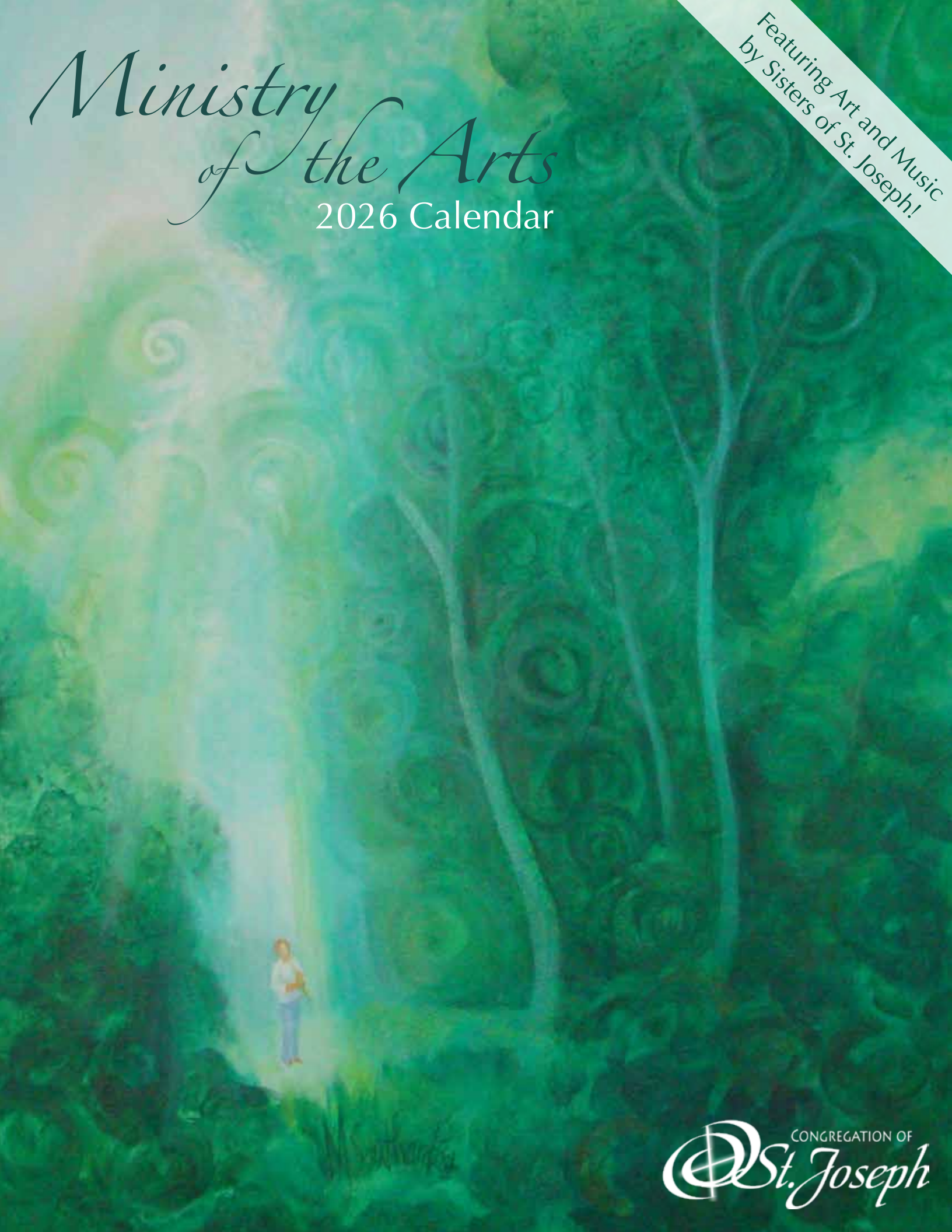


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Ministry of the Arts

2026 Calendar

Featuring Art and Music
by Sisters of St. Joseph!

Ministry of the Arts 2026 Calendar

This year's Ministry of the Arts calendar celebrates and affirms the power of the arts to bring hope and healing to our world in this critical time of transformation. Each month offers beautiful artwork created by our sisters, reflection quotes and Scripture passages to inspire you, and new this year, song lyrics and an interactive monthly playlist of music curated by musician and composer, Sister Kathy Sherman. Each playlist features a theme song for the month with some of the lyrics echoed in the daily quotations, along with other songs for listening, prayer, and contemplation.

Follow the QR code each month to access the playlist.

Ministry of the Arts and the Congregation of St. Joseph encourage and affirm creativity in one another as our shared mission of unity compels us to a deep awareness of our communion with God and all creation. Through the arts, we express the unity and holiness of all creation and the depths of the human heart that can be revealed in response to the great mysteries of existence. We hope this calendar helps you experience the year with beauty, special insight, and meaning.

