

Chapter 2018

Update #1

November 23, 2016

Chapter Dates – Mark Your Calendars!

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| Monday, April 2, 2018 | |
| Travel to Chicago | |
| Hotel check-in | 4 p.m. |
| Buffet Supper | 6 p.m. |
| Free evening to relax and “settle in” | |
| Tuesday, April 3 | |
| Chapter begins | 9 a.m. |
| Saturday, April 7 | |
| Chapter ends | |
| Eucharist and Banquet | 4- 8 p.m. |
| Sunday, April 8 | |
| Travel home | |

Hotel Information

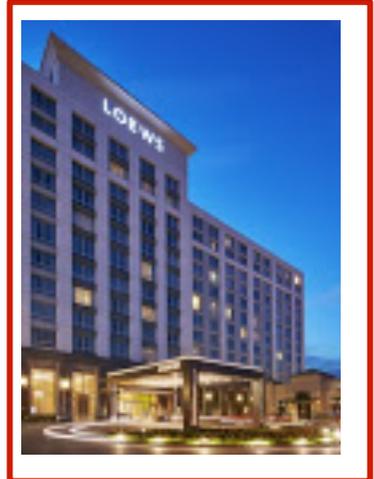
Our Chapter hotel will be Loew’s Chicago O’Hare Hotel, a change from the familiar Marriott of past gatherings.

After discovering the Marriott was already booked (by another congregation for their chapter!) our friends at Nix Conference and Planning researched other possible sites. We consider ourselves incredibly fortunate to book at the Loews—

- rooms are \$30 less than we would have had at our previous site,
- convenient free shuttles from the airport (two miles away),
- commitment to sign the EPCAT Agreement, an all-important piece of our own on-going work in behalf of ending human trafficking.

The staff at the Loew’s was gracious and obliging when they met with members of the Chapter Planning Committee and Kimberly Ritter in October. Nix’s subsequent negotiations with them clearly evidenced their desire to host us for the Chapter.

We encourage you to go to the hotel’s website (www.loewshotels.com/chicago-ohare) -- it is a wonderful place with great people. We believe it will provide an environment conducive to the rich community, quality conversations and restful accommodations that will support our hopes for Chapter.



Introducing our Facilitator

The committee met Donna Fyffe for the first time in this face-to-face meeting. As you read in the July CLT report, Donna works extensively with congregations of women religious, both nationally and internationally, in the areas of Chapter facilitation, strategic planning, mergers/unions, and leadership development. In the course of

our meeting, the committee learned she has worked with a number of our CSSJ “cousins”, and resonates with our Sharing the State of the Heart and Order of the House.

As a committee, we found ourselves connecting easily with Donna’s positive energy and insight. We experienced a wonderful sensitivity to the issues of this moment in time and a natural creativity as we began to explore the needs and processes that may be present at Chapter.

We hope to provide some opportunities in the time between now and Chapter for you to get to know her as well.

Questions for Reflection

When we gathered as a Committee for the first time, we began by sharing our answer to the question: “Why did you say ‘yes’ to the invitation of serving on the CPC?” During our sharing, we were inspired by one another’s honesty and vulnerabilities. Our love for the Congregation and commitment to furthering our presence in the world was also evident.

We explored questions about our hopes, the signs of our times, the state of our world, and the purpose of a Chapter. We invite you to turn to one another and explore these topics also.

As we continue our work, we are committed to engaging you in the planning process. We thank you in advance for your involvement.

The Chapter Planning Committee:

*Ann Letourneau, Anne Dolores LaPlante,
Pat Kozak, Marguerite O’Brien,
Marianne Race, Jackie Schmitz,
Kathy Sherman, Donna Fyffe (facilitator)*

In the future, we’ll be sending this Update from our new CPC email address:

Chapter2018@csjoseph.org If you want to get in touch with us, please use this CPC address. Thanks!

*Never go ahead
of grace by any
impudent eagerness,
but quietly
await its movements.*

*And when it comes
to you,
go along
with great gentleness,
humility,
fidelity
and courage.*

Maxim 84

