



# UNITED IN MISSION

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## A MESSAGE FROM JUDITH SCHAUM, SSND, COORDINATOR OF MISSION EFFECTIVENESS

Dear Colleagues,

In *You Are Sent*, the SSND Constitution and General Directory, we read:

In Eucharist, we are caught up in the love relationship of Christ with the Father in the Holy Spirit. We are drawn anew into Christ's self-emptying, into the mystery of ongoing redemption. (C 33)

Our lives are eucharistic because they are gift given to the Father in union with Christ for others. (GD 41)

How appropriate it is that in this issue of *United in Mission*, we focus on the *Call to Solidarity* through the lens of Eucharist. The season of Lent is a special time to ponder and celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ and his self-emptying that culminates in resurrection.

Three of our sponsored ministries have been invited to share their reflections on the *Call to Solidarity* and how it is implemented in their specific work. The Eucharistic lens reads as follows:

We celebrate Eucharist and live it authentically. Cosmic in dimension, Eucharist transforms us, calling us again and again to reconciliation and solidarity among ourselves and with all Creation. United with the self-gift of Christ to God in the Holy Spirit, we are ready to lay down our lives to be bread that is blessed, broken and shared for the life of the world.

During this season of Lent, may we deepen our understanding of eucharistic living as we lay down our lives for the people with whom and for whom we serve.

I wish you the joy and peace of the Risen Lord!

Sincerely,

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## NOTRE DAME LEARNING CENTER

As God sent Jesus to be our nourishment, so we too are called daily, to be bread for our brothers and sisters sharing our lives with them.

The Notre Dame Learning Center provides educational opportunities for the underserved children living in the city of Rochester, New York. We minister to these children, and their families, so that they may reach the fullness of their potential. We work so that they will be successful youngsters and eventually productive citizens.

The Call to Solidarity is a part of each day at the Center, whether teaching a child to read, preparing lessons with a tutor or listening to a mother who is undergoing chemotherapy. It is through these caring moments that we become eucharist to each other. Each day we experience transformation in and all around us.



**Notre Dame Learning Center**

Just as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, so too have we been multiplied since our beginning four years ago. We may never know to what extent we are eucharist to others. But we do know that numerous parents, guardians and teachers have recommended us to others. We do see our children find success daily. We are touched by the loyalty of our tutors. We are lifted up by the generosity of our donors. We are supported by the love of our SSND family.

In the words of Maura Eichner, SSND in writing about Blessed Theresa:

Breaking bread to share, she, too  
learned the miracle of loaves, her clear  
testament to us.

**Lorraine Burns, SSND, Contributor**

## INSTITUTE OF NOTRE DAME

Since 1847, the teachers and administrators of the Institute of Notre Dame, a high school for young women in Baltimore City, have been living eucharist by giving of themselves and caring for the hundreds of young women from many different areas of the city.



We, the employees of IND today, continue to serve as eucharist imparting our faith and wisdom to a diverse student body. We know that we can only be eucharist to others when we are truly present to those around us, as well as to those far beyond our reach.

When we become eucharist, we engulf and birth the passion of our Lord to faithfully live out the Gospel message. Our students extend the space of Jesus Christ into their lives through their dedication to academic excellence, their passion for community service and their commitment to loved ones. By being the Good News in our school and our neighborhood, the IND community creates solidarity.

**Kara M. Moran**, *Contributor*

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## SSND NEWS

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### NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

The provincial council has appointed Carole Shinnick, SSND as Director of Communications for the Atlantic-Midwest Province. In this position, Carole is responsible for all internal and external communications and works closely with the Council, the Mission Advancement Department, and our graphic artist. Carole hopes to get to know all of you and the work of our sponsored ministries. Welcome, Carole.

### JUBILIARIANS CELEBRATION

On May 2, many of the sisters who are Jubilarians this year will gather will gather at Villa Notre Dame in Wilton, CT for the province celebration. The sisters are celebrating 50, 60, 70, or 75 years of the profession of their vows. The accumulated years of ministry and fidelity total 4,130. We congratulate them and extend our gratitude for their many years of service.



## CAROLINE CENTER

Caroline Center, founded in 1996, serves unemployed and underemployed women in Baltimore City by teaching them skills to find employment in a career with potential for advancement. Women who have completed the 15 week program testify to its success and the effect the “Caroline difference” has made in their lives. The poem that follows was written by one of these women.

### POEM FOR THE STAFF

Here we see before us a group of  
ordinary women  
driven in the sight of God to show us  
ordinary love.

Most of us come in believing when we  
look at ourselves we are average.

I learned that when they look at  
us they see gift.

When I started feeling that it was hard  
for God to give me a sign that he heard  
my prayer, these women  
embraced me and let me know  
that in the morning it will be all right  
and that the sun is going to shine.  
Most of all, when it is dark in life just  
wait 'til sunlight.

That's why if I had to pray for anyone,  
it would be for these women God sent to  
give us a taste  
of what heaven is like.

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