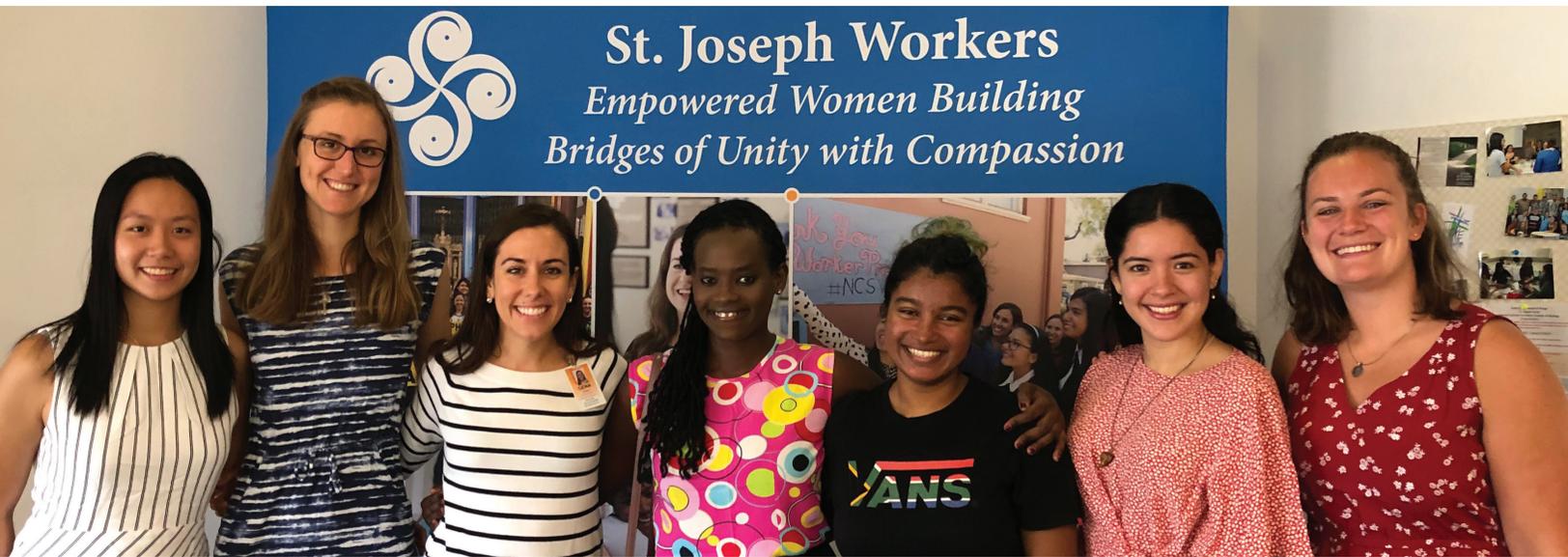


Mission Messages

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Making Room for the Spirit to Lead

Events don't always happen as planned or imagined. Yet, this can be a blessing. The greater the unknown, the more opportunity there is for faith, trust and growth.

Spiritual leadership flourishes within community by creating a vision where a sense of calling, purpose, meaning and making a difference are experienced. Integrating one's spirituality with leadership skills has a positive impact on the surrounding world, enhances the ability to follow inner convictions, and expands a sense of continuing growth and self-realization.

“Believing compassion will help me through the unknown, and having the courage to grab it, hold it and go with it, leads to love that is self-emptying and unifying,” explains Sister Joanna Rosciszewska.

The spiritual depths of leadership surfaced when COVID-19 protocols began. A deeper call emerged, provoked by civil demonstrations and turmoil. SJWs and placement sites navigated the needs and found new ways to serve.

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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New Ways to Serve During the Pandemic

Ana Maria, Annie, Lutonia and Mary created new ways to spend time in community and connect with the Sisters and Honorine self-isolating in Regina Residence. They crafted posters and with enthusiastic vigor knocked on windows to grab the attention of those inside, dancing with glee when smiling faces appeared.

International workers were not only impacted by the pandemic in their year of service - they cannot return to their home country at the end of the program year in June. With a new visa application they will stay and continue volunteering in the community, sponsored by the Sisters.