ON THE COVER

Music of Life

by Sister Mary Southard, CSJ



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Meet the Artists



Sister Marie Benzing, CSJ

Sister Marie taught young children for many years, and found that painting added dimension to her life. It rose out of her love for beauty and creation and the sheer excitement she experienced working with color, shape, and design. She intends her work to stand as a pledge to honor God, who is the primary artist of all beauty.



Sister Frankie Dutil, CSJ

Sister Frankie has enjoyed art since childhood. After working with several different media, she came to love watercolor the best. This medium defies precise control yet yields wonderful results when we are able to let go. She thinks of watercolor as a lesson for living - when the water and the paint take off on their own and we feel that we are not in control. However, this is where the unexpected becomes better than what we had originally planned. Watercolor teaches us that beauty often emerges when we stop struggling for control in our lives.



Sister Kathy Sherman, CSJ

Sister Kathy is a musician, composer, and activist who believes that all life is permeated with the sacred. She is passionate about writing music that fosters hope and healing for our world. She is deeply committed to non-violence, racial justice, and advocating for the protection and healing of our planet, especially through songwriting. Sister Kathy has published music over five decades that is cherished around the world.



Sister Mary Southard, CSJ

Sister Mary is an artist whose paintings reflect her close connection to and love for the natural world, and what it is to be a participant in the magnificent universe. Her art explores and gives expression to our soul's journey within this intimate and interconnected sacred community of life, with all its beauty, pain, and mystery.



Sister Carrie Vall, CSJ

Sister Carrie first taught art at a mission school in Lumberton, NM, and later at Saint Joseph Academy in Cleveland. These experiences showed her the healing benefits of artmaking, which led her to go back to school where she earned a Master of Arts in Art Therapy Counseling. Sister Carrie enjoys working with groups, using a variety of media, and interweaving prayer and reflection.



Sister Pat Willems, CSJ

Before her passing in 2023, Sister Pat taught watercolor painting at The Well Spirituality Center in LaGrange Park, IL. She was certified in art therapy and spiritual direction, and loved to paint nature, people and landscapes. Sister Pat often said, "Self-expression is a privilege each of us has, and when used, unites us with the energy of God as Creator."



Strength In New Life
by Sister Carrie Vall, CSJ

JANUARY

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				¹ “Let your resolutions draw their strength from your firm trust in God.” - C/SSJ Maxim 8 New Years Day World Day of Peace	² Pray to end human trafficking. Human Trafficking Awareness Month	³ I can feel my heart pounding with the pulse of God's love.*
⁴ “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.” - Romans 15:13	⁵ Encourage new generations to know that anything is possible.	⁶ Feast of the Epiphany	⁷ Like a beacon we are finding our way toward tomorrow, today.*	⁸ “All it takes is one good person to restore hope!” - Laudato Si' 71	⁹ “Place your trust in God's dream for you!” - Jessica Wrobleski, CSJ Associate	¹⁰ “Allow your heart to open toward the Origin of all that exists.” - Cynthia Bourgeault
¹ Be awake to what is around you. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	¹² “Help us to recognize the sacredness of all of your creatures.” - Katie Beckmann Mahon	¹³ I dream a world where children are safe.*	¹⁴ “Make decisions based on hope and possibility.” - Michele Obama	¹⁵ We can be a gift of love that will last forever.*	¹⁶	¹⁷ “For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.” - Psalm 63:7
¹⁸ I can feel the hope stirring for all creation.*	¹⁹ “Even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.” - Martin Luther King Jr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	²⁰ “The future does have a name and its name is hope.” - Pope Francis	²¹	²² We can be a promise that's kept for the future.*	²³ “Where love will bless the earth, and peace its paths adorn.” - Langston Hughes	²⁴ “I have a dream that we can all be friends!” - Mary Southard, CSJ
²⁵	²⁶ “Teach us to discover the worth of each thing.” - Laudato Si' 246	²⁷ “Let us pursue what makes for mutual upbuilding.” - Romans 14:1	²⁸ All voices are praying and they're saying that Love is the only answer.*	²⁹ “I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way.” - Langston Hughes	³⁰ “Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.” - Martin Luther King Jr.	³¹ I imagine our planet, so fragile, so lovely, wrapped in a mantle of peace.*



