

**THE WORKER SISTERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



# **BULLETIN**



**THE WORKER BROTHERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**COMPASSION**  
**January 2023**

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Mother Teresa is a perfect example of a woman who showed compassion and love to all who needed care. She founded the order, The Missionaries of Charity, to look after abandoned babies and to help the poorest of the poor, once saying that they “lived like animals but die like angels”. In 1979 she received the Nobel Peace Prize and after her death was canonized as Saint Teresa.

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**Financial Contributions –**

Members residing in the U.S., make checks payable to WSHS/WBHS and mail to:  
Sr. Nancy Teresa, WSHS, Treasurer, United States, 12900 Glenwood Street, Apt. 108, Overland Park, KS 66209

If you pay any bills through your bank, you can easily send your contributions to WSHS the same way. Use the address above to send your check. You can make a one-time payment or a recurring payment. If you have questions, your bank will be happy to help you. And - you don't need any postage!

Members residing in Canada, make cheques payable to WSHS/WBHS and mail to Br. David, WBHS, Treasurer, Canada. 2170 Preston Road, Cavan Monaghan, Ontario, K9J 0G5 Canada

**Contributions to Haiti Clean Water Project – This project has been discontinued until the situation in Haiti is resolved.**

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**If a friend expresses interest in WSHS/WBHS, remember to direct them to our website, [www.workersisters.org](http://www.workersisters.org), [www.workerbrothers.org](http://www.workerbrothers.org)**

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**CALENDAR**

**CORPORATE COMMUNIONS  
REGIONAL GATHERINGS**

**January 2023**

Below is a list of the monthly Regional Gatherings and Corporate Communion. Meetings are open to all members (Sisters, Brothers, Workers, Companions, Friends and Applicants). If you are interested in attending an online Regional Gathering, please contact the Zoom Host and she/he will add you to the group's email list.

**Regional Zoom Gatherings**

**January 28, 2023**

Eastern Regional USA & Southern Regional USA	Br. David, WBHS, brdavidwbhs1@gmail.com	12:30 PM ET
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Central Regional USA	Sr. Catherine Marie, WSHS, sr.catherine.marie@gmail.com	2:00 PM CT
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Western Regional USA	Sr. Wendy Martha, WSHS, wguyton17@gmail.com	10:00 AM MT
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**In-person Corporate Communion**

Pleasant Hill, Tennessee	Sr. Janeen Julian, WSHS	TBD
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**REGIONAL GATHERING/CORPORATE COMMUNION DATES**

**January 28 • February 25 • March 25 • April 29 • May 20 • June 24 • July 22 • August 26  
September 23 • October 28 • November 18 • December 16**

**WORKER SISTERS/WORKER BROTHERS RETREAT**  
***April 27-30, 2023***  
***Compassion***  
***Mercy Center, St. Louis, MO***

**Call to Prayer.** Please remember our Community in prayer twice a day 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM in your time zone and pray for World Peace at Noon.



**8:00 AM - Prayer for our Community  
12:00 Noon - Prayer for World Peace  
5:00 PM - Prayer for our Community**



## COMMUNITY CHANGES

*Please make the following alterations to your Green Sheets:*

### NEW WORKER APPLICANT

#### **Dawn Robbins**



Dawn Robbins  
 102 S 1st Street #B  
 Owensville, Missouri 65066  
 Phone: 618-744-4389  
 Email: none  
 Birthday: October 14

Sr. Lucia, Admissions Coordinator, would like to introduce our new Worker Applicant, Dawn Robbins. Dawn became familiar with our community through Sr. Agnes and Sr. Brenda Faith. She is a former long haul truck driver who is very active at Trinity Church in St. James, MO. She is on the Bishop's Committee, ECW and Altar Guild. She enjoys fishing, camping, reading and star gazing. Her hobbies are making Anglican Prayer Beads. She has one adult son who lives with his wife and daughter near Dallas. She lives with her dog, Trooper and cat, Kitten.

### NEW EMAIL for PRAYER REQUESTS

Br. Ephrem has a new email address: [eteocles148@gmail.com](mailto:eteocles148@gmail.com). Please send Br. Ephrem your prayer requests for the next Bulletin to this email. Delete the old one. Thank you!

