

St. Joseph Women's Society
Mary & Martha News

February 2014

Columbia, SC

Spiritual Growth Opportunity

**34th Annual Cardinal Newman Lecture
February 22 , 9:30AM– 4PM
at the Rock Hill Oratory**

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA, the Carroll Stuhlmueller Distinguished Professor of Old Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, presents "The Earth is the Lord's": Biblical Theology and Ecology.

Many people have understood their responsibility toward the natural world as one of domination and exploitation. The environmental crises we have been facing force us to look at this relationship in an entirely different way. What insights might the Bible provide as we look anew at our attitudes towards creation? In an attempt to answer this question, several Old Testament traditions will be examined.

This event is open to all without charge, although donations are accepted. The event includes noontime Eucharist, a light lunch and a short chamber music concert. While pre-registration is not required, the Center would appreciate your contacting them to help them to plan the meal.

For more information or to tell of your plan to participate contact the Oratory at oratorycenter@gmail.com.

To learn more about the Oratory go to <http://www.rockhilloratory.net/>

**SCCCW Convention Special Project
Community Outreach**

This year's convention theme is "Help carry one another's burdens; in that way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Each year SCCCW initiates a special project to support some effort in the state. This year, the project is to raise money for a new chapel at the Graham (Camille Griffin) Correctional Institution located in Columbia.

Information about this facility can be found at <http://www.doc.sc.gov/institutions/camille.jsp>

We will donate \$200 from our treasury for this project but many of our members may wish to personally provide additional support for the building of the Chapel. If you would like to make a personal donation, please write a check to St. Joseph Women's Society and note on the check "2014 SCCCW Convention Project". We need these donations by March 16.

Last month's newsletter listed a number of ways our members can support the State Convention. These are mentioned in this month's *Message from President* and will be discussed further at our February meeting.

The convention will be held at Sonesta Resort, 120 Shipyard Dr., Hilton Head Island For registration information call 843-842-2400 (mention SCCCW-Rate \$149/night double)

The Saint Joseph Women's Society are friends in faith who share the Gospel; serve the parish, community, and world; and mold strong Catholic woman leaders.