Old Mill In Winter
by Sister Frankie Dutil, CSJ

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<i>1</i> "Fix your heart on God's dream. Let it guide everything." - C/SSJ Maxim 16 Black History Month	<i>2</i> Open our hearts to hear your call. World Day for Consecrated Life	<i>3</i> Why do you hunger for justice?*	<i>4</i> "The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter." - Proverbs 4:18	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Why do you do what you do?*	<i>7</i> "I feel a deep sense of everything being connected." - Theresa Hafner, CSJ
<i>8</i> Int'l Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking	<i>9</i> Why do you dare to believe that all are one?*	<i>10</i> "We love, because he first loved us." - 1 John 4:19	<i>11</i> Why do you protect Earth and all her creatures?*	<i>12</i> Let us enjoy your creation in all of its glory.	<i>13</i> Because we love God, we are who we are.*	<i>14</i> "Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love." - Pedro Arrupe, SJ Valentines Day
<i>15</i> "May we each be moved to notice the dear neighbor in our midst." - Sally Latkovich, CSJ	<i>16</i> "The steps of a man are from the Lord." - Psalm 37:23 President's Day	<i>17</i> Why is your dreaming so bold?*	<i>18</i> "Hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." - Laudato Si' 49 Ash Wednesday	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> "All life is consecrated; all life is already one with God." - Christine Parks, CSJ World Day of Social Justice	<i>21</i> Why are you calm in a storm?*
<i>22</i> "We are all different. Yet, we are all God's children." - Barbara Boxer 1st Sunday of Lent	<i>23</i> Why do you call the stranger, friend?*	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> We do what we do because we love God.*	<i>26</i> "To him who has no might He increases strength." - Isaiah 40:29	<i>27</i> "Sing to him, sing praises to him!" - 1 Chronicles 16:9	<i>28</i> Why does your fire never burn out?*



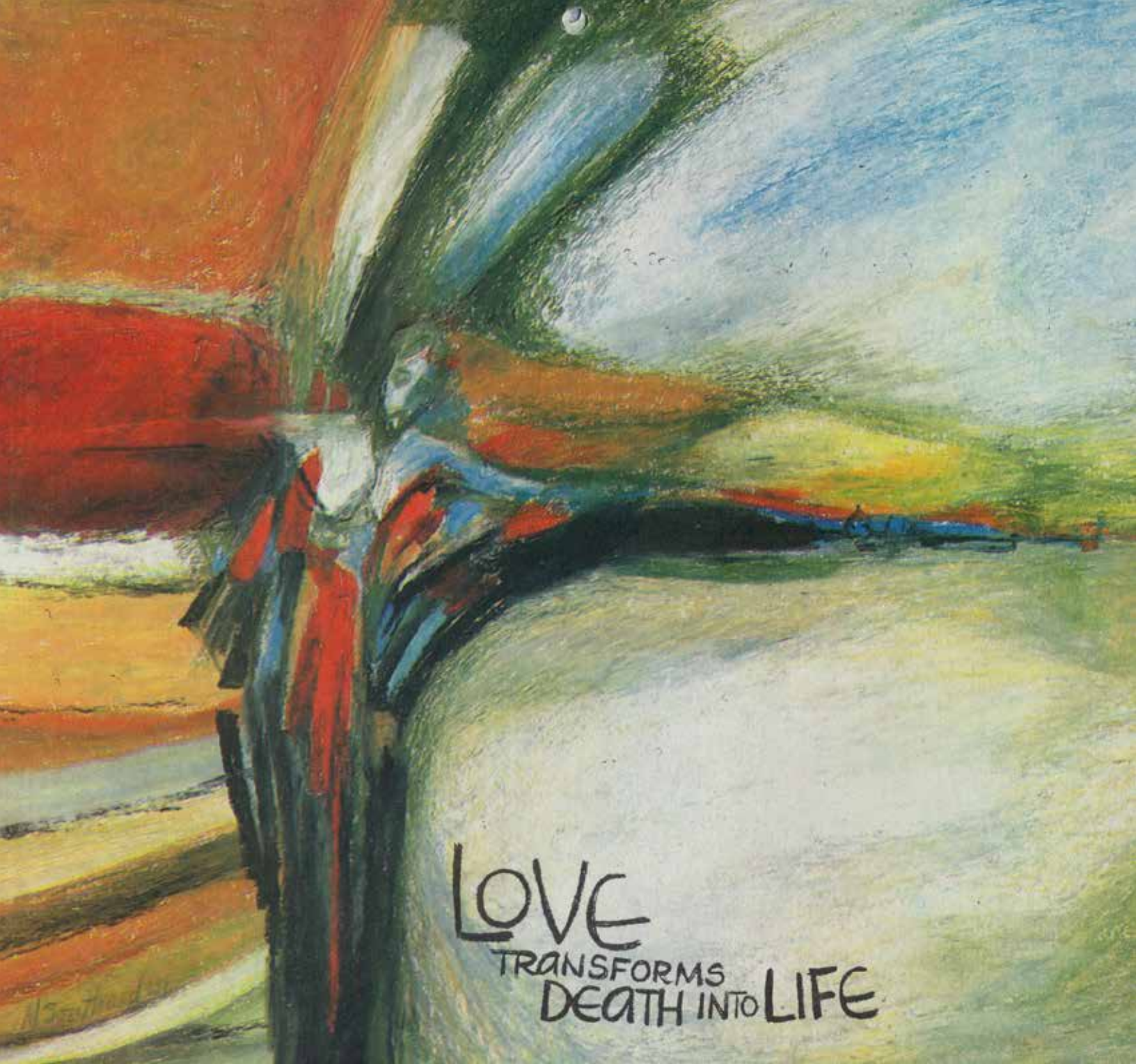
Cardinal
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1 "God's gift of free love supports your life at every moment. Rely on it." - C/SSJ Maxim 14 2nd Sunday of Lent Women's History Month	2 "When I awake, I am still with thee." - Psalm 138:18	3 I am in the life of every breath you take.*	4	5 "Jesus saw all people as one with him." - Mary Ellen Loch, CSJ	6 I am the song of every bird that sings.*	7 Help me have eyes open, ears attentive and spirit alert.
8 3rd Sunday of Lent Catholic Sisters Week Int'l Women's Day	9 I am in the dreams that you've seen come true.*	10 "Every creature has its own value and significance." - Laudato Si' 76	11 "Make us wise, make us holy, make us one." - Marianne Race, CSJ	12 "I am has sent me to you." - Exodus 3:14	13 "In prayer we discover what we already have." - Thomas Merton, OSCO	14 I am in the heartbeat of everyone you love.*
15 "You know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you." - John 14:17 4th Sunday of Lent	16 "Life is a song, sing it." - Saint Mother Teresa	17 I am in the laughter that teaches you to dance.* Saint Patrick's Day	18 "As long as faith gives me strength, I will always be joyful." - Pier Giorgio Frassati Global Recycling Day	19 "We must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course." - Pope Francis St. Joseph Day	20 I am in each teardrop every time you cry.*	21 Int'l Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
22 May we experience your presence here with us today. 5th Sunday of Lent World Water Day	23 I am in a friend's touch, in the one who knows you well.*	24	25 "God is always with us, even in the most ordinary moments of our lives." - James Martin, SJ Feast of the Annunciation	26 I am in the voice that begs you to stay.*	27 "I am the bread of life." - John 6:35	28 "What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love." - St. Therese of Lisieux
29 I am in the sunlight that wakes you every morn.* Palm Sunday	30 "I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you." - Isaiah 41:10	31 "Learn how to live wisely, think deeply and to love generously." - Laudato Si' 47				