### BIRTHDAYS and COMMUNION of SAINTS

Along with the January 2023 Bulletin, you will find an updated Birthdays and Communion of Saints list. The new format provides a year's list, by month, of active members' birthdays as well as the dates when our deceased members entered the Communion of Saints. Please take time to read through the list, praying for our Community by name. Remember it is ok to send a birthday card from time to time, remembering those you know, and introducing yourself to those you have yet to meet.




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**FROM YOUR DIRECTORS**
**YOUR OPINION MATTERS**

Next month, a survey is going to be circulated to all members of our Community requesting your opinions and/or comments on the Worker Sisters/Brothers of the Holy Spirit and your journey with us. The survey will arrive via email, where you will fill in the blanks and then submit it back to a survey company for analysis and report. For those who do not have email, the survey will arrive through the regular postal service. Your copy of the survey when submitted is completely confidential and anonymous. We ask that you answer all questions honestly and feel free to add any comments or suggestions you may have that you feel will improve the WSHS/WBHS as the Community continues to grow. What the future will look like depends on all of us working together with our ideas, communication, hard work and most of all, God's help. We look forward to moving together as we unite in God's love and will.

*With prayer and love, Sr. LaVerne, Sr. Kathleen Rachel and Sr. Wendy Samuel*

**THANK YOU FROM SR. CHARLOTTE MARY**

Dear Community,

I want to thank you all for this beautiful gift. It was my pleasure to serve the WSHS/WBHS Community in remembering the deceased members for these many years. The beautiful messages from their families meant a lot to me.

Your beautiful thoughtfulness brought tears to my eyes.

*Blessings,  
Sr. Charlotte Mary  
PS: I am speechless*

**UPDATES TO THE WSHS/WBHS CHAPTER STARTING JANUARY 2023**

Here is an updated list of WSHS/WBHS members who will now serve on Chapter. New members have an \* after their name; their 3-year terms start in January 2023. We also welcome Sr. Betty-Lou Shirley, as the new Coordinator of Companions & Friends.

- Sr. LaVerne Peter – Prioress
- Sr. Wendy Samuel – Canadian Director
- Kaelynn Judd, WSHS\* – Worker Representative
- Sr. Catherine Marie\* – Central Provincial

- Sr. Deborah\* – Eastern Provincial
- Sr. Kathleen Rachel\* – American Director
- Sr. Nancy Clare – Director of Formation
- Sr. Shirley Evangeline\* – Western Provincial
- Br. David\* – Brother Representative
- Br. Peter Nicholas\* – Brother Representative
- Sr. Carol Matthew – Chapter Emeritus
- Sr. Nancy Teresa – Chapter Emeritus
- Sr. Wendy Martha – Chapter Emeritus
- Sr. Jacquie Elizabeth – Chapter Emeritus



## FORMATION AND TRAINING

### Compassion We begin our Journey



It was interesting as I began to write this article, the words from an old song came to me: “What the world needs is love.” Yes, as I went back and checked it out, I found that the song “What the World Needs is Love” was written in 1965 and became a number one hit throughout a good part of the world. As I looked back in time I realized that was 57 years ago! A bit of a break in time, I must say, and yet the words began to haunt me a bit. 57 years ago the words were clear to me and I well remember singing the song often, many years ago.

As I began to write this article, I could not help but wonder why did the words seem to almost wash away; what happened to the words of care and concern about others and our world? Did they become “lost in the sound of silence?” over the years?

In praying about this year’s Community Theme, the word Compassion continued to come to me. I have found there is a difference between Love and Compassion. Love is a deep feeling of affection and attachment to someone, whereas Compassion is a sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.

As I read our Community Prayer, we ask God that “your fruit become evident in our lives” and that we are open to the “sufferings or misfortunes of others”. As we begin this new journey in 2023, let us embrace each day with a heart full of true compassion and concern for those who walk with us.

### Question for Reflection

Let us embrace each day with a heart full of true compassion for those who walk with us. Take time to pray and reflect on these words.