

CSSJ FEDERATION NOVITIATE NEWS

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CSSJ Charism: All is Truly One

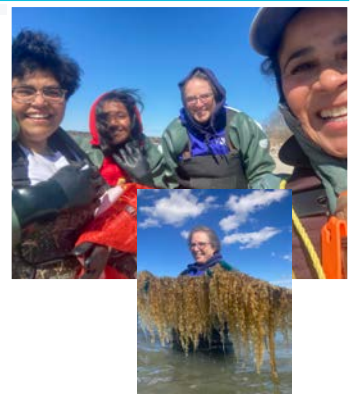
The CSSJ Federation Novitiate Community recently shared days with our sisters Pat Bergen and Kathy Sherman. In a creative manner, we listened deeply to our common story, and our call to love of God through our love for our neighbor, every kind of neighbor. The days brought us to a deeper listening to the cries of the poor and the cries of Earth.

We have two months remaining in the program where we will continue to explore the ways we reconcile and restore relationships, expand our consciousness to become more Christ like in the world and for our world.

We look forward to sharing our closing ritual with all on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 11:00 am (EST). More info to be shared.

Deepening and Widening a Sense of Being One With

Our days of focusing on our interconnectedness and oneness within the sacred community of life, got real as we were of service to the Shinnecock Kelp Farmers. Their work is one of unioning love as it restores ecological balance, protects waters and the life within, all promoting care for our "common home". Working on the tidal schedule and venturing out into 40° water we gently freed the growing kelp from slip gut. The experience was a practical application of integral ecology in fostering environmental restoration, supporting local economies, and strengthening community bonds. It led us to embody the *Being with God, the dear neighbor and all of creation is one movement.* ~Maxim 59



We Celebrate the Commitment and Fidelity of our sisters Across Continents



2024-2025 CSSJ Federation Novices Profess Initial Vows

On Sunday, December 14, 2025, Jennifer Martin, CSJ professed her First Vows as a Sister of St. Joseph with our sisters in Toronto, Canada. Jennifer is pictured with her local community, Dotsy Schweitzer, Sonal Castelino, Rosemary Fry, Jennifer, Pat MacAulay, Nida Fe Chavez, Erin Reilly Clarke, Betty Lou Knox, and Sandy Lima.

On Sunday, February 8, 2026, Elizabeth McGill professed her First Vows with our sisters in Philadelphia. Joining the community in celebrating are sisters Jennifer Martin, Jeanne Ross, Joan Gallagher, and Joanne Forker.

Thank you Jennifer, Liz, and Marit for your yes in joining us on the journey!

Continued blessings!



On Monday, April 6, 2026, Marit Steinsli, CSJ and our Chambéry sisters in Norway welcomed Marit's family as she professed her First Vows as a Sister of St. Joseph. Marit is pictured with her family and her Province Leader, S. Anette Moltubakk, CSJ.