

# Mission Messages

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## Intentionally Discovering Hope

With all that is happening in the world, in the country, in your family community, in yourself – have you remained hopeful? Do you express hope to those you encounter?

Ministry is a movement of spirit and grace. Like the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, the St. Joseph Workers who share in the charism of the Sisters, act with bold faith, take risks to address the ills of society, adapt to the needs of the time, and offer a compassionate presence to the people they serve. The St. Joseph Worker community at the Motherhouse is inspiring hope in this time of uncertainty, sustaining the flame for better seasons to come.

Join us in ministry - Be a hope-bearer!



## Be Faithful in the Process

“May your choices reflect your hopes not your fears.”  
~ Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

“Laura’s House has given me new opportunities to share my knowledge and passion for food. I hope the time I shared with these women I have encountered, reflect my gratitude and joy.” - Lutonia

***“During the pandemic we learned  
we cannot serve only by ourselves,  
we must work as a team.”***

***“Sustain the flame  
for better seasons  
to come”***

“Faith is believing that there is a future and hope is extending arms to shake the hand of the future even when the present presage storms. COVID-19 spotlighted the fissures of our society that are neglected and the bravery of the many workers who chose to continue to serve at Regina Residence during a very critical time and the relentless pursuit of social justice that I share with the large community of Saint Joseph Workers around the nation sustained the flame of my hope for a better season to come.” - *Honorine*



## Rooted in Hope

“When my Spring term of college was cut short, I felt like the rug had been pulled out from under me. I was studying for my medical school entrance exam, dealing with the hopelessness of a breakup, living with my parents once again, and frantically looking for a job. I felt frustrated and confused which path I was meant to take, and channeled that frustration towards God. During a particularly angry prayer, God responded. He gave me a vision of a plant that was over growing its pot. The roots were being crushed and He was carefully transplanting it to a bigger pot, so that it could continue growing. My roots had grown as much as they could in college and with my fellowship. God had bigger and better plans for me. The transition to my new pot was uncomfortable and disorienting, but now, as my roots are settling, I feel once again that I have room to grow. In the two and a half months of the program, I have learned so much from the Sisters, from my community, and from my work with Mission Hospital. In my new pot, I am hopeful and see potential in my life and in the communities I hope to continue to serve.”

– Soyeon (*Health Advocate/  
Information &  
Resource Specialist*)





## Awareness of Sacred Encounters

### **“Creating Sacred Encounters”**

“I spread hope by creating sacred encounters with patients and promoting a positive working environment. During those sacred encounters, I act as a bridge between patients and healthcare professionals, to ensure patients receive the best treatment possible that can effectively improve their overall wellbeing and preserve their hope. I lend patients a listening ear, so they feel free to talk.”

- *Betsy (Health Advocate at St. Jude Neighborhood Health Centers)*

“At St. Joseph School, I try to inspire hope by acknowledging when students do a good job at a task they have previously struggled with. I make it a priority to acknowledge positive actions and growth. This kind of action helps the young students realize what they are capable of. I can positively influence students in the place they spend a majority of their day; the classroom.”

### **“Inspire hope by focusing on positive actions”**

- *Tricia (Classroom Instructional Aid)*



## Intentional Time

“Intentional time is important for the enrichment and the union of the community. The time that we spend together follows 3 rules: respect the other and their comfort, take the necessary measures to avoid

contagion, and nurture a friendly environment. I try to create hope by going the extra mile for those I serve by being respectful of their dignity and giving them words of love and blessing, also by doing everything that I can to help others to achieve their daily goals.”

**“Creating hope by going the extra mile for those who we serve”**

– Beatriz (Community Outreach, SJWP Media Assistant)

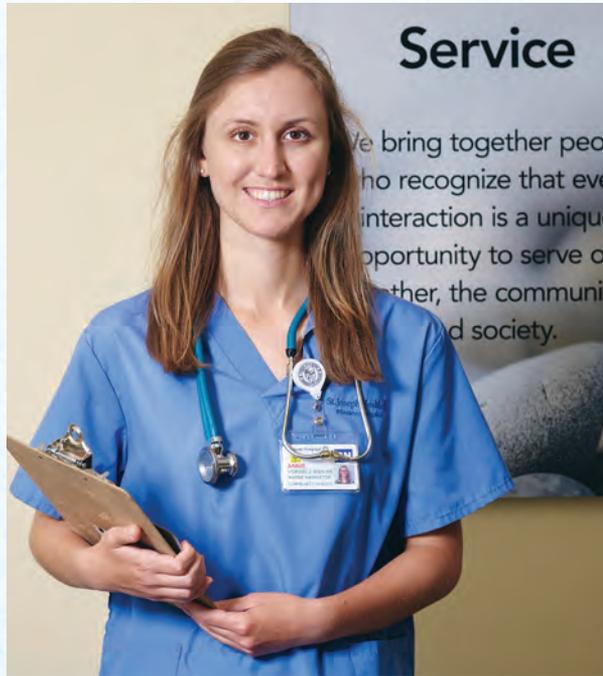


“One moment I’ve experienced that has intentionally spread hope was celebrating the Jewish holiday Sukkot or the Festival of Tabernacles with the Sisters I work with. I felt honored to be able to learn about this sacred Jewish feast which commemorates the Exodus and the dependence of the people of Israel on God. It was a night of intentional community that

**“Aspire to hope in a time of uncertainty”**

reminded me we are still being guided by God and we can depend on Him just like the Israelites depended on God to get them through the desert during the Exodus!”

– Annie D. (Marketing and Communication Coordinator)



## Wholistic Care Minister

“During my year of service, I served as a community health nurse serving the poor and vulnerable by promoting health literacy and access to necessary health care. I am now working at Mission Hospital, as a telemetry and sepsis nurse providing holistic care--body, mind, and spirit-- to each patient I encounter, as all are essential to the healing process. In these times of limited visitors to the hospital units, I put an emphasis on revealing hope and peace during my nursing care.”

**“Revealing hope and peace”**

– Annie V.



## **Mission**

Empowering women to respond to the needs of the times in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

## **Vision**

We create a year-long service opportunity for women in preparation for a life-long commitment to social change and personal transformation. Individual growth and development is built on the values of leadership, spirituality, social justice and intentional community grounded in living simply and sustainably. Rooted within the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Joseph Workers live the mission: “Love of God and the dear neighbor without distinction.”

## **You're Invited**

We invite women aged 21-35 to become St. Joseph Workers from August to June.

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