



Magnificat House of Discernment

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“Our Multi Cultural Church”

Mentors Bring News of Magnificat House to Chicago

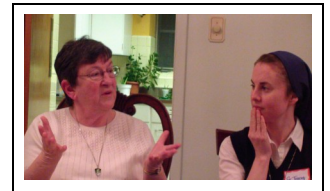
The Magnificat House mentors flew to Chicago on the October 28 for a three day conference entitled “Vocation Ministry and the New Evangelization with Youth and Emerging Adults” sponsored by the National Religious Vocation Conference. Sr. Lynn Levo, C.S.J, Ph.D. talked about “Life in the New Digital Ecosystem”. Dr. Robert McCarty, D. Min, shared new research, insights and resources for youth and young adult ministry. Mr. Ted Miles, a former Jesuit Volunteer who currently works for Catholic Relief services, shared stories illustrating how service learning and immersion trips can be a powerful tool for awakening compassion. At the end of the first day the mentors were invited to give a brief description of the work they do at Magnificat House and passed out copies of the Magnificat Newsletter and the new brochure. The idea of a collaborative effort at vocation outreach drew wide support and interest as a model that might be duplicated in other places.



Sr. Carmen and Sr. Diane with Sr. Debbie Borneman S.S.C.M., Associate Director of NRVC

Next Mmmmm Night

Join us on **Friday, November 15** at 6:00 P.M. for Mass celebrated by **Rev. Tony Ricard** followed by a multi-cultural meal. After dinner Fr. Tony will join **Sr. Ann Marie Khuong, F.M.S.R.**, and **Sr. Gloria Murillo, S.T.S.**, to explore the challenges and the blessings of diversity in the Church.



At our October Mmmmm night, Sr. Dot Trosclair O.P. makes a point while Sr. Tracey Dugas F.S.P listens thoughtfully. The first Mmmmm night of the year attracted a good crowd of young women and professed sisters who enjoyed a beautiful liturgy by Fr. Chris Eggleston O.P., and a hearty meal followed by three dynamic, humorous presentations which explored the topic of discernment.



St. Scholastica's Seniors Visit Magnificat House

On Friday, September 13th over 40 Seniors from St. Scholastica Academy drove down from Covington and spent two hours with the Mentors and one of the discerning women. Sr. Carmen and Sr. Diane gave an overview of religious life and shared their vocation stories while Maria Mondello, shared her experience of the daily rhythm of prayer, work and study at the house. (continued top, p.2 SSA)

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The morning ended with a quick tour of the house itself. We invite other high schools to consider making Magnificat House of Discernment a part of their vocation education program.

Racial Harmony Session (by Martha Knox)



October 9, 2013 marked the beginning of my four week journey through discussions and readings on racial harmony. With about 15 others from around the community we read through Archbishop Hughes' pastoral letter on this subject and shared stories of our own upbringings and the struggles we witnessed or learned of from history books. We also shared our desire to reach out to a broader community and shed light on the struggle still facing us today when it comes to racial harmony. At the end of each sessions we discussed ways we can affect a change in our daily encounters and share the peace and love of Christ. This was a beautiful experience and I am deeply grateful for all the work put into making these sessions happen. Many agreed that this kind of dialog was great place to begin making change happen.

Serra Club Luncheon

Impressions of a Newcomer: Margaret Uche, one of the newest members of the Magnificat House community, was amazed by the warmth with which all the sisters welcomed her. She enjoyed both the meal and the nourishing conversations that she had with women from a variety of congregations. As Margaret observed, "The sisters in this archdiocese really seem to enjoy being together." Many thanks to the dedicated members of the local Serra Club for continuing to make this wonderful event possible.



Magnificat House Women Learn About NOLA Catholic Worker (by Paige LaCour)

On St. Andrew street near St. Charles Ave. in New Orleans there is a hidden jewel called "Hope House". We went there this month and met up with two wonderful Catholic Worker volunteers, Dan Thelan and Ryan Meyers, for one of their 'dinner and a movie' nights with the homeless community. A few days later we made breakfast burritos for the men who wait in front of Home Depot hoping to be hired for the day. Through this service, we got a real insight into the heart of Dorothy Day, co-founder of Catholic Worker.

Recalling her childhood, Day wrote about her developing sense of identification with the poor and destitute. At 15 years old, she read and learned about the lives of early Russian proponents of radical social change and Upton Sinclair's book exposing the meat-packaging industry, entitled The Jungle. Day began to realize that there were people struggling with poverty in her own community. "The very fact that The Jungle was about Chicago where I lived, whose streets I walked, made me feel that from then on my life was to be linked to theirs, their interests were to be mine; I had received a call, a vocation, a direction to my life" (notes taken from Germain Grisez's book Personal Vocation). Day's was a long and profound journey of discovering the Catholic faith and its essential connection to her fiery heart for service. The Catholic Worker Volunteers here in our own city beautifully reflect Day's bold Christ like solidarity with those whose daily needs are a challenging reminder of God's generosity. The Catholic Worker outreach extends to the homeless community and others who find themselves in need of food and good company. The Catholic Worker relies on the generosity of donors and volunteers and upon the sensitivity of the whole Church community. More information about the Catholic Worker can be found on their website <http://www.nolacatholicworker.org/home/>.