All Is One
by Sister Mary Southard, CSJ

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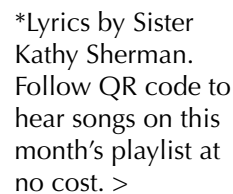
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			¹ "God sees, knows, and loves you intimately; live and act from that alone." - C/SSJ Maxim 35 National Fair Housing Month	² Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of and care for creation. Holy Thursday	³ "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." - John 15:13 Good Friday	⁴ Be the reason, be the hope for others to believe.* Holy Saturday
⁵ "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here: He has risen! - Luke 24:6 Easter	⁶ Gentle Spirit of Love, ignite Earth with your goodness and beauty.	⁷ "For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace." - Isaiah 55:12	⁸ Melt the walls of hate and fear that keep us apart.*	⁹ "God continues to call me to 'the more' so, I continue to say 'Yes'." - Rita Schafer, CSJ	¹⁰	¹¹ "To him who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his steadfast love endures for ever." - Psalm 136:5
¹² "The world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." - Laudato Si' 12	¹³	¹⁴ Earth is meant for beauty, goodness and peace.*	¹⁵ "Touch the earth, speak of love, walk on common ground." - Steven Van Zandt	¹⁶ "As you pray for the soul of the world, tend to the images, to the dreams." - Pat Bergen, CSJ	¹⁷ Show the Earth you care about her future.*	¹⁸ Let Love Grow! SaveOurMonarchs.org
¹⁹ Give Earth your dream of harmony, she is waiting.*	²⁰ "Live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." - 1 Corinthians 13:11	²¹	²² Open our minds and hearts to a deeper awareness of our interconnectedness. Earth Day	²³ Touch the Earth with gentleness, touch the Earth with love.*	²⁴ "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." - John Muir	²⁵ Touch her with a future by the way you live today.*
²⁶ "The Earth does not belong to us; we belong to the Earth." - Indigenous proverb	²⁷ "How much do you love me? We stretch out our arms and say, 'this much and more'." - Mary Ellen Loch, CSJ	²⁸ "Peace, justice and the preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes." - Laudato Si' 92 Stop Food Waste Day	²⁹ Believe we can live together as friends of the Earth.*	³⁰ "Let all who take refuge in thee rejoice, let them ever sing for joy." - Psalm 5:11		



