

St. Joseph Women's Society
Mary & Martha News

November 2016

Columbia, SC

A Thanksgiving Meditation

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Over the past few weeks, I have found myself in the waiting room of a few doctors as I accompanied some friends to their appointments. I would frequently hear the nurse come out and call someone's name. Then I would hear the nurse ask, "How are you?" Everyone responded, fine, great or OK.

After listening to this taking place with various people, I began to chuckle. Everyone in the waiting room had some sort of issue or they would not be there. You could hear them cough, sneeze or complain about this pain or that hurt. The conversations were all centered on their health. But when the nurse came out, everyone said fine, great or ok.

This pondering on the question "How are you?" and the responses got me thinking about how we approach God in prayer. We don't want to seem like we are complaining all the time but we can find ourselves saying, Lord, please help me with this person as she is trying my patience. Or, God why is this or that happening to me right now in my life?

During this month of November, this season of Thanksgiving, let us pause and listen to the responses of others and of God. May we be more attentive to the question "How are you?" And may we be more attentive to how we respond to this question. As Catholic women, let us pause in gratitude for the many gifts we have and our ability to truly listen to the answers to this question, how are you, so we can respond with a generous heart to the needs of our sisters in Christ.



November Meeting

This month our meeting will be on the second Sunday (November 13) rather than the third. It promises to be an important meeting.

Officers for the 2017-2018 term of office will be voted on at this meeting. The slate of officers presented by the nominations committee included:

Mary Sue Barnum, President;

Peggy Britt, Vice President;

Gayle Michaelis, Secretary; and

Julie Rotureau, Treasurer.

There were no nominations from the floor.

We will also vote on our choice for Catholic Woman of the Year. Gwen Skipper was nominated at the October meeting. Other nominations will be accepted at the November meeting and the vote on our selection will occur.

Also, Kyra Yoder from St. Joseph Youth Group will speak at the November meeting about her experience attending a Catholic Youth Conference this summer. Our group helped to raise funds to support our youth's participation in the Conference. We look forward to hearing Kyra's comments about her experience at the Conference,

The Saint Joseph Women's Society are friends in faith who share the Gospel; serve the parish, community, and world; and mold strong Catholic woman leaders.

SJWS Calendar

November 13 (Note Date Change)

Monthly meeting 1:30PM, Ursuline Hall, MAB
Speaker Kyra Yoder (from Youth Group)

November 19 -20

From the Devine Kitchens-Festival of Foods,
Baskets and Gifts
3-7 PM Saturday. 8AM-2 PM Sunday
Parish Hall/Gym

December 5-9

Christmas Party & gift wrapping

December 13

Decorate Chrismon Tree

December 14

Chrismon Tree Lighting and Pageant

December 22

Decorate Church for Christmas

Jan 15 2017

SJWS General Luncheon Meeting
Reservations will be required