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Dear Friends,

First, let me apologize for not writing in May. I hope all mothers had a wonderful Mothers Day.

Since the last newsletter things had been going quite well at the center and then the main water pipe to the youth center broke somewhere along the 800 foot stretch between the main house and the cottage. Long story short, we tried everything to find the exact location of the leak, but to no avail. I was getting discouraged because it could cost over \$35,000 to replace the entire pipe and we don't have that kind of money. A little light came when someone suggested drilling a well near the cottage. This could be much less expensive. This possibility is being explored. More on the saga in the next newsletter. I learned once again, that there are things beyond my control and I have to trust in God's providence and whoever God chooses to give a helping hand. A special thank you to all who gave/are giving their time and efforts to try to resolve this problem.

Nevertheless, we have been able to accommodate the youth groups in the main house, so as to be able to continue our ministry to these young people. Only 2 groups had to be turned away for lack of space.

Since April we have been pretty busy. The Triduum Retreat went very well; three 12-step groups and the annual New England Lace group came. A cloistered Poor Clare sister retreated for a week and a Dominican prayer group came for a day of reflection as well as a few other groups. From June 7 to 17, eleven consecutive days, we had/have four different groups. In all, nearly 500 people have come seeking spiritual nourishment and guidance in their lives. Next weekend we will have another recovery group. Lots going on and more coming up.

COMING UP:

The annual **COUPLES RETREAT** is scheduled for the weekend of July 21-23. A flyer is attached to this newsletter. Stan had led them in the past, this year it is my turn. The theme is **"Gratitude... from thanksgiving to "thanks-living"**. Please sign up as soon as you can. Call or send an email to reserve your spot.

Since we have a few available weekends in August, I will offer a **RETREAT FOR WOMEN** with the theme, **"Choose gratitude... the joy of "thanks-living"** to be held August 4-6.

The following week we open the retreat center to private/silent retreats. “**A Vacation With The Lord**” offers adults the opportunity to get away and reflect, pray and be spiritually renewed. The week of August 7-12 is reserved for this.

IN THE FALL:

It is never too early to plan ahead. The schedule for the 2017 **Fall Mini-retreat Series** by Peggy Patenaude is now available. Note the special offering for October. For your convenience I have attached the flyers here.

Sacred Hearts Retreat Center Support Team

Congratulations to the winners of the Support Team raffle:

May: Sr. Eleanor Marie Cyr, Carol Oliveira, and Mary Worden.

June: Joseph and Patricia Kolakowski, Sr. Joseph Marie Levesque and Bobbie Morton.

The number of support team members continues to grow slowly but it is still not enough to reach our goal of a balanced budget. I am grateful to all those who have contributed so far. I am also encouraged by the positive feedback of the importance of the retreat ministry here and the impact it has had on so many lives.

As part of the orientation, I inform the groups of our financial situation, and they have been responsive and generous in their financial support and in offering ideas for volunteering around the center.

A very dear friend of Stan's, **David Dubois**, died suddenly on April 8th. Donations made to the retreat center in his memory totaled more than \$4,500. We thank his wife Trish and all David's family and friends for such a wonderful gift.

We need your help to get more people involved. Please share with your friends what Sacred Hearts means to you and invite them to join you in supporting the ministry here.

All will be well. Thanks-living one day at a time.

Happy Fathers Day! And God bless you all.

Sr. Claire

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