day and then watched together a DVD of the Canadian response to the call based on the encyclical.

We were inspired by the many projects initiated by the Canadians to make a difference in cutting back on emissions and living simply. We concluded with prayer by Judy Cannato, author of Radical Amazement. All took home an Our Father reflection /prayer by Paula Gonzalez based on God’s Creation.

Elizabeth Hebert, SLW, said that at a recent Associates meeting in Louisiana the video fostered awareness and added an educational piece to their meeting.

At the September monthly meeting our West Texas Associates participated in a “Creation Prayer Service” to celebrate the Season of Creation. They devoted their entire meeting to understanding the origins of the celebration and discussing the aspects of being good stewards of the Earth, while also being co-creators and friends in the process.

MAKE ONE CHANGE
Visit https://catholicclimatemovement.global/ to find out more and check in your local area to find out what one person can do to help bring about change.

The Living Word Associate Community in Minnesota met November 4, 2018. We viewed the YouTube video, Canadian Response to Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home. Most of the folks present grew up on farms, or lived on farms during their married lives. This gave us a perspective of dependence on the land, animals, the weather and crops. Recycling has been a part of our lives for many years. However, the concept of being related to Nature – to the soil, the water, the birds, etc. is a whole other realm that will take some deep reflection. Our government does not even acknowledge that we are related to the seven thousand human beings marching for a chance for freedom. The fact that climate change is the second most terrifying possibility for Earth’s destruction was stunning. We are sickened by our government’s denial of climate change. The mayor of Vancouver gave one of the most encouraging presentations. Hopefully, implementing the Green City matrix in his city will be a template for other cities of the world. We all pray for that!

Donna Williams, SLW
FOUNDER’S DAY/SUMMERFEST
By Kim Boyce-Hagerty

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018 WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY to spend an afternoon at the Living Word Center celebrating Founder’s Day/Summerfest. About 80 people enjoyed hot dogs, chips, and ice cream while listening to the music of the Banjo Buddies. Kathleen Herr, SLW, provided face (and arm) painting for children and adults. This yearly celebration takes place close to the date on which the Sisters of the Living Word were founded in 1975, which was August 18. Make plans to attend next year’s Founder’s Day, which will be celebrated on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

Joanne Ginter, SLW enjoying the day with Molly.

SLW Luanne Wilhelm and Colette Fahrner showing their team loyalty.

Sue Geimer, ASLW, Eileen Geimer, SLW, and Nancy Russell, ASLW.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
By Kim Boyce-Hagerty

A Memorial Mass was held at the Living Word Center on Sunday, November 4, 2018, attended by Sisters, Associates, friends, and relatives remembering loved ones who have died. Father Tom Rzepiela, pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova in Palatine, Illinois, presided at the Mass. Those who lost someone in the last year were invited to share a brief remembrance during the liturgy. Candles were lit in memory of the departed, as a way of celebrating the blessing that their lives have been to us. The Sisters and the Associates remember those who have died in their prayers throughout the year; especially in November which is traditionally the month to pray for the departed. ☪
IN MAY OF 2018 the Justice Department instituted a zero-tolerance policy for families caught trying to cross the border into the United States without documentation. Each individual would be criminally prosecuted and children separated from their families. This is one of the most heart-breaking aspect of the immigration crisis, and critics quickly argued that it was inhumane to separate children from their parents. Pictures of children, some too young to know their names, in cage-like detention centers also raised a humanitarian outcry.

Rev. Sara Wohlleb, the Program Director for the Unaccompanied Children’s Interfaith Ministry, gave a workshop on “Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: Present Reality and Care” at the Living Word Center on October 17, to tell us about these children. She shared that most of the children in custody are 14-17 and from Central America. The average length of time spent in detention is 59 days. When they turn 18 they are handcuffed, shackled, and held in jail.

What is different now from five years ago when she began her pastoral ministry to these children? A doubled increase every year of the number who are arriving unaccompanied. In 2014 it peaked at about 65,000. Another difference: five years ago it was a quick process to reunite families. Now children are held in federal custody until they can be matched with sponsors, usually relatives or family friends, who house them while their cases go through court. Everyone in the household has to undergo fingerprinting, and if undocumented, are deported. Because of this, the Centers are beyond capacity, and a tent city has sprung up in Texas. There is great concern that the children are not safeguarded because the tent cities are not set up according to regulations for staff, teachers, and caregivers. There is little oversight of this and the government is not allowing much review.

