



**SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY  
AFFILIATE HAPPENINGS  
August 2023**

**HOLY HEART OF MARY AFFILIATES, Batavia**

Our new affiliate year began with our meeting on Saturday, August 19. The meeting began with a prayer for eternal peace for Marie Vonesh. Marie had been an affiliate from 2006 until about 2013 when her health began to fail. We learned she had died in January in the Casa Scalabrini Village where she had been cared for during the past several years. The Planning Committee presented the plan for the coming year. Our service goal will continue to be providing needed items for the residents at Marklund. Our prayer goal will include a commitment and recommitment prayer at our September meeting and a retreat and May crowning at our May meeting. In addition, affiliates submit prayer intentions which are gathered and emailed to all, to be included in prayer during the month. Our community goal is a vital part of each meeting with time for refreshments and socialization. Our December solstice prayer and potluck is an on-going part of our community goal. We are also considering a pilgrimage during the spring to Beaverville and will plan a picnic for the end of the year. Last but not least, our sharing this year will focus on The Journey Program which integrates events in the life of Mary, in the history of the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary and in our personal lives. Blessed new affiliate year to all.

*Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur*

**ST. ANNE AFFILIATES, Rockford**

We have not met over the summer. We will meet the second Saturday of September.

*Sr. Mary Kay Moran*

**HOLY FAMILY AFFILIATES, Kankakee**

We continue to struggle with issues of health and stress, and we are also learning the true value of being together in a safe space in which we can share our inner workings. We enjoy discussions on our book "Image of God", and most importantly, being free to share who we are and what is going on in our lives. We are small in number and mighty in our togetherness!

*Sr. Vicky Mobley*

**MUSTARD SEED AFFILIATES, On-line**

We continue to discuss and share our book on Charism, with some thought provoking reflections on how we live charism in our lives, what is charism, how charism and mission relate. Reflections have included our own personal call as an Affiliate of the SSCM's, and relating that call to our particular mission within the Church.

*Sr. Vicky Mobley*

**MERCY AFFILIATES, Urbana**

Mercy Community Affiliates will resume meetings in September.

*Sr. Charlene Cesario*

**ST. GALL AFFILIATES, Chicago**

The St. Gall Group continued reading Bread and Candlelight. We are reading about the 1930's and how the 1929 crash effected the Sisters and their mission. We ask for prayers for Carmen Cantu. This is her second bout with cancer.

*Affiliate Alice Murray*