

Bridges

May 8, 2026



Updates from St. Frances de Chantal School



Depicted are some of the 2nd graders who celebrated their first reconciliation.

The second graders in New York recently received their first reconciliation and will soon be receiving their first communion. We are very excited for these second graders to be taking the next steps in their faith journey.



Sr. Patricia Brito, RJM, with a 2nd grader.



Some of the performers in *Beauty and the Beast* from St. Frances de Chantal School.

St. Frances de Chantal School in New York put on a wonderful performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. From the performers to the costumes, the production was amazing to watch. We are incredibly grateful to the students, directors, staff, and volunteers whose hard work and commitment brought this story to life. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the families and community members who supported the production and helped make it such a memorable success.



Performers in the production with the adults who helped make this story come to life.

Sr. Patricia Brito, RJM

WSG to England- Girls Go Global



Depicted are the girls working on their pots.



Depicted are the girls in WSG with students from St. Claudine School, and Dr. Beth Reeves, school President participating in a prayer service.

WSG offers a capstone 8th-grade trip to London, launched for the first time in April of 2025. The trip includes sightseeing, historical and cultural education, and a multi-day joint retreat with our sister school, the St. Claudine Catholic School for Girls. They held a retreat centered on the Book of Ruth and the potter and the clay imagery. With guidance from the sisters, the girls had time to reflect on God's gifts to each of us, and they made clay pots that represent their lives. The girls also engaged with the broader global sisterhood by listening to the lived experiences of refugees from Iraq and Syria. These stories bridged the gap between Ruth's ancient journey of displacement and the modern crises facing women today, teaching our students that faith and loyalty are courageous, active choices. Beth Reeves, President of WSG

New York Association of the Family of Jesus and Mary

On Sunday, April 12th, 2026, the AFJM of St John's Parish in the Bronx hosted a presentation on the life of St Claudine Thevenet. Sr Rosemary Mangan, a member of the Leadership Team based in Washington, D.C., was the presenter. Over twenty parishioners attended the lively event and were amazed at how St Claudine overcame all her trials and tribulations and founded the Religious of Jesus and Mary. It was from her deep conviction and faith in God that she answered the call. When the presentation was concluded, there was a beautiful AFJM Recommitment Ceremony for 12 members present: Kathleen Alonzo, Valerie Andrusco, Julia Haas, Cathy Hogan, Teresa Krauss, Noreen Mastrangelo, Eileen McCarthy, Ann McCormack, Wilhelm Ronda, Alba Sanchez, Sr. Kathleen Scanlon, RJM, and Ana Smith. Sr. Rosemary led the members in confirming their desire to live AFJM Decalogue, and then each member was pinned by a member of the group. Absent members, Sr. Barbara Linen, SHCJ, and Laura Ronda will receive their pins at a later date.

The attendees were also treated to a light lunch and refreshments. Many attendees expressed interest in becoming members of the AFJM.

Teresa Kauss



AFJM members following recommitment ceremony.



The presentation took place in the chapel of the former convent.

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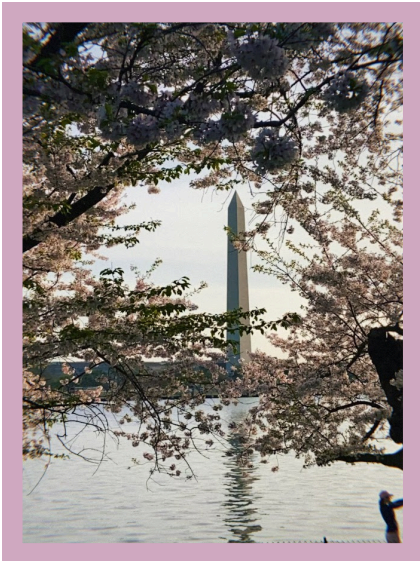


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- Edward Stolba, brother of Sr. Janet Stolba, who requests prayers
- Michele Higgins, the sister of Sr. Pat Dillon
- All the innocent victims of violence in the Middle East and around the world
- Continuing prayers: for the safety and security of the people of Haiti and our mission teams there
- We also pray for the needs of our RJM sisters, family, and friends

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