



*The connectedness with the community keeps me informed about current issues of social justice and the environment.*

—Santa Cuddihee, St. Louis

*For us, associate membership is a family relationship. While it was my husband, Tom, and I that attended the gatherings, our children were present and affected by the way association molded our values, outlooks and especially our prayer lives.*



—Anne and Tom Clifford, St. Louis



*When you are a CSJ associate, you are a member of a broad, diverse, loving, spiritual family. I became an associate in my early 20s so association has been a consistent part of my adult life. I would not be the person that I am today without my CSJ family.*

—Oceilee Mitchell, St. Louis

*CSJ Association means being connected to and encouraged by people with the same desire “to serve the dear neighbor without distinction.”*

—Nancy Broach,  
Grants, New Mexico



## INTERESTED IN CSJ ASSOCIATION?

To learn more about CSJ Association contact Peggy Maguire, CSJA, director of association, at 314-678-0318 or [pmaguire@csjssl.org](mailto:pmaguire@csjssl.org).



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association*

rooted in loving unity...  
continuing the mission



*CSJ Association is a life-enriching experience that has rooted me in the peace of prayer, helped me to frame my life as a ministry to help my dear neighbor and strengthened my relationship with God so that I may be an instrument of peace.*

—Jeremy Lillig, Kansas City

## WHO ARE CSJ ASSOCIATES?

Associates are women and men, married and single, who are called by God to commit to extending the mission and sharing the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet without becoming vowed members.

Associate membership has a long, rich history with the Sisters of St. Joseph, dating back to the founding of the congregation in France in 1650. Individuals became spiritual companions and partners in service with the sisters while maintaining their own lifestyle as married, widowed or single persons.

With the second Vatican Council, the Sisters of St. Joseph went back to their roots and came to a deeper realization of the ways they share the heart of their mission—their charism of loving unity—with others. Since 1974 the sisters of the St. Louis Province have invited others to deepen their baptismal call as CSJ Associates.

Today, associates continue to bring the CSJ spirit to their jobs, parishes and families as they share their gifts in works of justice and peace, care for the poor and for the Earth.

## WHY BE A CSJ ASSOCIATE?

Association offers:

- Support and challenge of a faith community
- Opportunities for personal growth
- Personal relationships with sisters and associates
- Participation in retreats, days of prayer, workshops and celebrations
- Monthly gatherings in a small community of sisters and associates
- Invitations to participate in local and national activities
- Opportunities to serve the province in ministries and on committees

## HOW DO I BECOME AN ASSOCIATE?

Women and men enter a candidacy process in which they experience the spirit of the congregation through relationships with sisters, associates and other candidates and by learning the history, spirituality and ministry of the community. Associates emerge from the process more conscious of how to live in “loving unity” with self, with others, with creation and with the dear neighbor.

## WHO ARE THE CSJs?

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet are ordinary women quietly practicing life-altering generosity — the kind that unites so that all may be one.

Overtaken by a dream, six women founded the “congregation of the great love of God” in 1650 in Le Puy, France. For more than 350 years the sisters have protected and nurtured God’s Word and God’s people.

They heal, reconcile and serve all persons without distinction, defending the human dignity of all. They care for creation and promote justice with a particular concern for the poor.

The Sisters of St. Joseph work to form loving relationships with God, with themselves, within community, Church, society, and all creation.

We work toward this mission through the ministries of prayer, direct service, consciousness raising, and systemic change.