Children 13
by Sister
Pat Willems, CSJ



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					1 “Let your life be a continuous act of love.” - C/SSJ Maxim 4	2 Love’s first name for me was you.*
					Saint Joseph the Worker Day	
3 “Hold fast to love and justice.” - Hosea 12:6	4 There was magic in your smile that made bad things seem okay.*	5 “May you be mindful of the Eternal Flame within you.” - Joyce Rupp, OSM	6 I’ve loved you all my life just the way you are.*	7 “Another wondrous evidence of God’s tender guiding hand.” - Helen Steiner Rice	8	9 “Breathe non-violence into our world.” - Janet Franklin, CSJ
						World Fair Trade Day
10 I learned to have a heart when with you.*	11	12 “Non-violence is the active outpouring of one’s whole being into the being of another.” - Martin Luther King Jr.	13 “Because you are precious in my eyes.” - Isaiah 43:4	14 I wouldn’t change a thing about you.*	15 “We are called to listen to one another and to journey together.” - Pope Francis	16 “Tell people who you are without saying a word.” - Abhijit Naskar
Mother’s Day						
17 “Let the love you give come back and find a place in you.” - Harpreet M. Dayal	18 “We need to be awake to take action on behalf of Love.” - Pat Kozak, CSJ	19 The music of your life made a home for me.*	20 Look for new ways to care.	21 “With my whole heart I seek thee.” - Psalm 119:10	22	23 You’ve been an inspiration, you made me strong.*
24/31	25 I celebrate your life of love, a gift that God has sent.*	26 “For we know that things can change.” - Laudato Si’ 13	27 “Beauty and love surround me on all sides.” - Marianne Race, CSJ	28 “Serve one another humbly in love.” - Galatians 5:13	29 “Have you ever thought of yourself as a ‘vessel of love’?” - Joyce Rupp, OSM	30 I am grateful for the part of you that’s deep inside of me.*
Pentecost Laudato Si’ Week	Memorial Day				Learn about Composting Day	



Abundance
by Sister Marie Benzing, CSJ

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	1 "Interpret all things from the best possible point of view." - C/SSJ Maxim 52 (LGBTQ+) Pride Month	2 "You are ever with me, you will never leave me to face my perils alone." - Thomas Merton, OSCO	3 Love will show us the way.*	4 "By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope." - 1 Peter 1:3	5 World Environment Day Nat' Gun Violence Awareness Day	6 You've got to hold on to hope.*
7 "May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." - Laudato Si' 244	8 Hope will change the world.*	9	10 "I know the plans I have for you... to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11	11 "Hope springs through us, when we begin to act and are engaged." - Helen Prejean, CSJ	12 Hope is me and you.* World Day against Child Labor	13 "Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring," - James Weldon Johnson
14 "Hope is the dream of a waking man." - Aristotle	15 "You will have confidence, because there is hope." - Job 11:18	16 Together, with love as our guide, we move toward a future filled with hope.	17 "Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." - Helen Keller	18 "God is the light that illuminates the darkness, and a spark of divine light is within each of us." - Pope Francis	19 Juneteenth	20 When this world is getting you down, wake up your soul and hope.* World Refugee Day
21 May we be a blessing of hope for all generations to come. Father's Day	22	23 Believe that peace will come in our day.*	24 "I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more." - Psalm 71:14	25 You gotta believe, hang on to the dream.*	26 "I am called to give all of myself to healing and to hope." - Mary Ellen Gondeck, CSJ	27 "To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God's love and hope." - Laudato Si' 85
28 Hope will see us through.*	29 "Courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own." - Michelle Obama	30 "Just like hopes springing high, Still I'll rise." - Maya Angelou				



Honey Bees
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			1 "Freely embrace undertakings of great Love when God's Spirit nudges you." - C/SSJ Maxim 91	2 Now is the time to heal what is broken.*	3 "It is full time now for you to wake from sleep." - Romans 13:11	4 All have the right, to life and liberty, pursuit of happiness.*
			Plastic Free Month			Independence Day
5 "Our freedom fades when it is handed over... to the immediate needs of self-interest." - Laudato Si' 105	6 "Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!" - Psalm 95:2	7 Now is the time for all to be fed.*	8 "Each day God teaches us in ways we may not recognize." - Karen Kennelly, CSJ	9	10 Befriend those who have fallen on times that are hard.*	11 Open our minds to the great worth of human life.
12 "Your acts of love and hope point to the promise that every human life is of inestimable value." - Desmond Tutu	13 That all had a bed to rest from the cold.*	14	15 "Love does no wrong to a neighbor." - Romans 13:10	16 Now is the time for violence to end.*	17 "I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful than violence." - Laudato Si' 149	18 "Set your sights on the dream and place your fears at the feet of the Almighty." - Unknown
19 Now is the time to protect all creation.*	20	21 For equal education for children who will one day lead us to peace.*	22 "We shouldn't feel shame for how human we are." - Meggan Watterson	23 "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none." - Luke 3:11	24 Now is the time to reach out our hand.*	25 "It can be done. We can welcome our sisters and brothers and assist them in their hope for a better life." - Laurina Kahne, CSJ
26 "I wish to sow courage, hope, and enthusiasm abundantly in the hearts of all." - St. Pope John Paul II	27 To join with all lands in building a world where all are one.*	28 Help us to see each other as members of one great family.	29 Now is the time to set our sight on the dream once again.*	30	31 This is the America I believe in, what about you?*	
			The Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene			