SLW Carrie Miller, Joanne Fedewa, and Kris Vorenkamp joined many other religious for another event on Unaccompanied Children, this one at Catholic Theological Union on September 15 sponsored by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants and CTU’s Oscar Romero Scholars Program. The keynote speaker, Oscar Chacon, is the Executive Director of Alianza Americas. He himself fled the violence in El Salvador during the terrible mass murders of catechists, priests, and other innocent people, in which Archbishop St. Oscar Romero, Chacon’s mentor, was martyred. He works with grassroots organizations in Central America to find ways to restructure their lives so people can live in their homelands.

Sr. Joanne Fedewa participated in a session with Sr. Bernardine Karge, OP, and came away committed to practice two things: to take five minutes daily to pray for all the families caught in detention, and to call Congress with two questions: “Where are the children?” And “What is being done for them?” She keeps the numbers for her representatives on
FAMILY SEPARATION

These workshops revealed how complex the immigration situation is and that families are being separated without a clear path to reunification. Rev. Wohlleb asked us to imagine what life must be like in the countries these children come from, so that sending a child unaccompanied on a dangerous journey to the U.S. seems the best way to provide for the child’s future. ♠

This was not a political event. As St. Oscar Romero said to the priests and bishops of the Salvadorans in one of his country-wide radio broadcasts against persecution and murders by the government: “This is not politics. This is pointing out to the leaders the sin of what they are doing.”

ICDI SPONSORS Gala TO KEEP MEETING NEEDS OF DETAINEES AND POST-DETAINEES
By Mary Cornille, SLW

In September, Misericordia was the scene of a crucial fundraising Gala sponsored by the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants attended by Mary Cornille, SLW and Bob Heineman, ASLW.

Inspiring moments abounded, especially
- in the Founders Award given to Sidney Hollander, a leader for years in ICDI;
- in the touching moment of the giving of the “behind the scenes” tribute to David Warren, now 94 and an early member of ICDI;
- and in realizing all the good accomplished by the power of the organization with one full-time leader, three part-time employees and hundreds of volunteers!

Artwork made by students waiting for their immigration cases to go through court.
FROM THE ROSS LAW FIRM:
ONE POSSIBLE INCOME TAX SAVING STRATEGY UNDER NEW TAX LAW

The basic standard deduction for income tax returns for year 2018 (including gifts) is $12,000 for individuals and $24,000 for couples. As a result, many people whose annual charitable giving and other itemized standard deductions do not reach this threshold are now considering ways to continue to financially support churches and charities. One idea is for individuals to make a large gift of appreciated stock “in-kind” to a charitable giving account (donor advised fund):

1. Frontloading charitable giving allows individuals to realize the income tax benefits of their charitable gift in the first year while still allowing the donor to support their favorite charities over the following few years.

2. Donating appreciated “in-kind” stock (vs. selling appreciated stock, then donating cash) to the charitable giving account allows the donor to give even more to his or her favorite charities without any additional cost to the donor (the donor receives a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the stock and does not have to pay capital gains tax).

As a side note, two thirds of Americans do not have a will or trust. It’s essential to plan when you are able.

Do you have a Giving Account?
• For $5,000 you can set up a Giving Account at Fidelity and Schwab and donate to the charities of your choice through this account.

• For $10,000 you can set up a Giving Account with the National Catholic Community Foundation which also manages SLW charitable gift annuities.

• For $25,000 you can set up a Giving Account with Vanguard. Most Giving Accounts are funded with cash or transferred stock. Because the funds are pooled the principle grows quite nicely. Once established you may decide on the charities that you would like to support over the coming years and you may also decide to give monthly through your Giving Account. Average gifts made are anywhere between $100 and $250 with the minimum of $50 being required to make a gift.

For more information please contact Margaret Mei, Director of Mission Advancement, at 847-577-5972 ext. 226.

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ANNALS SEASON

By Rebekah McFarland

“It’s annals season” is a phrase the Sisters of the Living Word hear from me late every summer. They have heard some form of that call yearly since 1975, answering it with submissions ranging from notes summarizing the year to fully formatted newsletters.

At the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious conference in September I mentioned “annals season.” Several Sisters from different orders were surprised. “We haven’t done annals since Vatican II” was the general consensus. There was also a second consensus: they lamented that fact. So much of an individual’s history can be forgotten with time; keeping regular annals forestalls this.

Through the hard work of compiling annals every year—and the late Genevieve Shea’s keeping this tradition alive—the SLW archives have a resource that is becoming increasingly rare. As such, the SLW annals not only strengthen SLW history, but the history of Catholic women religious as a whole.

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