

# On Line and On Point

MARY MOTHER OF JESUS INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**INVITATION/PROJECT**—Mary Theresa and Bridget Mary are creating a special presentation that gives voice to you, our community members on **your lived experience of celebrating Eucharist in Zoom.**

We invite members of our inclusive communities from around the country to share. We will include as many as we can in a youtube presentation. Here's how to be included: 1.] ) Compose a brief statement answering one question: **What does celebrating Eucharist in Zoom mean to me?** 2.] 2)Send us pictures with statements or send us short mp4 videos from cell phones. Include names with statement and videos. 3.] Please send statements with pictures or videos to Mary Theresa Streck (mtstreck@gmail.com) and/pr Bridget Mary Meehan (sofiabmm.bmm@gmail.com) by September 1st. We offer an example: "Perhaps it has taken the pandemic to bring us out of the binding constraints of power in "presiding" and back to where sacraments reside within each of us.— Lorriane Lynch Nagy Now your turn! 1-2-3

**SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS**—[from Joan Meehan, our treasurer] I am delighted to inform you that COVID-19 does have one silver lining. Because of it and your generosity, MMOJ was able to donate \$3000 to the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Season of Sharing received \$500. That fund is dedicated to helping keep individuals and families in their homes. Their Two Generation Approach

Fund received \$2500. That fund is used to support families. It will be used exclusively to meet immediate needs. A special thank you to Katy for her work on this.



**OFFERINGS**—We are very grateful to everyone who has been able to be so generous in supporting our community during this transitional period we face together. Thanks very much! And please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota. FL 34238.

**OUTREACH**—MMOJ has long-accepted its obligation to support outreach beyond our community. **Harvest House** has been our summer project which ends this month. Harvest House is one of the few nonprofit organizations in Sarasota to work towards the development, preservation, and management of affordable, service-enriched housing. We serve homeless families, veterans, youth ages 16 to 24, and adults with a history of incarceration and substance abuse.

Individual donations may be made directly to Harvest House, 3650 17th St, Sarasota 34235. This is our final weekend for gathering summer project funds. Next month, we will announce our Fall project. Thank you for your support.

## Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community of equals, consisting of women and men, ordained and non-ordained, empowered by the Spirit whose mission is to worship, to serve, to promote compassion, justice and care for creation.

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**R**EFLECTIONS ON LAST WEEKEND LITURGY—*[With these words, Bridget Mary concluded her homily]* People today ask me, why do I belong to the Roman Catholic Church since they have excommunicated me multiple times. My response is that I cannot leave my precious family- who now number approximately 1.3 billion. All the baptized are spiritual equals in the Church. The hierarchy is not the Church alone, they are only part of it, even though they think they are in charge of it.

Seven Women, including Christina Moreira, who was ordained at St. Andrew in 2015 in Sarasota, wrote a letter to the papal envoy in Paris, volunteering to fill open ministerial positions including bishop, priest and pastor in communities in France. In response, the nuncio invited them to individual meetings with him in September. So is this the beginning of an historic dialogue between a representative of Pope Francis and seven feminists including a woman priest advocating the full equality of all baptized in the Church? Stay tuned, Church!



*Having survived slander, abuse, and every kind of exile, they're swooping down even now from treetops where they were roosting, wearing robes woven of spider webs and pigeon feathers. They have pulled the living child out of the flames and are prepared to take charge through the coming apocalypse.*

*I have learned that some girls are boys; some are birds, some are oases ringed with stalking lions. See, I cannot even name them, although one of them is looking out through my eyes right now, one of them is writing all this down with light-struck fingers.*  
—Naomi Shihab Nye

*[a gift from Tim Musser, member of Cleveland's Catholic Worker and Pax Christi USA Cleveland West Chapter]* Tim added this note: Wonderful poem for the times - ALL time. Let's always do what we can to empower girls/women.

**P**OETIC ASSURANCE—This poem had already been selected when Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez expressed on the House floor her unforgettably powerful response to misogynistic insult. Now I read it with pride for brave people who speak out publicly for respect and justice, for passionate poets like Alison Luterman, for the people who live through "every kind of exile" ... for all the awkwardness of trying on "new wings." And for a country that has prided itself on being so forward-thinking without ever electing one of those girls to be even vice president, much less president. This poem feels like an anthem for "ferocious mercy" to come. Selected by Naomi Shihab Nye

**Some Girls**

*Some girls can't help it; they are lit sparklers, hot-blooded, half naked in the depths of winter, tagging moving trains with the bright insignia of their fury. I've seen their inked torsos: falcons, swans, meteor showers. And shadowed their secret rendezvous, walking and flying all night over paths traced like veins through the deep body of the forest where they are trying on their new wings, rising to power with a ferocious mercy not seen before in the cities of men.*

**W**HAT'S AHEAD: LITURGY FOR THIS WEEKEND—Kathryn and Lee will preside. They have chosen as their theme. "Walking With Jesus." Kathryn says, "So, there are so many references in the Bible about Jesus walking, and others walking with him. But, what does it really mean to "walk with Jesus?" What does it mean to "take up your cross"? How do we all accept and deal with our daily "crosses"? Jesus gave us a road map of how to do this. This was a moment in history when he pivoted from teaching to showing us the way. He took up his cross. He showed us the way. We just need to be beside him and walk with him and all will be well. Readers will be Michael and Cheryl.



**L**EADING—On the last day of the 2020 [Aug14] assembly of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, its members were invited to participate in a "five-year commitment to work on dismantling racism ... in LCWR's efforts to name and eradicate racism within themselves, their congregations, their ministries, and LCWR as an organization."