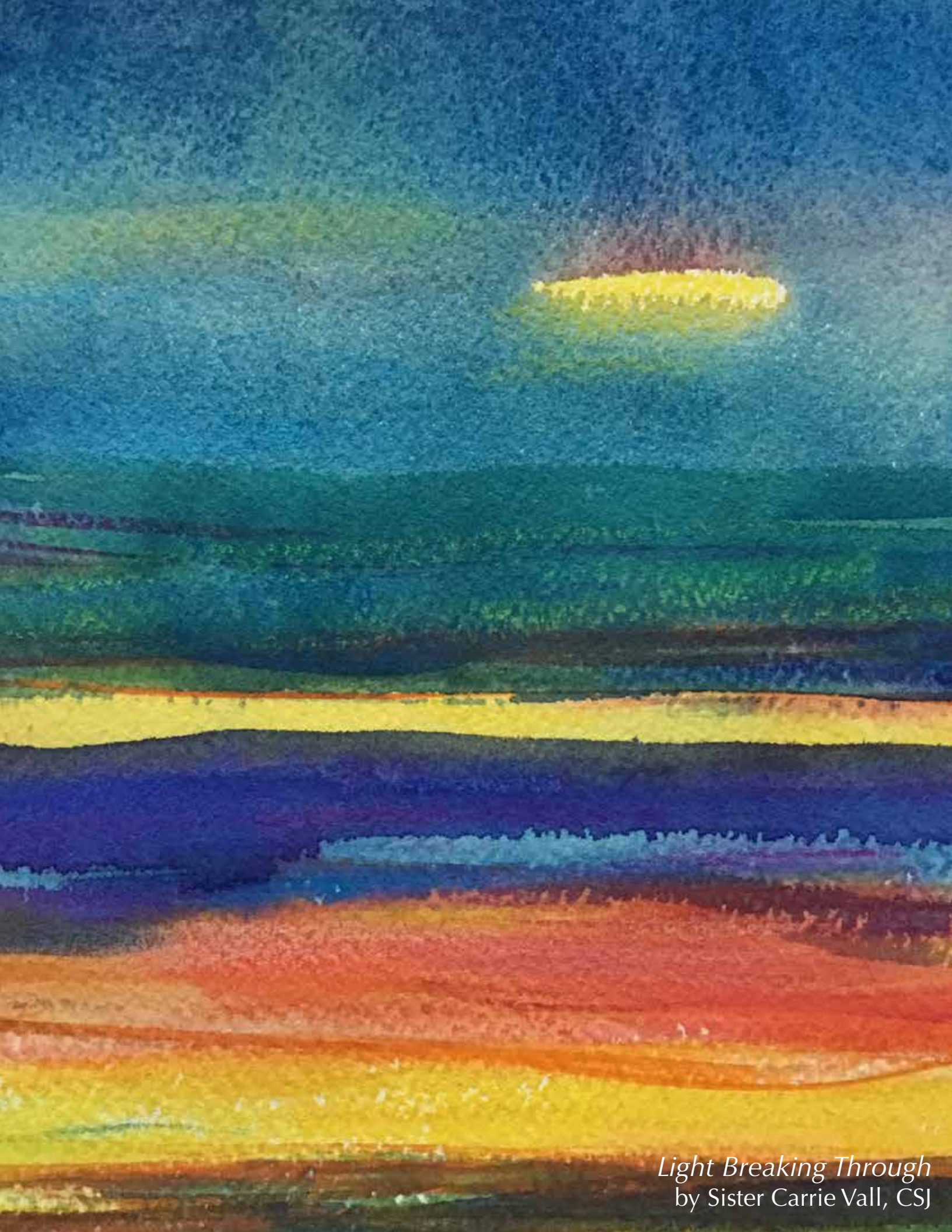
Transfiguration
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						¹ "The moments of your life are precious. Make the most of each one." - C/SSJ Maxim 88
² Children will be asking what we did with our time.*	³ "Teach me the way I should go, for to thee I lift up my soul." - Psalm 143:8	⁴ "Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life." - Laudato Si' 207	⁵ Will we weep in shame at what we failed to do?*	⁶ Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.	⁷ "To ask for more than is given, to take more than is given back, is to have less, and finally nothing." - Wendell Barry	⁸
⁹ "Let us build a sturdy bridge, from my orange world to yours, from your olive world to mine." - Ada Aharoni	¹⁰ Were you building bridges of peace and harmony?*	¹¹ Or raising walls of fear and hate for all the world to see.*	¹² "Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord all the Earth." - Psalm 96:1 International Youth Day	¹³	¹⁴ "Strive for peace with all men." - Romans 12:14	¹⁵ "We must learn to live together as brothers." - Martin Luther King Jr.
¹⁶ "Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, nor dismayed." - Joshua 1:9	¹⁷ Or say we tried to change the world for you.*	¹⁸ "Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God!" - Psalm 143:10	¹⁹ "Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light." - Helen Keller	²⁰	²¹ "How will we answer the children?*"	²² Somewhere down the line, children will be asking.*
^{23/30} "No one can cultivate a satisfying life without being at peace." - Laudato Si' 225	^{24/31}	²⁵ Was your silence deafening when the planet screamed in pain?*"	²⁶ Did you shout and march and act for the oceans, forests, plains.*	²⁷ "They raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat." - Joshua 6:20 Women's Equality Day	²⁸ Let your life speak.	²⁹ "I try to be attentive to your invitations into new ways of living and loving." - Mary Clark, CSJ