"The uncertainty we have all experienced has been a time to know that there is a God who is with us, motivating our journey, encouraging our steps, guiding us. The quarantine has challenged our way of seeing the world and acting in it, and it has strengthened our faith and our relationship with our dear neighbor."

-Ana Maria Feijoo

"South Africa, like all countries has succumbed to the Coronavirus pandemic. There are lockdowns and strict guidelines that prevent the public from going out and their borders have remained closed to all travel plans. I hope and pray that my country can control their first wave of the virus in order to bring peace and hope to the people."

-Lutonia Naiker

St. Joseph Worker Program of Orange



Called by the Spirit to Social Justice



**We stand as leaders of social justice and raise our voices.
#BlackLivesMatter**

In every society, there are four kinds of people:

- A priest, too busy to stop and in such a rush for his next step that he leaves behind those he is called to love. Deafened by the next tick-tock on the clock, he fails to see God in the needy.
- A Levite who does not identify himself with the person suffering, who limits his definition of a neighbor to a person of the same social or economic class.
- A wounded man on the journey, suffering and seeking help.
- And finally, a Samaritan, stricken to see his own face in the suffering, his own needs exposed his humanity at risk, who stops to bind the wounds of his suffering brother.

Once again there is a person hurting... the black person. It is up to us to choose how we rescue him or her. Are we choosing to be in the position of the priest, the Levite, or the good Samaritan? We all can do something about it. The question is: Are we willing to do something about it? - Honorine Uwimana



"Every individual in this era has a responsibility to fight the injustice we see on a day-to-day basis, whether we are directly or indirectly affected by the outcome. Now is the time to not ignore these problems. If we want change everyone needs to take action; not only the ones who are targeted by the injustice. After all, we are the human race created by God, not the individual races created amongst ourselves. Black Lives DO Matter!" - Lutonia Naiker (South Africa)

"Racism is a trespass of our creed and an offense to our fundamental ideals of equality. The current situations do not ask of us just to believe in racial equality, but to stand against systems that perpetuate racial bigotry and white supremacy." - Honorine Uwimana (Rwanda)



Led by the Spirit, We Welcome the Sharing of Your Gifts

Last summer, the St. Joseph Worker Program started an advisory group to provide greater vision and supportive growth to the ministry. Three inspirational leaders generously offered their wisdom and experience:

Annette Walker, MHA is President of City of Hope Orange County. A visionary health care leader, she is building City of Hope's comprehensive cancer campus and regional network in Orange County. Prior to joining City of Hope, Annette served as President of Strategy for Providence St. Joseph Health and Chief Executive, St. Joseph Health.



“The St. Joseph Workers inspire me. I wish that all members of our society had the opportunity to complete a year of service to our communities.”

Shannon Dwyer is a Senior Advisor with the THEO Executive Group, a leadership and transformational advisory firm. Shannon has almost 30 years of experience in healthcare serving as trusted advisor, counsel and strategic thought partner to executive management and governance.

“I hope to share my knowledge and wisdom with the women to enhance their experience and shape the way in which they impact the world.”

Lisa O'Neill Hill is Senior Manager, Marketing and Communications for City of Hope Orange County, where she focuses on external and media relations. A former journalist, Lisa led national media relations for Providence St. Joseph Health before joining City of Hope Orange County.

“The dedication and achievements of the St. Joseph Workers are inspirational and they are giving a voice to many through their passion for advancing social justice.”

We Need Your Support!

We are grateful for the many ways you support the St. Joseph the Worker Program – your presence, prayers and contributions - spreading the news and sharing your resources! At this moment in the life of the program, we have very specific needs for the international women of our program. They may be staying on for as long as six months until they can return to their home country.

We welcome any amount to help us cover these expenses for one international St. Joseph Worker:

- \$50 weekly food costs
- \$325 Monthly Medical Insurance
- \$150 monthly support for personal needs such as a cell phone to stay connected during the pandemic

Please consider a gift. Donations are graciously and gratefully accepted:

- Online at sjworange.org
- Checks to St. Joseph Worker Program may be mailed to 440 S Batavia St, Orange, CA 92868