



January 9, 2026

SR. EILEEN C. REID, RJM



Entrance into Life
April 16, 1939

Entrance into Professed Life
March 14, 1965

Entrance into Eternal Life
January 4, 2026



SR. CHRISTINE CARRIGG, RJM



Entrance into Life
July 15, 1942

Entrance into Professed Life
March 14, 1965

Entrance into Eternal Life
January 8, 2026



CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON - in our communities



La Casa de Esperanza



Kay Klodin Community



Marillac Residence

NATIVITY - St. Frances de Chantal School, Bronx, NY

Here is a picture from St. Frances de Chantal School's Christmas Show. The Nativity is always the closing of our show led by the Grade 2 children (the First Communion Class).



- Sr. Pat Brito, Principal

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS - Jean Rabel, Haiti



These photos are representative of the 700 children and 100 families who received a Christmas present - mostly food for the adults and sweets and biscuits for the children.



The black bags the children have are helping them to arrive home safely, without anyone knowing what is in them! Otherwise there may be a scuffle. The local palm basket will be useful again, when going to market.



- Sr. Rose Kelly and the Jean Rabel team

WEBINAR - Conversations at Bethany

Conversations at Bethany will be hosting its first webinar, on January 28, with historians Sr. Janice Farnham and Dr. Lauren Clay. Click here to register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Many congregations of women religious were founded during Revolutionary times.

- ◆ How did St. Claudine Thevenet, RJM read the signs of her time and respond to them?
- ◆ How does her context and story inspire us today to understand **our vocation to care for the earth?**

Join Dr. Lauren Clay, award-winning historian of Revolutionary France at Vanderbilt University, and

Sr. Janice Farnham, RJM, historian, author, and former professor of Catholic history at Boston College,

to explore the context that inspires a courageous vocation. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

With Erin Lothes, Ph.D.
Bethany Center Hudson Valley



Conversations at Bethany
Wednesday January 28
4-5:30 pm ET

What's at the Heart of a Courageous Vocation?

WEBINARS - LCWR Offerings

Many of LCWR's webinar offerings are open to others beyond LCWR's own membership. Please know how happy we would be to have you join us for any of these events.

Living Into Our Emerging Future – Module Six (2)

January 12 – 7:00 – 8:15 PM ET

Registration [link.](#)

Synodal Leadership Formation Course -- Integration Session

January 13, 2026 - 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Registration [link.](#)

Living Into Our Emerging Future – Module Six (3)

January 14 – 3:30 – 4:45 PM ET

Registration [link.](#)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Virtual Prayer

January 19, 2026, 12:01 AM - 11:59 PM ET

[LCWR Virtual Contemplative Prayer for MLK](#)

LCWR 70th Anniversary: James Finley (recording of session)

January 29, 2026, 2:00 – 3:15 PM ET – Session 1

Registration [link.](#)

LCWR 70th Anniversary: James Finley (recording of session)

February 4, 2:00 – 3:15 PM ET – Session 2

Registration [link.](#)

PRAYING WITH DETAINED MIGRANTS - Central Falls, RI

Little Rhody can boast of an immigration detention center. That's right! The Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility is on High Street in Central Falls, RI. It is a maximum security center that also houses federal detainees from the U.S. Marshals Service and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

Sister Diane Dubé received an email invitation to participate in a public rosary prayer outside the center at 1 p.m. on December 22nd. This was a diocesan effort inaugurated by our Bishop Bruce Lewandowski (below in orange hat). Sisters Brittany, Jacqueline and Doris joined Sister Diane. We met at the Fuerza Laboral (Power of Workers) building about a block away from Wyatt.



Bishop Bruce explained our “dos and don’ts”, specifically that this was NOT to be a ‘demonstration’ against anything, but a “prayer for” the inmates. So the person carrying one such sign could show only its reverse side that had a scripture quote. Then Bishop Bruce led us in a short prayer before we all walked five minutes to the Wyatt Center and stood across the street from the main building.

On the left is the Wyatt Center with two newsmen taking photos of our group. Of course there is the obligatory fence surrounding it. Then, this is buttressed by 3 rows of razor wire fencing right up to the building proper ... for maximum security of course. The first floor has wide windows that are opaque. The 4 or 5 upper floors have only very thin slits for sunlight(??) or something.

Our group must have numbered around 30-35 people from a variety of religious backgrounds including about 8-9 Catholic priests, a couple of ministers, a good number of Women Religious and laity. Sister Mary Francis Lewandowski, CSSF, Bishop Bruce’s sister and her dog were also with us. Using an outdoor loudspeaker, a Columban Father from Portsmouth, RI led us in prayer and the opening song, “All Are Welcome”. Before his retirement this priest had spent a number of years as chaplain in this detention center before it was designated for immigrants. Then we recited the rosary in English and Spanish. Special migration ‘Mysteries’ were invoked for each decade: The Lord’s Journey to Bethlehem; The Flight into Egypt; The Journey to Nazareth; The Journey to Jerusalem announcing the Kingdom of God; The Journey of Our Lord to Galilee to meet his disciples.



At around the third mystery, I heard some ‘knocking’ coming from the prison. I pointed and others began to notice. Then the sound was not just knocking but a lot of pounding from several of the first-floor windows. The residents were aware! It lasted until we finished the rosary! Bishop Bruce led us in stretching our hands in blessing toward those who dwelt there. We concluded the prayer by singing “Santa Maria del Camino” with the well-known refrain: “Ven con nosotros al caminar, Santa Maria, ven.” The group returned to Fuerza Laboral for a debriefing, but we RJMs hurried home to pack Brittany’s stuff in the car and drive her to the airport for her flight to the family Christmas gathering in Wisconsin.

- Sr. Doris Bissonnette

PROVINCE OFFICE

January 23

Next *Bridges* published (articles due by noon Wednesday 1/21)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...

- Mary and Al Vitiello, who are dealing with medical challenges; they are supporters of Haiti fund and parents of Kathy Vitiello Doggett, a past Quest volunteer;
- Continuing prayers for the safety and security of the people of Haiti and our sisters there;
- Continuing prayers for: Michele Higgins (the sister of Sr. Pat Dillon); Dr. Dee Tomeo (a friend of Mary Ann Augello Berdoe); Patricia Jones (a dear friend of several RJMs); Denise Schneider (a missionary to Haiti and friend of the RJMs there); Edward Stolba (brother of Sr. Janet Stolba);
- The repose of the soul of Sr. Eileen C. Reid, RJM and for the comfort of her loved ones;
- The repose of the soul of Sr. Christine Carrigg, RJM and for the comfort of her loved ones;
- The repose of the soul of Judy Gleeson, the sister of Sr. Pat Dillon's sister-in-law, and for the comfort of her loved ones;
- The RJM Haiti Community (Srs. Liz Cornejo Carpio; Pat Dillon, Jackie Picard, Rose Kelly, Marie-Jo Désir and Roodjina Andy Joseph) as this week's community for special prayer. Although most are not able to be there at this time, we join together in praying for them and for the mission they hold so dear.



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

Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary