

A CALL TO PAUSE AND REFLECT

The news coming out of Minneapolis and across our country in response to George Floyd's death is disturbing on so many levels. It is imperative that each of us takes a moment in our "new normal lives" to acknowledge how we are experiencing what we are hearing, watching and possibly participating based on our understanding of the "dear neighbor".

To assist you in this moment, you are invited to join us and reflect on a statement by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet from our St. Paul Province. "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly" wrote Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We once again are feeling the pain that the use of violent force is wreaking. The sisters "pray for the family of George Floyd, for all those struggling with his senseless death, the officers who must live with the results of their actions, and for the entire country," they said.

Again quoting King, they continued: "We are 'caught in an inescapable network of mutuality,' again revealing systemic injustice causing indescribable suffering We are consciously seeking to go deeper with greater awareness of the ways Whiteness contributes to systems of oppression and division so that we can see it honestly and more boldly address root systemic injustices. This is essential to the heart of our CSJ mission and charism that calls us to pursue unifying love in this world." The sisters repeat a phrase we heard often during the protests in Ferguson, they state "Let us act in ways that demonstrate that **all lives**, indeed Black lives, matter."

We turn to the God of mercy and peace to guide us in the ways of compassion and nonviolence, open to change within ourselves and our greater community. Understanding Dr. King's words, "no group can make it alone," and the present day pandemic tagline "we are in this together" in seeking a more just world for all.

Here is a video for your use. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kldMzxOViqs>

Also, remember to join the campus community during the Pause for Peace every Monday from 12:00-12:01

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

New Student Ambassador Application Now Open

Fontbonne Student Ambassadors are important to the recruitment process and help incoming Fontbonne community members to see why Fontbonne is the best place to be! Do you want to join a fun group who gets to show off our beautiful campus and community to future Griffin's all while getting paid? Apply to the FBU Ambassador program!

APPLY HERE : <https://forms.gle/kYCxBJTBBYrtjVS9A>

If you are interested in applying, applications are due June 26th. If you have any questions, please feel free to send them to mhood@fontbonne.edu.

MASKS FOR MIGRANTS Cloth Mask Collection at Carondelet for Annunciation House

This is a difficult time for everyone, but there is a crying need for masks at the borderland. Some people being released to Annunciation House from the detention centers have already tested positive for Covid-19 and others are fearful that they may have already been exposed to the virus.

Through the donations given to the Sister's of St. Joseph Province Border Fund, Sister Patrice Coolick was able to send masks for the volunteers and guests at Annunciation House. These are not hospital grade masks but ones that will provide protection.

As the pandemic continues, these people are frightened and without protection. Let's reach out to the dear neighbor!

The need is great at Annunciation House's three residences in El Paso and the one in Juarez. In order to help, we are putting out a call for cloth masks (adult and children sizes). Any and all types of masks would be helpful.

Sister Ida Robertine, CSJ and her crew are willing to accept your donations at Carondelet via mail or drop off. They will wash all the cloth masks before they are sent. If you have already washed the mask, please put it in a plastic bag and seal it. If you're not a seamstress yourself, maybe you know someone who is or maybe you would be willing to order some and have them sent as well.

Please bring or send your mask donation to Carondelet (6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, M) 63111) Attention: Sister Ida Berresheim by June 15. If you are out of town or just limiting your exposures, please mail them. Otherwise, there will be a collection box in the main door vestibule at Carondelet to assure social distancing and to limit any contamination.

The donated masks will be sent to El Paso; any extra supplies will be shared with the shelters over in Juarez, Mexico, where there are over 60,000 people waiting to be able to pursue their cases for asylum.

Thank you for your donations and your prayers.

Food Pantry Resources: A Message from the Griffin Market

Though the Griffin Market is still closed we are thinking of you all and hoping you are staying safe. Attached are resources for anyone who may benefit, including yourself, as needed. This is a helpful guide from the Hope Center out of Temple University. We are in this together.

STAY CONNECTED

Fontbonne Alumni Respond to COVID-19

Check out this Fontbonne Alumni blog post with messages from alumni about how they are being impacted by COVID-19 and how they are responding to these challenging times.

<https://www.fontbonne.edu/fontbonne-alumni-respond-to-covid-19/>

Registration is now live for GriffinTHON 2021!

GriffinTHON is going places next year and we want all of you to come with us! Our journey to raise money FOR THE KIDS in our two Children's Miracle Network of Greater St. Louis hospitals is starting now with discounted registration for all members of the Fontbonne Community. This year, we are looking to get the entire Fontbonne Family involved – so you can either join a “team” that is already established or work with your athletic team, student organization, classmates, floormates, etc. to create one of your own! Contact GriffinTHON President, Blake Klenke (wklenk00302@fontbonne.edu) with questions!

<https://events.dancemarathon.com/event/griffinthon2021>



Don't forget to connect with us on social media!
Fontbonne University: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)
Fontbonne Events: [Instagram](#)

LIVING OUR MISSION

Amongst these challenging times, we must continue to live our mission and serve thy dear neighbor.

Rosary Workout: Core and Sorrowful Mysteries: Let me lead you through the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary while we tone our core! I will be keeping count of each Hail Mary and giving an image and brief meditation for each mystery. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDvAiVEpCNO>

Volunteer From Home: There are volunteer-from-home opportunities (such as reading newspapers for individuals who are visually-impaired, writing grants, creating websites, calling isolated senior citizens, etc.) which can be found at <https://www.stlvolunteer.org/volunteerfromhome>. The United Way continues to update this site as more organizations are offering virtual volunteer opportunities. If a Fontbonne Community member does not already have an STLvolunteer account, the attached document describes how to sign up!

Pause for Peace: Campus Ministry is continuing the "Pause for Peace" program via social media and email. We invite people to spend 1 min in silence to reflect on internal, local, national, and international peace from noon - 12:01 on Mondays.

Online Mass: Join us for online Catholic Mass at <https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/> at Notre Dame or <http://www.washucsc.org/> at Washington University. Notre Dame offers Sunday and Weekly Masses. WASHU has weekly reflections and Sunday liturgies.

Stay informed about **Campus Ministry** news and events [here](#).

WEEKLY MAXIM OF THE LITTLE INSTITUTE

Father Jean-Pierre Médaille, SJ, founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, composed 100 short wisdom sayings as a means of growing in love of God and dear neighbor. The Maxims were both practical and inspirational.

Each week, we will discover a Maxim and offer a question for your personal reflection. As you read each Maxim, take a moment to reflect on what it means to you and what it calls you to be about this day.

This week's maxim is:

70. Trust God's timing. The future will unfold.

Where do you find yourself most impatient?

Stay up to date with the most recent communications about COVID-19 and resources available to you by clicking [here](#).

**Have news to share in an upcoming issue of this mailer?
Email Janelle Julian at jjulian@fontbonne.edu by Fridays at noon.**



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