

RETREAT/MEETING OF THE NRVC– HUDSON VALLEY MEMBER AREA

MARCH 27TH, 2017 – BEACON, NEW YORK

❖ **PRESENT:** Sisters: Marie Mackie (SSJ - Brentwood); Anna Maria Lionetti (RSHM); Maureen Hanahoe (MM); Peggy Doyle (SSND); Jeanne Gocha (CSJ- Albany); Barbara O’Dea (Daughters of Wisdom);

❖ **RETREAT:** *Spirits on Fire – Re-Igniting the Passion for Vocation Ministry*

Facilitated by Sister Charlene Diorka, Sister of Saint Joseph from Philadelphia.

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Through Communal prayer, Spirit Filled presentations, and time for personal reflection and sharing, the retreat put us each in touch with the depth of our charism, and our original call. How are the signs of the times, today, calling each Congregation to live out this charism with passion? What would Religious Life look like if we were on Fire?

- *Do I live my life, aware of the Fire within me?*
- *What ignites me with Sacred Passion? This is where God is leading.*
- *What would it mean for me to become Fire?*
- *Am I holding anything back, which needs to be let go of?*

We are grateful to Charlene for the deep spiritual experience, shared among us.

We are also grateful to the Discalced Carmelites for opening up to us, their sacred space and for their warm hospitality.

❖ **UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION:**

- *Please send any personal reflections with regard to the retreat to Marie Mackie or to Anna Maria Lionetti. You can also write to Charlene directly.*
- ***NEXT PLANNING MEETING – May 10th, 2017. 10AM to 3 PM.*** *Possible places for the meeting: Germantown or Tarrytown.*

Since the NRVC – Hudson Valley Member Area extends from Long Island to Upstate New York, Germantown was suggested for this meeting, in order to make it easier for the participation of NRVC members in upstate New York.

- ***Come with ideas on how we can collaborate with vocation events during the coming year.***
- *If we know of other communities in our areas, who would want to participate in the NRVC- Hudson Valley, but have financial constraints, advise them of an NRVC Misericordia fund, which is available to help with membership costs.*

- **PLANNING FOR THE NEXT NATIONAL NRVC CONVOCATION IN 2018**

*Since in 2018, the Lake Erie/Ohio River and Hudson Valley Member Areas will be responsible for the planning and hospitality for the National Convocation, there will be a meeting with Debbie Borneman on **September 27th, 2017, from 10AM to 3 PM in Tarrytown.** More details will follow.*

Idea: Perhaps during the convocation, we could see if the Buffalo or Niagara Universities would be open to hold a vocation event.

- **VOCATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

- *Marie reminded us of the **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**, which is funded by the Hilton Foundation. It trains teams (Vocation Director – Communications Person – and a Young Adult on how to do a strategic plan in working with Social Media. This year it will take place at Holy Cross College from June 8th – 12th.*
- ***BUSY PERSON RETREAT*** - *Usually run by Campus Ministry. The responsibility of the retreatant is 20 minutes of prayer each day and 30 minutes with the one who accompanies them. It might be good to investigate if smaller colleges would be open to us collaborating in Busy Person Retreats on their campus.*
- ***MIRIAM PROJECT*** – *sponsored by the Brooklyn Diocese was held at Mary Louis Academy on February 18th in the afternoon. It was for young women 12 to 30 years of age. It provided the opportunity for religious to share their story with participants. The participants could also ask questions. 20 young women and 6 religious participated. In the future, NRVC could also consider initiating events for young adults. One idea is to initiate a reflection around the book – IF NUNS RULED THE WORLD by Joe Piazza.*
- ***PEER SUPERVISION:*** *Would anyone be interested in participating in a Peer Supervision Group, which meets in the Bronx. The facilitator is Don Bisson. At the present moment there are 3 religious who participate, but it would be*

helpful to have a larger group. The cost depends on the number of participants. At the present moment, each religious pays \$40 per session. Peggy Doyle expressed interest. If anyone else is interested, contact Sister Veronica Woods - vwood@sosf.org

- *At our next meeting in May, the present **list of NRVC – Hudson Valley Members** will be distributed to the group. At the present moment we have 63 members.*

*Maureen Hanahoe
Secretary*