



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

**Province Affiliate Program News**

There are two major developments happening within the Province Affiliate Program as a whole. The first development is the revision and publication of the Affiliate Handbook. Changes were made in order to reflect growth within the Affiliate program, its' present facts and development. The biggest change was the development of a section on SSCM charism, as written by Sr. Evelyn, reflecting Sr. Agnes Cunningham's description of the three-fold charism in her book The Spiritual Doctrine of Francois Delaplace, CSSp. This new addition is much more substantial and dynamic. The handbook is in the process of distribution. Thank you to Sr. Evelyn and Linda Isleb for all your help in putting together this new handbook! I could never have done it without you!

The second development is the planning for an Affiliate Retreat to be held in the fall of 2024, both Affiliates and SSCM's invited! This retreat will be held twice, once at Nazareth and once at OHOS. It will be both face to face and in a virtual combination. The theme is based on the four orientations from our General Chapter. A subcommittee consisting of Sr. Evelyn, Willa Harper, Kathy Brady-Murfin, and Vicky are putting together this opportunity. Your willingness to serve in this capacity is so much appreciated!

*Sr. Vicky Mobley*

With the encouragement of Sr. Carol, we have also begun videotaping some of our Affiliates and will post these, one Affiliate at a time, on the Affiliate page of our website. As new videos are posted, the ones

that are removed are moved to a separate page so that they will remain available for viewing. There is an icon of a video reel beneath the current video which, when clicked, will take you to the second page. You can find the current video at:

<https://www.sscm-usa.org/Affiliates.html>

*Kathy Brady-Murfin*

### **HOLY HEART OF MARY AFFILIATES, Batavia**

Our affiliate year is off to a good start. In September, Theresa Kolodny made her first commitment as an affiliate, having completed her orientation meetings. Our service goal - providing wish list items to Marklund - has provided a good supply of paper plates/napkins and shower supplies for the Marklund residents. The affiliates have prepared and shared well on the first two stages of the Journey Program: God's Plan for His People and Mary's Annunciation and Visitation. Several affiliates have serious personal and family health situations and refer these to the group for prayer.

*Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur*

### **ST. ANNE AFFILIATES, Rockford**

The St Anne Community Affiliates began our year in September with a lovely picnic on our screened in porch. It was a perfect day for a picnic. I shared with them some of the conversation from the Affiliate Advisory Board.

In October we continued reading and commenting on the book: Lessons from Saint Therese: The Wisdom of God's Little Flower by John Paul Thomas.

*Sister Marie-Ange Marcotte, sscm*

### **HOLY FAMILY AFFILIATES, Kankakee**

We continue our sharing on the book "A Passion for Life" by Joan Chittister. This book contains chapters on people from all walks of life, the latest being Martin Luther King. He is portrayed very realistically as a man flawed with great human weakness, yet very passionate for living justly. What a model for our own lives! This book is filled with icons of each person, as painted by Robert Lentz. Lentz portrays King's icon as in a prison inmate I.D., holding his prisoner number in front of himself. Intriguing!

*Sr. Vicky Mobley*

### **MUSTARD SEED AFFILIATES, On-line**

Even though we meet virtually, our sharing has created a strong bond among us and we love our time together! We have almost completed our first study on charism, what charism is in the Gospel sense, SSCM charism, and our lived experiences of charism. Very impactful and dynamic sharings. We are anxious to move on to our next study, which will probably be one of our historical documents or the lives of our Founders. And after that will be our very first commitment as Affiliates!!

*Sr. Vicky Mobley*

### **MERCY AFFILIATES, Urbana**

We are pleased that we have had someone new join us and discerning joining us as 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**

Nancy Madigan is leaving Westwood Oaks/Riverside for a Joliet facility. She needs more assisted care and will be closer to her family. We will miss her dearly and will remember her in our prayers.

*Sr. Mary Stella Schellenberger*

### **ST. GALL AFFILIATES, Chicago**

In September, our Affiliate Group joined other attendees at One Heart, One Soul Center to listen and reflect on Sr. Loretta' talk on Everyday Miracles. We discussed what we were grateful for.

In October we continued our reading of Bread and Candlelight. In 1939 the Sisters celebrated a Jubilee Year; One Heart, One Soul became their motto.

One of our members, Carman Cantu, is dealing with the return of cancer. We ask you to keep her in your prayers.

*Affiliate Alice Murray*