Light Breaking Through
by Sister Carrie Vall, CSJ

SEPTEMBER

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		1 "Suffering touches everyone. Unite yours to God and all who suffer." - C/SSJ Maxim 98	2 Then I saw you smiling as the sun rose in the sky.*	3 I saw the tears you wept as you watched your loved one die.*	4	5 "The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all." - Proverbs 22:2
		Season of Creation				
6 "We must be united in heart and mind. One world, one people." - Lailah Gifty Akita	7 "Take thought for what is noble in the sight of all." - Romans 12:17 Labor Day	8 I do not speak your native tongue. I do not know your ways?*	9	10 "One God, many faces. One family, many races. One truth, many paths. We are all one." - Suzy Kassem	11 There is a language of the heart we all can understand.* Anniversary of 9/11	12 May I listen openly to others, and truly listen to the still, small voice within.
13 "It is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason." - Pope Francis	14 "Give more, take less. Hug more, fight less. Remember we are all one!" - Abhishek Kumar	15	16 "Bringing the human family together to protect our common home." - Laudato Si' 13	17 It's easy to see how someone could believe that you and I, we're not the same.*	18 I heard your children singing, they sounded much like mine.*	19 "O come, let us sing to the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise." - Psalm 95:1
20 I've heard that love changes everything. I believe that it's true, don't you?*	21 "Teach me when to speak and when to listen." - Pat Bergen, CSJ Int'l Day of Peace	22 Help us to build communities where everyone enjoys a sense of being valued and belonging.	23	24 I imagine days to come when war disappears and friendship draws near.*	25 "They shall all sit under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid." - Micah 4:4	26 "Together let us beg for God's healing graces where they are most needed." - Sue Torgersen, CSJ
27 "In everything, keep trusting that God is with you, that God had given you companions on the journey." - Henri J.M. Nouwen World Rivers Day	28 "We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family." - Laudato Si' 52	29 If I reach out my hand, will you take it?*	30 Let's stand for all that's right and just and true.*			



Autumn Color
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OCTOBER

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				¹ "Trust and cherish God's love thread- ing through all the events of daily life." - C/SSJ Maxim 19 Respect Life Month	² Have you ever thanked the angels in your life?*"	³ "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." - Psalm 91:11
⁴ I thank you for guiding and guarding me along life's journey.	⁵ Through some of the ups and downs of the dark and lonely times.*	⁶ "You are not alone; you are surrounded by love and light." - Unknown	⁷ "You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you." - Isaiah 43:4	⁸ Let your heart sing for joy.*	⁹	¹⁰ "Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." - Laudato Si' 65 World Day Against the Death Penalty
¹¹ "The Lord your God is in your midst... he will renew you in his love." - Zephaniah 3:17	¹² For directin' you and holdin' you and seein' you through.* Indigenous Peoples' Day	¹³	¹⁴ Let your mind remember their faces and their smiles.*	¹⁵ "Let wisdom unfold in our heart and mind and in the men and women of every nation. Let us see the foundation for a new harmony." - John Philip Newell	¹⁶ Let your heart be filled with gratitude.*	¹⁷ I now come to thank you for everything you have ever done for me.
¹⁸	¹⁹ For believin' you and healin' you and laughin' you through.*	²⁰ "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!" - Psalm 100:4	²¹ Through some of the sad and trou- bled days when you could have lost your heart.*	²² "Find contentment in the kindness and friendliness of others." - Laudato Si' 148	²³ "May we be, like God, a good friend." - Carol Crepeau, CSJ	²⁴ "Do that which best stirs you to love." - St. Teresa of Avila Make a Difference Day
²⁵ "He instructs, open doors, and makes things happen." - John Van Wagoner	²⁶ For protectin' you and lovin' you and for seein' you through.*	²⁷ "I thank God for the gift of wisdom and gratitude I receive from those I serve." - Rita Schafer, CSJ	²⁸	²⁹ Through some of the ups and downs of life and love that need the gift of friends.*	³⁰ Have you ever thanked the angels in your life?*"	³¹ "I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." - Ephesians 1:16 Halloween



