Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange have been on campus since 1968 and continue to provide a rich heritage of promoting justice and the Catholic intellectual tradition at LMU and beyond.

Exploring Our History; Celebrating the Future

“We are one...all is one...we are all one...” These lyrics from a song by Kathy Sherman, CSJ capture who we are at the core of our mission.

Our story begins in 1650, in Le Puy, France where we were founded by Jean-Pierre Medaille, SJ. Interrupted by the devastation of the French Revolution, Mother St. Jean Fontbonne assumed direction of a group of sisters who arrived in Lyon, France and our story continues. The early sisters divided the city to seek out the needs of the dear neighbor and took to heart the reality that there was no distinction among the people of God. All are equal..."all are one...we are all one..."

The story continued with the early sisters landing in "mission territory" - now called St. Louis, Missouri in 1836. Fast forward to 1912 and Mother Bernard Gosselin’s arrival in Eureka, California where she established the community. With a variety of ministry opportunities offered to the sisters throughout the state, in 1922 the Congregation’s Motherhouse become permanently located in Orange, CA.

The picture shown (right) was taken in Eureka this past year as part of our 100th Jubilee celebration. In the background is the beautiful bas-relief showing the first sisters who arrived in Eureka to begin a new Congregation; in the forefront, the Sisters as we are today.

Stay tuned in our next issue for how the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange became associated with Loyola Marymount University.

VOICES OF JUSTICE

Started in 2011-2012, the Voices of Justice class is an interdisciplinary offering that focuses on engaged learning. Students explore key societal issues by interviewing advocate groups and the clients for whom they advocate, then dramatizing their stories into a theatre piece performed for a public audience including the storytellers themselves. Through the process of listening, writing and performing, a bond of communication is established between all the participants, creating a transformative and empowering experience of social justice. These performances are part of the 2013 CSJ Symposium (see dates in “Upcoming Events”). Join us as we celebrate the people’s stories as well as the work of these dedicated students.
CSJ Symposium Focuses on Healing Trauma

Exploring the human condition, various traumas encountered throughout a lifetime and the healing potential of body, mind and spirit.

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SEEKING THE VOICE OF OTHERS

The old saying: “Life happens” takes on new meaning when a person or group encounters a single episode or series of traumatic events. The 2013 CSJ Symposium will explore trauma from a broad perspective and how it effects the mind, body and spirit; as well as dialog about the healing potential of the mind, body and spirit for individuals and community.

As part of the CSJ Symposium, students from the Voices of Justice class will present their performances speaking to issues of immigration rights, advocacy for the homeless and issues around health and disability.

All are welcome. The event is free of charge. Come and explore these “signs of the time” in a forum ready to investigate and discover.

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Keynote Speaker:
Eileen Bach-y-Rita
The Healing Potential of the Brain: Neuroplasticity and Feldenkrais

Panelist:
Nicholas Fugate
Health & Human Sciences

Wenshu Lee, PhD
Communication Studies

Einat Metzl, PhD, LMFT
Marital & Family Therapy

Jonathan Rothchild, PhD
Theology

The CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice is half-way through its first year. A primary focus during this inaugural year is to seek out the voices, ideas, thoughts and dreams of others. We are extremely thankful to a diverse group of people who said “yes” to being on the Center’s ad-hoc advisory committee. This group of individuals come from the various corners of LMU, Loyola Law School, as well as representatives from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

We have begun exploring key themes around the needs on campus, that may benefit from the justice class will present their performances speaking to issues of immigration rights, advocacy for the homeless and issues around health and disability.

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Thank you to our inaugural “ad-hoc” advisory committee

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

During our first year in the new CSJ Center, we have been listening to administrators, faculty, staff and students, at the Westchester campus and the Law School, in order to explore how the Center can best serve the needs of the University community. We want to see how the Mission Statement of the Center intersects with the Mission Statement of the University, particularly in terms of reconciliation, as a healing of brokeness and repairing of relationships, and a faith that does justice.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange have been part of the LMU community since the merger of Loyola University and Marymount College, and since that time, around one-third of the Sisters have participated in the LMU community as administrators, staff, faculty and/or students/alums, giving to and gaining from that wonderful relationship. We have worked among you in various offices, academic departments, Campus Ministry, and most recently the Center for Ignatian Spirituality. We are proud of our service to LMU and, with the opening of the new CSJ Center, look forward to continuing our presence among you in an additional capacity, helping where there are needs and opportunities in the areas of reconciliation and justice.

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