



SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY AFFILIATE HAPPENINGS January 2024

Province Affiliate Program News

Reserve The Dates!!!

Our Affiliate retreat is planned for Nazareth in Batavia on Saturday September 7, and at OHOS in Kankakee on Saturday November 9. Both retreats have the same presentations and will offer an option of face to face or Zoom. Schedule is from 9 am start to 4:15 ending, Mass and lunch included. More information and sign up to come at a later date. Looking forward to having you join us!

Sr. Vicky Mobley

HOLY HEART OF MARY AFFILIATES, Batavia

Our affiliates enjoyed our December meeting on the 16th. For a number of years this has been a potluck gathering. The highlight of this meeting is our Solstice Prayer, developed by Sister Barbara Lux some years ago. The prayer takes place in front of our lighted fireplace and celebrates the turning of darkness into light - light being The Son of God among us as well as the lengthening of daylight. We enjoyed a delightful White Elephant exchange. Happy New Year, one and all.

Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur

ST. ANNE AFFILIATES, Rockford

The affiliate group in Rockford had a presentation in December by Sister Evelyn. Our candidate Monica joined Evelyn and the affiliates were happy to meet her. Sister Evelyn gave a presentation on some of our Canadian Sisters who were working in France were detained in a concentration camp during World War II. It was very interesting hearing about this situation. All of

the Sisters survived their ordeal. In January we finished the book we have been reading on St. Therese of Lisieux. What an amazing young woman; so attuned to the will of God in her life. In February we will begin a book on the Eucharist to deepen our knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist in our lives.

Sister Mary Kay Moran

HOLY FAMILY AFFILIATES, Kankakee

We have some exciting news to share with you! For the first time in almost two years, we will be able to meet in February with a full contingent of our members. The last two years have been a real struggle in keeping our group together. There have been health issues, work issues, and distance, that have all kept us from being together. With God's grace we have persevered through it all, and now are so looking forward to being together once again. Praise the Lord with us as we begin this new part of our journey!

Sr. Vicky Mobley

MUSTARD SEED AFFILIATES, On-line

Our group continues to flourish in our sharing and study of charism. We have looked at charism in general, it's role in the church, what it is for the SSCM's, and how it applies to our life as affiliates. Our next study will be Bread and Candlesticks, the history of Holy Family Province. We continue to grow in our relationship with each other, and most importantly look forward to our first affiliate commitment.

Sr. Vicky Mobley

MERCY AFFILIATES, Urbana

We are pleased that someone new has joined our meetings and is discerning becoming an Affiliate. We are finishing our reading of The Spiritual Journey of Mother Marie of the Blessed Sacrament by Sister Agnes Cunningham

Sr. Charlene Cesario

ST. MARY AFFILIATES, Kankakee

No report at this time.

Sr. Mary Stella Schellenberger

ST. GALL AFFILIATES, Chicago

We have finished reading Bread and Candlelight 1889-1945. We are in awe of what the Sisters did to follow the Lord. Many sacrifices, and complete trust that the Lord would take care of them.

The last time I wrote I asked for prayers for Carmen Cantu who was dealing with a second bout of cancer. Carmen received the good news that the cancer was gone. She is doing well.

I found this prayer in St. Anthony Messenger:

Dear St. Anthony,

Finder of lost things help me find hope amid distress.

Help me find time to be quiet with Jesus.

Help me look for and find people who've lost their way.

Help me, dear friend, to find Jesus in the eyes of everyone I meet.

Amen

I like this prayer because it reminds me to pray for hope, to be quiet and listen to Jesus and to pray for the many people who are searching for Jesus.

Affiliate Alice Murray