

## Many Thanks to Sr. Ieda Tomazini for 12 Years of Service to the International Centre



Sr. Ieda Tomazini has represented the Chambéry Congregation on the International Centre Board for the past 12 years. She has seen many Board and staff members come and go as well as many physical and programmatic changes to the Centre. Since she is retiring from Leadership in the Congregation this year, she will also leave the International Centre Board. At its September meeting, the Board thanked Sr. Ieda for her service as president and member of the Executive Committee for several years with a party, a toast of sparkling wine, a Le Puy-themed t-shirt, and a lace heart and bookmark. Sr. Ieda will return to ministry in Brazil.

## Centre Board Meets in Hybrid Zoom Session

The International Centre Board met on September 17-19 with five members in person and three members on Zoom who were unable to be present in Le Puy. Much work was accomplished including the announcement of the 2022 programs, greater promotion of these programs, a re-focus of the newsletter, various policy decisions, and published guidelines for all program participants in order to adhere to France's Covid regulations. Board members also had a chance to sample our new catering service, which they rated with favorable results.



## 2022 Programs Announced by International Centre Board

### Laudato Si – June 12-18, 2022

**Presenters:** **Linda Buck, CSJ** is a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange (CA) in the USA. She currently serves in the ministry of Initial Formation and is a psychotherapist and spiritual director. She is a frequent presenter in the areas of theology, spirituality and psychology. **Mary Rowell** is the vocations director of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada and a professor of theology at the University of Toronto.

### The Prophetic Stance of Relationship: *The Two Trinities as a Model of Dynamic Love* – June 25-July 2, 2022

We will explore the prophetic nature of our call in the world today and learn how the dynamic love as expressed by the Two Trinities is a model of our call toward relationality in our wounded world. It is in this openness to relationship that we incarnate Triune Love and participate in the process of bringing God alive in the world.

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### Listening to the Heartbeat of the Creator Retreat – August 2-9, 2022

We will explore the story of creation as revealed to us today, from the splendor of the universe to the interdependence and interconnection of all life on our planet. What are the Creator's deepest desires for us at this time? Where do we come from? Why are we here? What ought we do?

**Presenters:** **Sr. Bridget Pritchard, SSJA** lives in the UK. Formerly a biology teacher, she is presently on staff at Ty Croeso Spirituality Centre, where she leads days of prayer and retreat. Bridget works with parish and school groups introducing the new consciousness. **Sr. Henrietta Curran, SSJA**, lives in the U.K. A retired teacher, she is currently working in JPIC as Congregation Justice and Peace Leader. She has given many sessions on the above topics whilst working with JPIC Leaders from India, Africa and England. She represents SSJA on the Global Sisters of St Joseph Forum.

### The Lace is Not Yet Finished – September 13-19, 2022

In each generation since, the Holy Spirit has awakened God's compassionate presence in the hearts of women to respond to the ever-changing needs of the people of God. In this program participants will get in touch with and claim once again the transformative power of this charism in our midst and into the future.

**Presenter:** **Sr. Jane Delisle, CSJ** is a Sister of St. Joseph from Orange, CA, USA. Jane has come to Le Puy-en-Velay many times with sisters and staff from the Orange Health Systems.

### Mission Effectiveness: *The Charism Alive in CSSJ Ministries* – September 24-October 1, 2022

This program offers a pilgrimage for lay partners in mission and provides an immersion experience into the original spirit and global dimension of the charism and spiritual tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph. If you are associated with one of the ministries founded by the Sisters of Saint Joseph as an administrator, staff person, board member, or supporter, this program is for you!

**Presenters:** **Sr. Dolores Clerico, SSJ** is a Philadelphia Sister of Saint Joseph (USA) with ministry experience in the academic, parish, diocesan, and congregational arenas. **Sr. Phyllis DiFuccia, SSJ** is a Sister of St. Joseph from Erie, Pennsylvania (USA) who was a member of the U.S. Federation research teams on the origins of the Sisters of St. Joseph.



## Sisters of St. Joseph Around the World



**ITALY** – Sunday, July 4 was an historic day. At 6 p.m., the basilica of San Maurizio in Pinerolo-Turin, hosted a solemn Eucharistic celebration with the official ceremony of the merger of the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Pinerolo with that of Chambéry.



**CANADA** – In 2017, all three congregations of the Canadian Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph became a **Blue Community**, that is, one that protects water as a shared commons and human right. “As human beings we have a relationship with water as a sacred gift that sustains life,” says Paul Baines, coordinator of the project. The Council of Canadians initiated the Blue Communities project, in which the sisters pledged to strive to:

- End the unnecessary use of bottled water on our premises, recognizing that earth’s waters are not a commodity to be sold.
- Ensure clean drinking water and sanitation are available to all, as a human right. Globally 2 million people have contaminated water because of poverty and government mis-management.
- Promote publicly funded, owned and operated water and wastewater services.

