

# Heartbeat

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### *Then*

#### **... for Fr. de Clorivière our cloister is in our hearts:**

"Even though we do not make profession of being separated from the world, our manner of thinking places a greater distance between us and the world in mind and heart than would the most remote desert."

[From the Letter of Fr. Pierre Joseph de Clorivière to Mr. Maugendre, HD p. 285. In "A Charism of Interiority"]

### *& Now*

#### **... light and leaven**

My parish Church of the Precious Blood has Lent and Advent scripture study courses on the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Nine people are coming to my house for the Lent meetings. They are a wonderful group, and we are keeping God alive in the world by sharing and loving his Word. NF

Went to the wake of a friend's husband on Tuesday and to the Funeral Mass on Wednesday. That same friend was hospitalized and operated on, on Monday; will visit. EO'C

I am assisting some African families who just moved to Portland, connecting them with some local resources available on the ground where they can get assistance with housing, food, and medication. I am also using my language skills facilitating communication between newcomers who are not yet able to understand and/or speak English at the school level when they bring their children. SS

Being engaged support for the development of a truly multicultural parish; helping others to recognize the joyful blessings of downsizing as they transition to care facilities; accompanying others as they engage in the process of learning to pray. ED

Accompanying Nardin Academy's new President and St. Joseph School for the Deaf's new Executive Director in their transition into their roles in 2025. For all of our loved ones as we journey as one with them in their life transitions, joys, and sorrows. RCD

**Adelaide's Place** – continues in its mission. We were especially blessed in March and April by businesses and individuals in the area who organized and made successes of two annual events: the Leprechaun Crawl and the Pasta Night. Maynard's Café, Steve and Cookies by the Bay, as well as The Kilted Rogues pipers and The Paul Moore Band made the Leprechaun Crawl a real, fun success. And we are so grateful for Angelo's Fairmont Tavern for making the 2025 Adelaide's Place Pasta Night a truly wonderful event. Visit: [www.facebook.com/adelaides.place](http://www.facebook.com/adelaides.place)



**DeCicé Hall Ministry** – is also continuing in its mission. We have been glad to bring the “Full to the Brim: An Expansive Lent” and “Nouwen and the Art of Living” spiritual sharing circles forward this spring, as well as having the opportunity to walk with organizers of gatherings of the US DHM, SSJ Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Committee, Al-Anon, Junior League of Greater Springfield, Irish musicians, Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Formation Office. Visit: [www.decicehall.org](http://www.decicehall.org)



**Nardin Academy** – continues in its mission while opening the page of a new chapter. Becky Reeder has retired, and Board Chair Marsha Sullivan is caretaking the Office of the President to the end of the school year. Dr. Eric Miles begins his service as President on July 1, 2025. Marsha Sullivan and Dr. Miles are working closely as he begins his transition to the presidency. The Academy's Strategic Plan 2024-2027 is underway and may be reviewed at [www.nardin.org/about/the-strategic-plan](http://www.nardin.org/about/the-strategic-plan). Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are scheduled through May 2025. Daughters serving on the Board of Trustees: Anita Baird, Vice Chair; Paula Gaudet, Linda Selaya, Pat Lucas, Chris Clark. Visit: [www.nardin.org](http://www.nardin.org)

**NativityMiguel Middle School of Buffalo** – continues to turn the pages in its new chapter. We are preparing to make a move into a new facility over the summer even as this school year comes to a close. The Board of Trustees will meet throughout the year. Anita Baird serves on the Board of Members; Chris Clark is on the Board of Trustees. NMMS is taking steps to implement its Strategic Plan for 2024-2028. The major components:



- Improving Programmatic Excellence (including enhancing STEAM education, deepening teacher development, and infusing the Charisms of its co-endorsers: [Daughters of the Heart of Mary DHM](#); [Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus SJ](#); [Sisters of Mercy of the Americas RSM](#) and a member of Mercy Education; [District of Eastern North America of the Brothers of the Christian School FSC-DENA](#))
- Securing a Long-Term Facility, including making a 2025 move into the school building at St. Stanislaus Church on Townsend Street in Buffalo; and
- Shifting to an Outcomes-Driven Culture, with a roadmap for student and graduate success.

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**St. Joseph's School for the Deaf** – has begun its new chapter as well. Our new Executive Director, Mark Patrick, began his service on February 10 by accompanying Deb Arles at the 4201K Schools Advocacy Day in Albany. Experienced and enthusiastic, Mr. Patrick has begun working with the Board, staff, students, and community to identify the strengths and the opportunities for development at SJSJ. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors are scheduled through May 2025. Daughters serving on the Board of Directors are Anita Baird, Board President; Pat Lucas, Treasurer; Chris Clark, Renee Dewhurst, and Anita Owens. Visit: [www.sjsdny.org/home](http://www.sjsdny.org/home)

