

We are the only species with the power to destroy the earth and also the capacity to protect it.  
—Dalai Lama



# Network News

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## New Network Members & Principal Updates

After the unique circumstances of last year, many schools were excited for a fresh start this year.

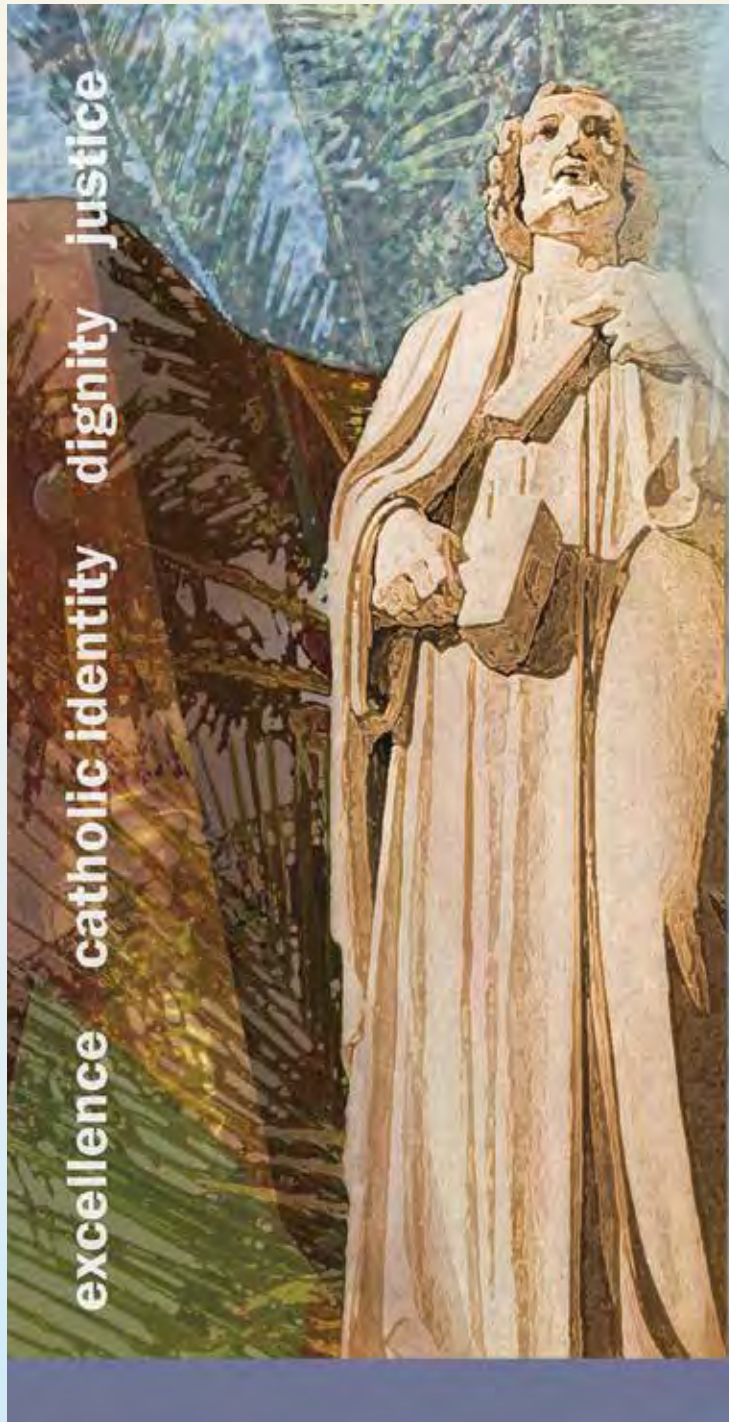
The **CSJ Educational Network** has grown to a total of 25 member schools with growth in the regions of San Francisco and Orange. From the Archdiocese of San Francisco, we welcome **All Souls School** with Vincent Riener as principal, and **Our Lady of Mercy School** with Jeffrey Burgos as principal. From the Diocese of Orange, we welcome **St. Hedwig School** with Erin Rucker as principal.

Principal changes in San Francisco include Maria Collins, principal of **St. Thomas the Apostle School**, and David Gallagher, principal of **St. Paul School**. In San Diego, Kim James is principal of **St. Didacus School**.

After the previous year of change and uncertainty, this year we eagerly move forward. With new member schools and new principals to guide our schools, Network educators will continue to lead our communities on a path of success.

Leadership is about  
making others better  
as a result of your  
presence and making  
sure that impact lasts  
in your absence.

*Sheryl Sandberg*



# A Year of Transformation at St. Joseph School

**St. Joseph School**, Santa Ana

Labor Day marked the completion of an 18-month long renovation at St. Joseph School in Santa Ana. With financial support from the Shea Foundation, many of the school's necessary infrastructure updates were completed. The final updates included the installation of new windows for the property. After months of not attending class on campus due to the pandemic and construction, the school reopened on September 7. The students, faculty and staff were impressed and grateful for the changes and upgrades to the campus due to the generosity of the Shea Foundation.

