



Why I Serve

CSJ Educational Network Advisory Board

“Catholic school leaders hunger for high-quality professional development and spiritual formation in order to minister to their students. The **CSJ Educational Network** continually discerns how to best meet this desire through its many services and network of relationships. By sharing in the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange of “unity and reconciliation,” the Network is preparing school communities to create a more inclusive, equitable, and just society. I am thus honored to serve in furthering the mission of the **CSJ Educational Network**.

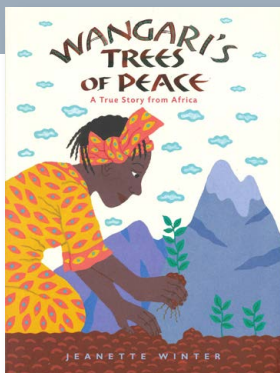
– by Wayne Negrete, SJ

In Remembrance of Dora Islas

The St. Charles School community is mourning the loss of their beloved educator Dora Islas. Dora was both the Vice Principal and 6th grade teacher for the school. Her education career in the Diocese of San Diego spans 37 years, with 30 of those years taught at St. Charles. In lieu of flowers, her family has created a donation fund with all proceeds to go to teacher supplies. The CSJ Educational Network sends our prayers and condolences to the St. Charles community and Dora’s family. She will be sorely missed.

To donate to the memorial fund, follow the PayPal link below. **Please indicate that your donation is for the memorial fund in the special instructions section.**

[Dora Islas Memorial Fund](#)



What is Sr. Susan reading this month?

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa

Author: Jeanette Winter

“This is the true story of Wangari Maathai, an environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. It tells the story of how one woman’s passion, vision and determination can inspire great change.”

You can check out the book [here](#).

Ministerial Formation Program Welcomes in New San Francisco Members

“The videos shared during the presentation are relevant to our students. Thank you for sharing these resources so we may use them in our classrooms.”

– San Diego participant

The Ministerial Formation Program for Educators fosters a dynamic sense of purpose and dignity in those who serve to bring the teaching ministry of Jesus into the future. Modeled on an adult multi-faceted process, this program provides educators with content, practical classroom application and community building in the tradition, vision, and mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. This unique opportunity offers participants an enhanced understanding of Catholic teachings, Gospel values, Church ministry and deepens life-long learning and personal formation as a Catholic school educator.

As we begin the new school year with two new schools in the Archdiocese of San Francisco,

Our Lady of Mercy and All Souls Catholic School, the Educational Network consequently raised the number of participants in the Zoom format to 130+. This increase in participants also necessitated an expansion in the technological infrastructure needed to meet the needs of our “dear neighbors” in the Bay Area. A new green screen for better visual backgrounds, better lighting, and upgraded Zoom capabilities allow us to keep pace with the growing number of teachers and administrators we serve. It also calls on all the Educational Network staff to be part of the broadcast to our member schools by assisting the presenter through shared videos, monitoring the chat feature amongst participants, assigning participants to small group breakout sessions, and taping of sessions to add to the Network’s developing video library.

“Thank you so much! I will definitely use things from the presentations as well as my small group discussions this year with my students. I appreciate all the resources you have provided for us, too!”

– San Francisco participant

