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On the Journey

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High Tea held at Villa Flora

On Sunday, January 13, the Sisters of St. Joseph introduced their new General Superior, Sister Kathleen Carr, SSJ, to the St. Augustine local community at an afternoon High Tea held in the historic Villa Flora.

Sister Kathleen welcomed guests from throughout the city and beyond, inviting them to sample many British treats such as scones served with lemon curd and clotted cream, cucumber sandwiches, shortbread cookies and berry trifle.

Jeanette Ghioto, Mission Advancement Director, organized the event. St. Augustine Mayor Nancy Shaver attended as well as Flagler College professor Dr. Timothy Johnson. He was thrilled to win one of the door prizes that included the Sisters of St. Joseph PBS/WJCT documentary, "Legacy of Faith."



Sister Kathleen Carr and guests



Photo Left:

Sister Kathleen with Mayor Nancy Shaver

Photo Middle Right:

Sisters Stephanie Flynn (l) and Suzan Foster, members of the SSJ Leadership Team

Photo Bottom Right:

Jeanette Ghioto with Sister Kathleen Carr



A New Year of Grace begins



Sister Kathleen Carr, SSJ



The new Church year began on the first Sunday of Advent with the lighting of the first candle of the Advent wreath. It wasn't long before all four candles were lit, and the Christmas lights were shining all around us. Christmas carols rang out reminding us that on a very holy night Christ was born. It was a silent night that brought joy to the world and continues to call us to come and adore Him.

The Christmas lights have dimmed, the decorations are packed away, and the Christmas carols have stopped. We are now in a time called "Ordinary." Have the not so ordinary seasons of Advent and Christmas filled you with longing and light, and left a song in your heart? Have things gone back to business

as usual in this ordinary time?

How do you encounter God in the ordinary? There are so many ordinary things we do every day. Do they make the light of Christ shine in you or bring joy to the world you are living in? Does the ordinary call you to come and adore the Lord?

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St. Joseph Academy Faculty come to Motherhouse Jan. 2

Sister Carol Stovall, SSJ, Councilor and Motherhouse Coordinator/Administrator, led a retreat morning for St. Joseph Academy 's faculty at the Motherhouse on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd.

Starting with coffee and pastries in the Motherhouse dining room at 8 A.M., the 27 faculty members then went to the chapel where Sister Carol, after an opening prayer, presented a "Short Introduction to Maxims of the Little Institute," with handouts of selected Maxims

and list of virtues important in them.

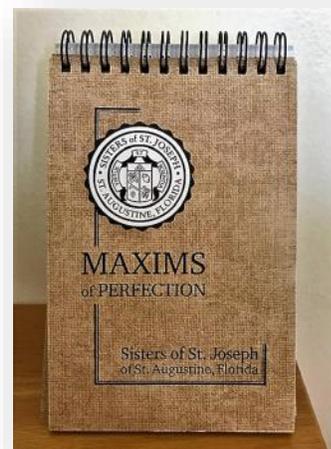
Following her presentation, the faculty had time for silent personal prayer on one of the Maxims written by Fr. Jean-Pierre Medaille, the French Jesuit priest who founded the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1650 in Le Puy, France.

After their quiet time the faculty met in small groups for sharing in either the dining room or on the porches. Then they returned to the chapel

where they shared with the entire group.

At 11 A.M. Fr. Martin Ibeh from the Cathedral-Basilica celebrated Mass for the faculty in the Motherhouse chapel.

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Sisters walk in local March for Life on Jan. 12



Sisters Marlene Payette, Kathleen Carr, Charlotte Tremoulet, Carol Wells, and Mary Kuester participated in the March for Life on Jan. 12

Accompanying the Sisters in the March for Life were Mary Dezell, Governance Office assistant (far right), and Sister Nuala Mulleady, MFIC, from Valdosta, Ga. (wearing blue top)



St. Joseph Academy retreat morning (continued from page 2)

“The Maxims, or wise sayings, are written in archaic language that makes them hard to understand today,” said Sister Carol. “They are meant to be read by people who

have a healthy sense of self and are sure of their identity as loved by God.”

“They are all about growing in virtues, seeking “the more,”

giving glory to God, but in gentleness, peace and joy,” Sister Carol stated.

Each faculty member was given a copy of our SSJ Maxims

booklet by Todd DeClemente, the school principal. It was produced back in 2016 as part of our 150th anniversary in Florida.

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The first statement of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine's mission statement is that we are "Seized by God's love... ." And the first statement of our Vision Statement is that we are "Centered in contemplation... ."

How do we live our lives reaching out to our "dear neighbors" in an extraordinary, ordinary way? Be seized and centered!

Praying that this year you allow yourself to be seized by God's love and be centered in contemplation. It is how the ordinary becomes very extraordinary.



Jennifer Brown, Our Lady of Lourdes Convent volunteer, holds two embroidered room door name plaques she made which were put on the walls outside sisters' rooms in September.

Two Sisters of St. Joseph Associates retreat weekends held in January at St. Joseph Renewal Center in St. Augustine



SSJ Lay Associates from several areas of Florida gathered at the newly-refurbished St. Joseph Renewal Center Jan. 4-6 and Jan. 18-20 for "The Lace is Not Finished," a retreat guided by Sister Florence Bryan, SSJ. Presentations delved deeply into the founding story of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the lives of the earliest Sisters, the culture of the time, and the spirituality that inspired the founding members and still inspires us today.

Sister Rita Baum, SSJ, is Coordinator of Associates. Sister Florence is Associate Director of St. Joseph Renewal Center. For more information on the Associates Program, please contact Sister Rita at 904-826-7365.