While the school was under construction, the faculty and staff held their back-to-school retreat in the Mother Louis Room at St. Joseph Center.



Thank God  
for the past.  
Trust God  
for the future.

*Source Unknown*



## In Remembrance of 9/11

**St. Cecilia School**, Tustin

On this 20th anniversary of September 11th, St. Cecilia School 4th graders honored the heroes and remembered the victims of that day with prayer and reflection. They crafted paper hearts using the colors of the American flag and wrote about ways they can pay tribute to this special day.



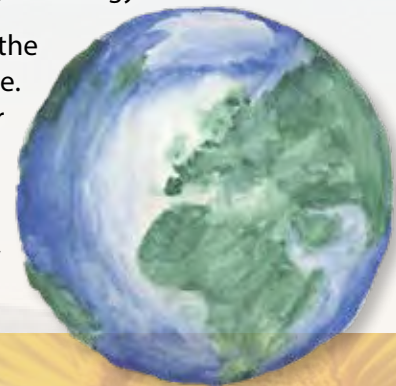
*Bret E. Allen*  
Director of Education

# The CSJ Educational Network Addresses Climate Crisis

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, where he writes that "the urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change, (LS 13)." In *Laudato Si'*, the Holy Father makes an urgent plea to the entire world to take a fresh perspective on how all persons can, and must, make significant changes in how we observe, interpret and act on the climate crisis with the intention of healing our planet as we respond to the "cry of the Earth" and the "cry of the poor."

At the **CSJ Educational Network**, we are responding to Pope Francis' call for 'ecological conversion' as we seek to develop ways to bring teachers and administrators into a deeper conversation on the "spirit of integral ecology" through the faith-formation curriculum of the Ministerial Formation Program for Educators. These three sessions, using *Laudato Si'* and Catholic Social Teachings as the foundation, strive to broaden the perspectives of teachers, students and the larger school culture as all seek to deepen their belief in, and commitment to, a "spirit of integral ecology."

From September 1 until the Feast of St. Francis on October 4, persons of faith are observing the Season of Creation which is the annual celebration of prayer and action for our common home. In this spirit, the **CSJ Educational Network** welcomes everyone to find ways in their own lives to seek a conversion of heart and mind toward the issues facing our planet. Pope Francis implores us to engage in two prayers. "The first we can share with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator, while the other we Christians ask for inspiration to take up the commitment to creation set before us by the Gospel of Jesus (LS 246)."



## CSJ Educational Network Featured

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, the CSJ Council has dedicated each month to two ministries at St. Joseph Center. In September, the **CSJ Educational Network** was recognized for the work

we do to promote the Sisters' ministry in the spirit of St. Joseph.



From left to right: Terri Treiber, Bret E. Allen, Sr. Susan Trezek, Marcos Ramirez, Therese DiMillo, Andrew Perias



## Why I Serve

### CSJ Educational Network Advisory Board

I believe the future can, and should, be better than the present. I know that the work of the **CSJ Educational Network** is integral to realizing this vision. It is a blessing to serve and contribute as a member of the Advisory Board. I strive every day to make a positive difference in the lives of those I encounter and to use my strengths for the continuation of the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph ministries.

– by Julie Malvey

## Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange Install New Council

At a special Mass in September, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange installed their recently elected leadership team, also known as the General Council. This council of Sisters will serve during the 2021-2026 term.

- Sister Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ – *General Superior*
- Sister Marian Schubert, CSJ – *Assistant General Superior*
- Sister Cecilia Magladry, CSJ – *1st Councillor*
- Sister Sue Dunning, CSJ – *2nd Councillor*
- Sister Mary Elizabeth Nelsen, CSJ – *3rd Councillor*

Congratulations to the newly elected team!



*Pictured from left to right: Sr. Mary Elizabeth Nelsen, Sr. Cecilia Magladry, Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, Sr. Marian Schubert, Sr. Sue Dunning*



## Important Dates

- 10/6 ..... Ministerial Formation 2 - *OC South*
- 10/8 ..... Peer Leadership Program 1 - *AP-VP*
- 10/8 ..... Advisory Board Meeting 1 - *MLR*
- 10/13 ..... Ministerial Formation 2 - *San Diego*
- 10/15 ..... Peer Leadership Program 4 - *Cohort 2*
- 10/19 ..... Fall Principals Meeting
- 10/22 ..... Ministerial Formation 2 - *OC North*
- 10/25 ..... Ministerial Formation 2 - *San Francisco*
- 11/2 ..... Ministerial Formation 1 - *Humboldt*
- 11/12 ..... Peer Leadership Program 2 - *AP-VP*



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