[Click here](#) for resources on the Blue Community.

**USA** – Sisters Mary Jo Curtsinger, Marianne Race, Mary Pung, Jackie Schmitz and Rita Ann Teichman volunteered with Catholic Charities Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas last April. They were among several sisters over past years who worked at migrant shelters along the U.S.-Mexico border. Currently, they are lobbying lawmakers to change U.S. immigration policy based on their firsthand border experiences and knowledge. [Click here](#) for their story from the Global Sisters Report, a project of National Catholic Reporter.



### **International Sisters of St. Joseph Pray for Peace and Healing in Our World**

In the midst of the world’s woes of raging fires, torrential storms, hurricanes, earthquakes, aggression, and violence, for one quiet hour on Saturday, August 28 hundreds of Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates throughout the world settled into a period of reflection and prayer for the sake of our cherished earth and its peoples.

The international CSJ Chambéry Congregation designed and hosted the prayer hour using quotes from Pope Francis’ encyclical *Fratelli tutti*. Readings and prayers were spoken in various languages: Italian, French, Portuguese, English, with music in those languages as well as being sung in Urdu. To focus our reflection the hour was divided into these topics cited in the encyclical: Social Friendship, Envisaging and Engendering an Open World, A Better Kind of Politics; A Heart Open to the World; Dialogue and Friendship in Society; Paths of Renewed Encounter; and Religions at the Service of the Our World. Each focus contained brief statements, prayer, and song.

## Global Prayer Calendar for September-October

The Global Joseph Family includes 11,000 sisters, 5,666 associates, 34 agrégées, and 26 charisma passers in 52 countries. Each week of each month, a different country is featured so that we may be united in prayer to listen to the heart of the world and pray for the ministers and their ministries in a given country. Many thanks to the [Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada](#) for the calendar.

### September

#### Sisters of St. Joseph – Papua New Guinea

Sisters: 2  
 Associates: 0  
 Languages: English  
 Congregations: Chambéry



#### Sisters of St. Joseph – Peru

Sisters: 25  
 Associates: 23  
 Languages: Spanish  
 Congregations: Canada, Carondelet-USA



#### Sisters of St. Joseph – Puerto Rico

Sisters: 9  
 Associates: 0  
 Languages: Spanish  
 Congregations: Brentwood-USA



#### Sisters of St. Joseph – Romania

Sisters: 6  
 Associates: 0  
 Languages: Romanian  
 Congregations: Cuneo, Aosta



### Week 1

### October

#### Sisters of St. Joseph - Senegal

Sisters: 24  
 Associates: 40  
 Languages: French, English Seneglese  
 Congregations: Institute, Annecy, Lyon



### Week 2

#### Sisters of St. Joseph – Sri Lanka

Sisters: 11  
 Associates: 10  
 Languages: English  
 Congregations: Lyon



### Week 3

#### Sisters of St. Joseph - Sweden

Sisters: 2  
 Associates: 6  
 Languages: Portuguese, Swedish  
 Congregations: Chambéry



### Week 4

#### Sisters of St. Joseph - Switzerland

Sisters: 4  
 Associates: 50  
 Languages: French, Italian, German  
 Congregations: Cuneo, Lyon



## Lace Makers to Care Takers - a poem

by Sr. Laveena D'Souza, Congregation of Chambéry, Tanmaya Province / India

Hear you, O descendants of lace-makers  
 Don't you realize, you! O great care-takers?  
 What's your vision, what's your mission?  
 Forget not, communion is your charism

A total double union with self, with others  
 With God, and with creation is what matters  
 Every day, every life is mingled in this mystery  
 By your life let's add to this great history

Humility, simplicity, hiddenness, and charity  
 Let your intentions be polished in purity  
 Magis, enlarge your tent, Incarnate with Joy  
 Keywords to live the kingdom alloy

Maxims, Constitution, Eucharistic Letter and Little Plan  
 To lead a life worthy of the Little Design



State of your heart and order of the house  
 A genuine sharing for lasting friendship

Community immersed in the Spirit connected with the world  
 Consecrating to the Uncreated and Created Trinities  
 Joining Mary in her Fiat, finding in Joseph the fraternal care  
 Emptying of self to be filled with Jesus to proclaim the 'Greatest Love of God'

Passion for Christ, compassion for humanity  
 Live a life of serenity by weaving the lace of diversity  
 Make peace with Creator and with creation  
 Thus, make your life a great celebration