



To seek out and advocate
for the poor and needy,
especially families,
for the Kingdom of God.

Holy Family Sisters

FEBRUARY 2012

Associate Covenant Ceremony



On January 15, 2012, the Sisters of the Holy Family welcomed five new Associate members. The reflection for the annual Renewal of Vows for the Sisters and the Covenants for the Associates was given by our Sister Elaine Sanchez and one of our newest Associates, Lisa Nakamura.

The story of Samuel is beautiful. I remember as an adult the first time God was tugging at my heart. I was like Samuel. I did not recognize the voice of God. I remember feeling anxious; something was bothering me but I could not name it. I changed jobs, tried new adventures, read books on self-help. In this day and age, I wonder if the call from God might get a response if it was sent by a text message or an electronic invite through our computer. People cannot hear God so easily these days. Today, there is little silence in our world.

We are connected, hooked up, amplified, downloaded, streamed, and we can go “wireless.” We can receive messages from any place and any time in our world in the bedroom, bathroom, car, office and yes, sad to say, in our worship space. It took me months to understand that God was calling me on a different path. I am happy that he did not give up on me.

As an individual who has been called to be a wife, mother, lay minister, and now this new call in making a covenant as an Associate of the Sisters of the Holy Family, I know in my heart my call to this community.

I thank my sponsor, Marie, for the invitation to be a part of this community. My purpose is to carry on the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Family. I am not sure where the journey will take me. I can say with assurance that I am excited and blessed to have met so many wonderful people. I look forward to making deep and lasting relationships with the Sisters and Associates.

What will you do when you feel those stirrings – ignore, delete, reply? What will you do when you receive that Invite?



So Many Ways You Can Participate with the Sisters of the Holy Family

- Join us in prayer; for instance, at mass held regularly in our Chapel or at an upcoming prayer service.
- Join our Associates or Guild. Call for more information.
- If you are called to religious life, visit with us at a “Come and See” day.
- Make a Gift of Prayer for special intentions, remembrances or tributes to a loved one. Links from our Home Webpage.
- Join our monthly giving program. Even at a few dollars a month, it makes a huge difference.
- Come to an event, like the trip to Sacramento.
- Join us digitally: on Facebook, Twitter and even Google+. Links on our Home Webpage. Join our Email list!
- Remember the Sisters in your estate planning.

Bay Area Social Justice Forum:

People of Hope, Agents of Change



Join us and other concerned people of faith from parishes and schools throughout the Bay Area for the *Second Annual Bay Area Social Justice Forum* Saturday, February 11, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The conference is sponsored by the Holy Names University, Diocese of Oakland's Office for Life and Justice, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, JustFaith Oakland, Sisters of the Holy Family, Sisters of Saint Francis and Stop Slavery: Northern CA Coalition of Catholic Sisters.

Keynote speakers are Fr. Daniel Groody, University of Notre Dame, an award-winning author and film director and internationally recognized expert on issues of immigration and globalization and Jack Weinstein, who is currently working with educators in the Bay Area to combat racism, anti-Semitism and prejudice and nurture democracy through education programs.



A different world is possible!

Workshop topics will include Human trafficking, Immigration, Restorative Justice, Muslim-Christian Dialogue, Water Security, Death Penalty, Affordable Housing, Racism, and many more. The workshops will be held in the Valley Center for the Performing Arts, Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94619.

To learn more and register for the forum, go to:
www.hnu.edu/SocialJustice

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CATHOLIC SISTERS IN AMERICA

Join Us on a Trip to The California Museum in Sacramento March 3, 2012

Departing from Mission Dolores, 3321 Sixteenth Street San Francisco, CA 94114

Cost: \$45.00 per person (includes round trip bus fare, lunch, and admission to the museum.)

All reservations are first come, first serve.

For more information about this exhibit, please visit womenandspirit.com

For more information about the bus trip, please write womenandspirit@gmail.com

Call Sr. Angela at 510-624-4592 to make reservations.



Do You Feel Called to Religious Life?

We are bonded to each other by spirituality, community life, shared vision and ministry.

“Come and See”

- Saturday, February 25 in Reno, NV
- Saturday, March 10 in Fremont, CA
- Saturday, May 19 in Fremont, CA

For more information, please contact Sister Mary Lange at Vocations@holyfamilysisters.org