

Millbury SASV Associates Meeting
Monday September 13, 2021



Opening Prayer: Providential God, who through all ages are equally wise, powerful, and generous toward those who entrust themselves to you ... protect us, assist us, save us.

Welcome and News and Updates about the Sisters and Associates: Claire, Gary, and Sr. Jeanne
Praying For the Chapter:

As you all know the 2020 Chapter for the Congregation of the Sisters of the Assumption was originally set for July 2020. Due to Covid 19, the Chapter was postponed with the hope of Sisters and Associates gathering in person at a future date. Now, over a year later, travel restrictions involving three continents continue to prevent an in-person Chapter. During this past summer the Congregation was granted permission from Rome to conduct a virtual meeting via the internet.

The Chapter involving Sisters and Associates from Canada, Brazil, Ecuador, Japan, and the United States will meet in this virtual format from September 11 – 18, 2021.

Tonight, as we meet as Associates here in Millbury, so too are our Chapter Delegates meeting at this very moment. Much will be decided during these Chapter days. Through a process of prayer, discussion, witness, and discernment the direction of the SASV community's apostolic work for the next five years; the Congregation's work for the Church and the Kingdom of God will be articulated; and perhaps, a written document will be produced.

Through the Chapter Prayer let us unite with all those in our SASV Family who at this very moment are at work as Chapter Delegates.

Read the "Prayer for Our Chapter 2020"

Scripture: *James 1: 14-18*

How does it help, my brothers, when someone who has never done a single good act claims to have faith? Will that faith bring salvation? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? In the same way faith, if good deeds do not go with it, is quite dead.

But someone may say: So you have faith and I have good deeds? Show me this faith of yours without deeds, then! It is by my deeds that I will show you my faith.

Quiet reflection with the scripture: 1-2 minutes

Short reflection from Stephen

Sharing: Take a moment again to look at the logo for the Chapter and its theme. Call to mind again our Chapter Prayer where we seek guidance from the Inovative Sprit who we ask not only to guide us into an unknown future but to also reignite a passion in our hearts, a passion for our mission and our charism. To offer witness, to share your thoughts about our Millbury group is a good deed of faith. Tonight, we will share on the following questions

1. How would you describe the Millbury Group?
2. What do you think makes the Millbury Associates unique from other SASV groups?
3. What do you treasure about our group?

Intercessory Prayers:

Closing Prayer:

PRAYER TO HONOR THE MYSTERY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

We rejoice in the Assumption of Mary, Woman of the promise, who was assumed into heaven where she resides in the heart of Trinitarian communion and love.

v. Pray for us, Mary, our Mother and Sister

rx. That we also may be made inheritors of the promises of Christ

We ask you, gracious and tender God, to overlook what we have failed to do and to bless our SASV family, our ministries and our future as we celebrate this mystery that shapes our lives and speaks of our spirituality. Make us vessels and witnesses of hope to a broken world. May all who root their lives in this mystery believe that one day we too will be welcomed into the communion of saints with Mary. We ask this through Jesus, her Son, and through the power of the Pentecost Spirit who lives and reigns now and for all ages. AMEN ALLELUIA

Important Dates:

- **The Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Chapter Meeting: September 11, 2021 – September 18, 2021**
- **October Millbury Associates Meeting: October 11, 2021, Monday 7:00 PM**
- **Sisters and Associates Retreat Day. Saturday October 30, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Church, Lowell, MA ***

***Registration for Retreat is due October 1st ***

PRAYER FOR OUR CHAPTER 2020

Before the beginning of time
You, Creator Spirit
Hovered over the chaos.
Guide our hearts
So that we may find patterns of harmony
In our world reality today.



Threaded throughout both testaments
You, Consoler Spirit
Hovered over Jesus in the form of a dove.
Strengthen our hearts
So that we may find the courage
To confront the deserts of this world.

At the birthing of the Church
You, Innovative Spirit
Descended as tongues of fire.
Upon the « one hundred twenty » gathered in the Cenacle
Pour into our hearts your seven gifts
So that we may tenderly love our fragile Church.

In this now and not yet moment of our Chapter
You, Spirit Breath of God
Come to inspire our Congregation.
May our hearts beat in unison
As you set us ablaze with the promise of hope
So that we may faithfully live our call.

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