

# BRIDGES



July 8, 2022

## ***A SUMMER BREAK FOR WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS***

After the long pandemic push, it was decided to allow this summer to be a true break with no intersession.

These are some of our 8th graders, in their high school swag, in the garden. (You can see the greenhouses behind them.) This year we have a high number of students going to Catholic or other Christian/faitth-based schools - 70% of the Class of '22! Schools include Archbishop Carroll High School (6), Bishop McNamara High School (2), Elizabeth Seton High School, Don Bosco (pending), The Cornerstone Schools, and Riverdale Baptist School.



We are thrilled that so many of the girls have chosen to stay in a faith-filled environment for high school next year, and will continue to deepen their faith as they prepare for college and their futures.

- Susan Rockwell, Communications and Database Manager, WSG

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## Care of Creation Committee

### A Message from Oceana

<https://oceana.org/>



Did you know that this is Plastic Free July - a global social movement that helps people be part of the solution in the fight against the plastic pollution crisis?

Plastics are one of the greatest threats facing our oceans today. Every year, an estimated **33 billion pounds** of plastic enter the ocean. **Right now, it's nearly impossible to avoid single-use plastics.**

As consumers, we shouldn't have to contribute to the ocean pollution crisis every time we need to purchase food, household items, or other goods. **The problem with single-use plastic is clear:** Companies produce too much of it. *And the worst part?* Recycling can't fix this as only 9% of all the plastic waste ever produced has been recycled.

That's why Oceana campaigns to stop plastic pollution at the source, by calling on companies to provide consumers with plastic-free alternatives and pushing for legislation that will address the plastic pollution crisis to protect our oceans, marine life, and all those who depend on a clean and healthy ocean. And we're making real progress. Last month, the Biden administration announced a series of actions to help our oceans - among them the phase out of single-use plastics in all 423 national parks. And California passed the boldest single-use plastic source-reduction policy in the United States.

**Together, we can turn the tide for plastic pollution.**

- Submitted by Srs. Diane Dube, RJM and Doris Bissonnette, RJM

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## SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

The RJM Leadership Team is very excited to share that RJM USA-Haiti Province is actively hiring for a full-time Director of Development. Initially, the efforts of this new office will focus on fundraising for our mission in Haiti and then will expand to raise monies for increased sharing both within and beyond our borders.

We're posting the role to various public job boards and ask that all readers of *Bridges* share the attached position description (or link) to your networks (family members, friends, parishioners etc.) to help us source a deep and competitive candidate pool. Thank you so much for your assistance.

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## **NO BRIDGES THIS SUMMER**

There will be no Bridges for the rest of the summer. The next Bridges will be published on September 9th.

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## **PROVINCE OFFICE**

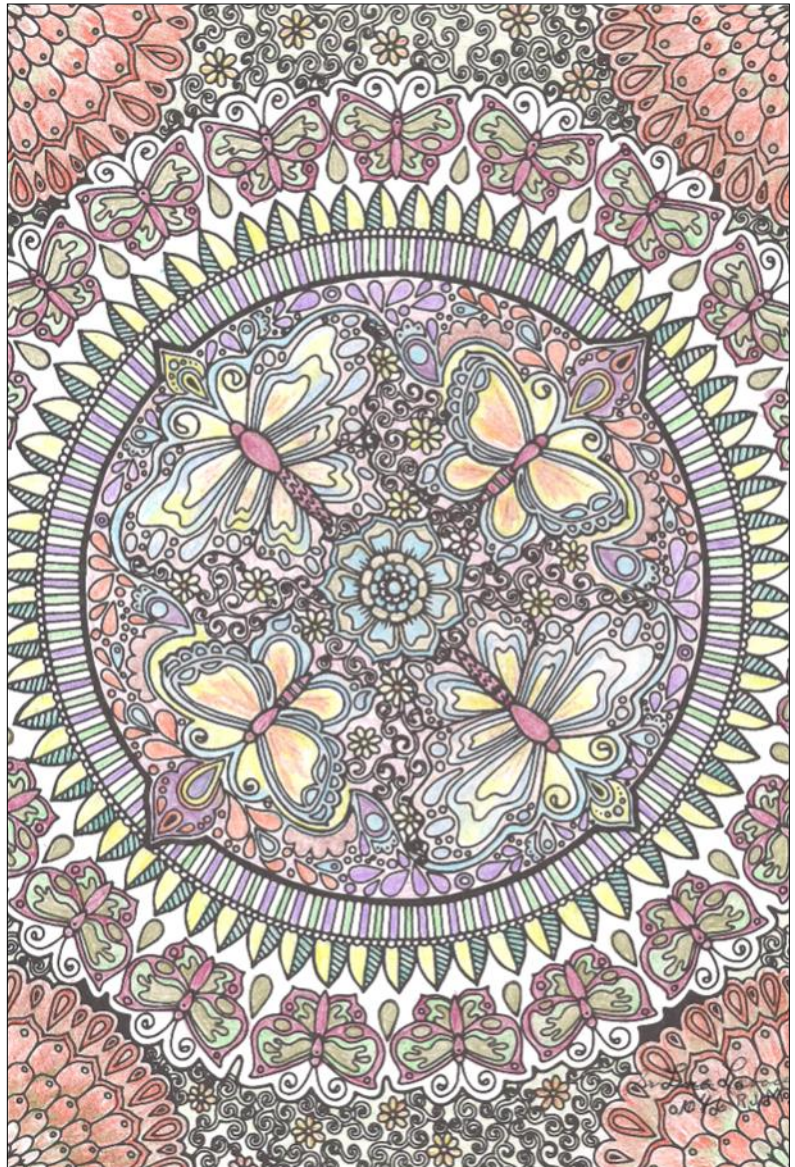
July 10 - 15    Sr. Rita on vacation

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## **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...**

- The victims of the July 4th shootings and for the consolation of the loved ones of the deceased;
- Continuing Prayers: migrants at the Catholic Charities' shelter in San Diego; former residents of the Joan of Arc Residence as they transition to new homes; an end to the terrible violence in Mexico and in our world;
- The peace and sovereignty of Ukraine and peace and prosperity in Haiti;
- Kay Klodin (Srs. Curin García Calvo, RJM, Valle Chías González-Blanch, RJM, and Rose Kelly, RJM) as this week's community for special prayer.

**WE ALSO PRAY  
FOR ALL THE NEEDS  
OF OUR RJM SISTERS,  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**



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**Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary**