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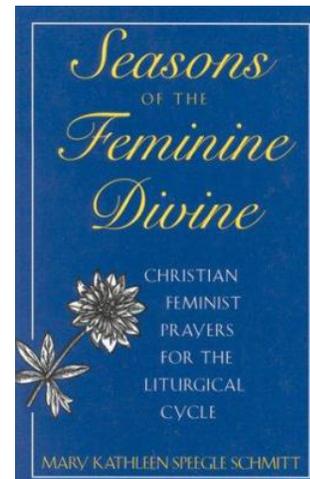
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## *Heart of Compassion*

Mary Kathleen Speegle Schmitt author of *Seasons of the Feminine Divine*

Defender of Women and Children,  
Out of pain and rejection  
You molded Jesus' heart of compassion,  
And caused Him to rise up  
On behalf of outcasts and sinners.  
Open our hearts to the despised  
And rejected ones of the world;  
That, surrounding them  
With the intensity of your love,  
We bring them into Your household  
To be cherished by You forever;  
Friend and Advocate of the Lost,  
Liberating One.  
Amen.



Can you open your heart to the “despised and rejected of the world?” Keep a photograph on your altar or at your prayer space of a starving child, a homeless person, or victims of war and prejudice as a reminder of the daily need to develop our own compassion and loving kindness.

## OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT *Barbara Johnson, Director*

I had a good visit to the Boston area. One of the people I visited is someone many of our sisters may remember, Margaret (Midge Cassidy). She is doing well and sends her love to each of you.



We continue our focus on ministry and helping those in need.

Gifts from donors enable us to offer grants from our ministry fund for persons or programs facing a financial crisis. One recipient recently sent this note:

*“I would like to take this opportunity to thank your organization for the generous gift that was given to my son and I. This gift was like throwing a life jacket to a drowning person. Every time my faith is tested, God shows his goodness and mercy to us in a big way. We will be eternally grateful to the Sisters of St. Francis.”*

Information about the ministry fund is available through my office.

**Center of Renewal's 45th Anniversary Celebratory Event and Sacred Songfest Seasonal Series II (Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 2:00-4:30 PM):** Come celebrate COR's 45th Anniversary as a retreat center coupled with the 2nd-in-a-series enjoyable compilation of choral and instrumental church music from throughout Western New York. Musical presentations are planned for 2:00-3:30 PM in Stella Niagara's Sisters' Chapel, interspersed with historical reflections commemorating 45 years of retreat center ministry. Afterwards, join us in the COR Dining Room for anniversary celebratory awards, mementos, and refreshments. Advance confirmation Please confirm attendance by calling 716-754-7376, Ext. 2.

**"The Mystical Perspective of Earth & Cosmic Consciousness" 6-night, 7-day retreat week June 19-25, 2019** immediately preceding Chapter. Wednesday dinner through Tuesday lunch. Presented by Denise Turcotte, CSC; Normal Comtois, OMI; Dorothy Landry, CAGS. Pre-register by 6/6/19. Fliers with registration forms available from COR staff (716-754-7376, Ext. 2).

**Directed Retreat Week** August 11-17, 2019. Sunday dinner through Saturday lunch. Three-, four-, or five-day directed retreats also available; call us for details. Spiritual directors confirmed thus far include **Fr. Tom Hartle**, OFM; **Sr. Jean Thompson**, OSF; **Sr. Nancy Fortkort**, OSF; **Sr. Donna Lord**, GNSH; **Sr. Marian Baumler**, SSMN.

**Contemplative Prayer Group** typically meets first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. No advance reservations are needed for this event.

Watch for additional details on these and other retreats on our website, [stellaniagararetreats.org](http://stellaniagararetreats.org).

## **ENTERED NEW LIFE**

*All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.*



**Sister Bonita Christine Hoß**, who died on March 12, 2019. She was born on November 3, 1927 and professed on August 15, 1951. Sister Bonita was a member of Maria Immaculata Community in Nonnenwerth, Germany.



## ACTIVITIES AT SHA *S. Mara Walton*

Spring weather is usually not too favorable for sports. Wet fields and cold weather have led to many postponements of meets and games so this month club activities are in the spot light.

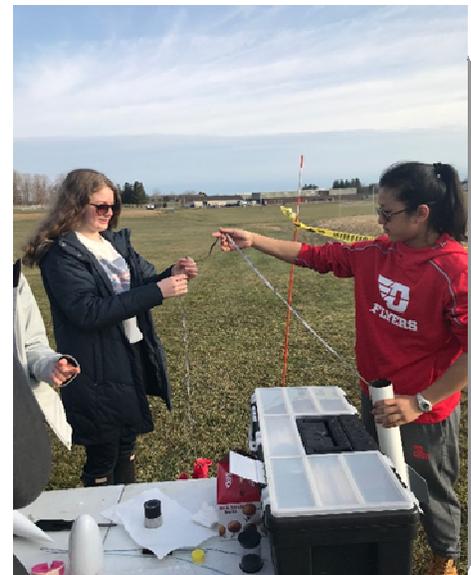
Sacred Heart's Mock Trial team won the title of Erie County Champion on March 18 in the Erie County Ceremonial Courtroom, with the Honorable Carl L. Bucki presiding. Twenty-four teams from throughout Erie County competed for the title, and our team defeated City Honors High School in the final round of the tournament. After winning the Erie County Championship, the team advanced to the Western Region Competition on Saturday, April 6. After winning three separate trials in one day, the team earned the title of Regional Champion, defeating Batavia High School and Brighton High School. The team will now travel to Albany in late May to vie for the title of State Champion. The SHA team is coached by Mrs. Nancy Brady, English teacher, her husband Michael and son Daniel both attorneys.



The Rocketry Club under the direction of science teacher, Ron Stepien competed at the Moog complex in East Aurora, New York. They had a very successful launch but will not know until later in May if they will go to the National competition in Washington, DC. Students work on rocket design and launch height as well as doing last minute adjustments to compensate for weather conditions.

News just in...! The Rocket Club has been invited to Team America Rocketry Challenge Final Fly Off in The Plains, Virginia on May 18. They are one of only 102 teams out of 830 across the country to be invited. This will be their third year of competing in this competition.

Congratulations!





## My Wish

My desire is to live in a garden ~  
With flowers and trees all around,  
Tulips and daisies and iris ~  
Where lilac bushes abound.

Over there is a lot of daffodils,  
Here is a tall oak tree;  
To my left a bed of roses  
Plus a bubbling brook to see.

'Twould be a joy to live in a garden ~  
'Twould be a dream come true...  
With flowers, trees, and butterflies ~  
And sunshine with skies of blue.

Come and stay with me, Lord Jesus,  
Midst the greenery and gold...  
Come and join with me in praising  
'Til the whole world had been told.

~ Sr. T. Kinsel  
03/23/19

