



## Currents

August 2017

### Upcoming Events

**Come & See Retreats:** Join us for a weekend to explore Religious Life and experience our prayer, community and ministry first hand with no expectations. For more info please contact [Sr. Kim Kessler CSR](#) to learn when the next retreat will be offered.

**Eucharistic Adoration –1st Friday of each month.** All are welcome to make a visit to the Provincialate Chapel between 3– 5pm on August 4th.

**Missioning Liturgy for Redeemer Ministry Corps Volunteers August 27th.** We look forward to welcoming individuals to a year of community, faith and service. [Read more.](#)

**Maker Fun Factory! Vacation Bible School: August 14 –18** at our Province Center. Volunteers welcome and greatly appreciated. It's a fun & faith filled week! Contact [Sr. Maryanne King](#)



### RMC Closing Reflection by Emily Guilbert (Excerpt)

When I was asked to write a reflection for the RMC Blog back in October, I focused on the need to trust in the process, letting go of some of the control in my life and trusting that things will work out. Taking my own advice was not as easy as I expected. I think I can speak for more than just myself and say that this year did not turn out as I anticipated in the beginning. As I continued my year, despite a few challenges along the way, I experienced and received many gifts, popping up out of seemingly nowhere like little flashes of fireflies, that might never have occurred if I did not stay here in Meadowbrook and trust in the remainder of my time here.

One gift I received this year was the gift of community. Although I thought I understood what community life entailed, I have redefined my definition of community after living in many communities this year. Intentionally living as a community is much more than sharing spaces and avoiding what drives each other crazy. Community life not only involves compromise, but also living your best life independently and receiving the support your need from your group while doing so. You make yourself available for each other and face challenges as they arise directly and collectively as a group. This is not an easy task; however, the lessons I have learned about community life while here as an RMC have undoubtedly changed how I will approach this in the future.

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### August 1st Feast day of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

This Patron Saint of our Congregation inspires us to give witness to the redeeming love of Christ in our care of those made vulnerable because of illness or age. “Father, inflame our hearts with the Spirit of your love on the feast of St. Alphonsus.”

### Thank you!

Emily Guilbert recently concluded her year of community, faith and service as a Redeemer Ministry Corps volunteer. We are grateful for her joyful presence with us this year.

Read her closing reflection



### Additional Ministries of the Sisters of The Holy Redeemer

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#### GARDEN MINISTRY

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[Sr. Kim Kessler, CSR](#)

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As a volunteer from a completely different state, I was welcomed into many communities this past year: the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer and Bott Cancer Center, Comprehensive Breast Care Surgeons, and the Bucks County Breast Friends just to name a few. Each of these groups of people has nurtured in me a certain quality which I had not developed prior to coming here. Due to the support I received from these dedicated and passionate people, I have become a more assertive and passionate person who can pretty much talk to anyone. I will carry the lessons of community with me to the next phase of my life.

Along with this gift of community, I have also made some amazing friendships here. By letting go of the control of my life, I made myself open for these wonderful friends to enter my life and show me the place they call home. These friends have shown me an inexhaustible amount of hospitality for which I can't thank them enough. These moments, and the friends who have made them possible, are gifts I am truly happy I received this year.

Even though I could talk to you about my RMC year all day, I will just mention one more final gift I have received here. By volunteering my time this year, I was given the opportunity for personal growth. Each day, I had an excuse to stop and reflect on the happenings of the each day. I had a wonderful director, lived simply and intentionally, reflecting on my life and my goals for my program. In doing so, I have chosen a new career path, learned more about my own abilities and limitations, and carried out the lessons my faith has taught me. By serving others for a year, I have become my most authentic self, a gift which I will never be able to repay the Redeemer Ministry Corps and the Sisters of the Redeemer.

That brings me to my closing. I just want to thank the Sisters and my director for giving me this wonderful opportunity. Not only has this program brought me the gifts I mentioned but also has just been a wonderful blessing in my life in general. I will always remember the memories I have made here in Meadowbrook and carry them with me into the next step of my journey just as my fellow RMC alumni have done before me. I have had an unexpectedly beautiful adventure here. Thank you.

*Emily Guilbert RMC volunteer 2016—2017.*

*She returned home to Georgia to pursue her studies as a Genetic Counselor.*



### **Pilgrimage to Germany:**

Sisters Anita and Kim traveled to Germany with two Redeemer Associates to participate in an International Congregational meeting with our Sisters from Tanzania and Germany. They arrived safely and were met at the airport by our German Sisters, Emmanuela and Theodora on July 27th. They will return August 5th.

### **Monday Evening Liturgy and simple supper at our Province Center**

will return the last Monday of each month beginning September 25th

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