

Annual Report

**St. Joseph Educational Ministries
January 20, 2021**

**6400 Minnesota Ave.
Saint Louis, MO 63111 USA**

Decree: Saint Joseph Educational Ministries (SJEM), established by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) to succeed and carry on the educational ministry conducted by Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province, (Province) upon the petition of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, has been granted pontifical public juridic personality by decree of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life dated January 20, 2020 (prot. no. S. 158¹/2018).

Initial Members: The Province invited 12 persons to begin formation to be the first Members of SJEM. This group met in person in February 2020, for a first session on a CSJ Consensus Statement, a fundamental statement of charism. Due to the pandemic, all other sessions were held via teleconference. Participants met for six sessions of four hours each. See attachment for a list of the dates, topics, presenters and articles covered.

Those in formation for membership are:

- David Armstrong
- Nan Bone
- Cheryl Broekelmann
- Santa Marie Cuddihee
- Marie Joan Harris, CSJ
- Amy Hereford, CSJ – Province Leadership
- David Kerr
- Susan Lenihan
- Barbara J. McCormick
- Barbara Moore, CSJ
- Marcia Niedringhaus
- Rita Schmitz, CSJ

Transition: Due to COVID 19, the Province decided to delay announcement and implementation of SJEM until 2021. Several important events are planned for this year.

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| February 2, 2021 | The Province, SJEM and all the educational ministries will launch a joint communication project to publicly announce the formation of SJEM and the plan to transition sponsorship. |
| February 10, 2021 | The Province, in collaboration with and all the educational ministries will hold a virtual town-hall to further explain SJEM and respond to questions. |
| March 25, 2021 | The Province will host a public event in its Mother-house Chapel at which Province Leadership will formally commission the first Members of SJEM, and Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski of St. Louis will bless them. Though attendance will be limited due to COVID, representatives of the Sisters and |

the educational ministries will be present and the event will be live-streamed.

Spring 2022

Legal transition of sponsorship to SJEM is projected to be completed.

Activities: While 2020 was focused on formation of the first members of SJEM, in Fall 2021, SJEM will host a Sponsorship Day for members of the Province and the educational ministries to continue the tradition established by the Sisters of gathering key persons from the educational ministries for a day focused on Catholic Education and CSJ Values.

Financial: The Province has provided for the financial needs of SJEM. It is expected that in the coming year, SJEM will establish a separate civil corporation and budget.

St. Joseph Educational Ministries Formation Sessions

Each session provides time for personal check-in, communal prayer, discussion of recommended readings, presentation/slides, small- and large-group discussions

February 27-28, 2020 Orientation: The CSJ Consensus Statement

May 29, 2020 Vocation and Mission

- Personal Vocation and Social Conscience (in A Sacred Voice is Calling, by John Neafsey)
- Mission of Love (CSJ video, 2020)

Readings

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August 3, 2020 Call and Charism

- Selection of readings on our Baptismal Call to Holiness and Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity
- CSJ documents revealing themes of spirituality and charism

Readings

- YouTube video, Called to the More, with Carol Zinn, SSJ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--iG2a1tNRY>
- Baptismal Call
 - Vatican II: The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity and Vatican II in Plain English, by Bill Huebsch (chapter 1)
 - Priest, Prophet, King – Who, Me? (Pat Gohn)
 - Our Baptismal Call to Holiness And Becoming a Saint (Alison Low)
 - Baptismal Call and the Call to the CSJs (Reflect on Maxims 1, 73, -- or any others)
- CSJ Charism
 - CSJ Constitution Excerpts
 - CSJ Maxims 1-11
 - CSJ Consensus Statement/Consecration of the Two Trinities
 - CSJ 2019 Congregational Chapter Statement of Direction

September 30, 2020 Ministry and Mission/CSJ Origins

- We are Disciples; We have a Ministry (Marian Love)
- Sisters of St. Joseph: Origins (Shannon Green, slides)

Readings

- The Mission Has a Church, by Stephen Bevans, SVD

- Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, chapters 2 and 3 (from Vatican II in Plain English: The Decrees and Declarations, by Bill Huebsch)

November 13, 2020 Church, Ministry and Sponsorship/CSJ Origins

- Sisters of St. Joseph: Mother St. John Fontbonne (Shannon Green, slides)
- Church, Ministry and Sponsorship (Charles Bouchard, OP)

Readings

- Demystifying Who and What Sponsorship Is, by Brian Smith
<https://www.chausa.org/publications/health-progress/article/may-june-2017/demystifying-who-and-what-sponsorship-is>
- Ministry Leadership's Next Great Leap, by Chris Lowney
<https://www.chausa.org/publications/health-progress/article/may-june-2017/ministry-leadership's-next-great-leap>
- Sponsors Are Called to Be Prophets and Reformers, by Charles Bouchard, OP
<https://www.chausa.org/publications/health-progress/article/may-june-2019/100th-anniversary---sponsors-are-called-to-be-prophets-and-reformers>
- Making Ministry Whole: How MJPs Could Transform the Church, by Charles Bouchard, OP
<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/making-ministry-whole>

January 21, 2021 SJEM Statutes and Bylaws/Discernment

- Statutes and Bylaws in Review (Amy Hereford, CSJ)
- SJEM Launch talking points, communications plan (Jenny Beatrice)
- Discernment and Discerning (Mary Flick, CSJ)

Readings

- St. Joseph Educational Ministries Statutes and Bylaws
- Discernment: Making Inspired Choices, by Joe Paprocki
- <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/ignatian-spirituality/discernment/discernment-making-inspired-choices/>