Thanksgiving Beauty
by Sister Pat Willems, CSJ

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1 "Everything I am and have is gift. Enjoy but don't cling." - C/SSJ Maxim 96 All Saints Day National Vocation Awareness Week	2 The changing of the seasons, life is born anew.* All Souls Day	3 Election Day	4 "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above." - James 1:17	5 The colors of a sunrise, a morning surprise.*	6 "For the love, which from our birth, over and around us lies." - Folliott S. Pierpoint	7 In sacred earth, seeds are sown and we are fed.*
8 "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another." - 1 Peter 4:10	9 Laughter and smiles and birds that sing.*	10 "Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love." - Saint Mother Teresa	11 All is gift, my friend, all is gift from a loving God.* Veteran's Day	12 "Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise." - James 5:13	13 A God who will let us know we're not alone.*	14
15 The love that you find in another's eyes.*	16 "An attitude of the heart, which accepts each moment as a gift from God to be lived to the full." - Laudato Si' 226	17 "Behold the face of God in each person, each moment, each being." - Mary Southard, CSJ	18 Memories of a yesterday, tears that flow.*	19	20 "We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." - Isaiah 64:8	21 Broken dreams, broken hearts we learn to grow.*
22	23 The hope that we cling to when the darkness comes.*	24 "Who satisfies you with good as long as you live." - Psalm 105:5	25 "I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand." - Ira Stanphill	26 Hearts that unite, a friendship born.* Thanksgiving Day	27 "Teach us to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature." - Laudato Si' 246	28 The hand that helps you up when you've fallen down.*
29 "Use me to bring your love to our world. I know I do not work alone." - Jeanne Cmolik, CSJ 1st Sunday Advent	30 Hands unafraid to reach and souls that touch.* Cities for Life Day					



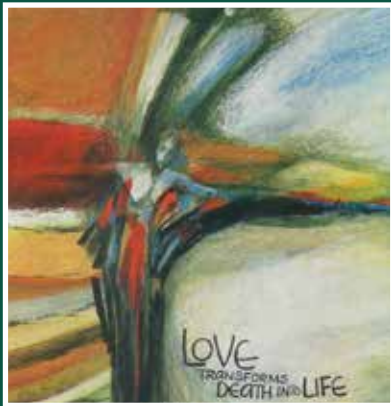
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		1 "When it is tough to believe, hold fast to wanting to believe." - C/SSJ Maxim 29	2 What if we believed what was promised long ago?*	3 "Believe so that you may understand." - St. Augustine	4	5 The world is waiting now, just as it was back then.* Int'l Volunteer Day
6 "Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things." - Psalm 119:18 2nd Sunday of Advent	7 How will God's heart within us inspire us to give?*	8 "Open our hearts... to have the courage to say 'yes'." - Ileana Fernandez, CSJ Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9 "Please enlarge our hearts to love our enemy as our friend." - Dorothy Day	10 U.N. Human Rights Day	11 Give comfort to the hurting ones, hope to those in fear.*	12 "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." - Isaiah 9:2
13 Strength to the weary, we'll let them know that God is near.* 3rd Sunday of Advent	14 "Love, not power, changed the world at Christmas." - Pope Francis	15	16 The Love born then is calling now.*	17 "I have come to do thy will, O God." - Hebrews 10:7	18 For someone to bring the world peace and a justice that won't end.* Int'l Migrants Day	19 "Jesus is Light for those in darkness, hope for those who search, peace for those who hurt." - Frankie Dutil, CSJ
20 "May the God of peace... equip you with everything good." - Hebrews 13:20-21 4th Sunday of Advent	21	22 How will Christmas change our lives this year?*	23 "His love constantly impels us to find new ways forward." - Laudato Si' 245	24 When in our hearts Love's born again this Christmas night.* Christmas Eve	25 Calling us to be Good News of Hope, Joy and Love for all the world.* Christmas Day	26 "He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God." - Psalm 40:3
27 "We are part of the Christmas story and it is still unfolding." - Mary Ellen Gondeck, CSJ	28 How will the Love of God dry the world's tears?*	29 "Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one." - Laudato Si' 246	30 "I changed... to a woman with my sleeves rolled up, living my prayer." - Helen Prejean, CSJ	31 Through us my sisters and brothers, we can be God's Light.* New Year's Eve		



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