



Heger signs her certificate of profession witnessed by (left to right) Sisters Patty Clune, province leader; Pat Quinn, novice director, Jean Meier, province leader; and Rebecca Holley.

Sister Sarah Heger Professes First Vows

On August 2, **Sister Sarah Heger, CSJ** professed her first vows as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet at the Province Motherhouse. “So many sisters have said to me, ‘Welcome,’” said Heger. “While I feel like I was welcomed long ago, this was a wonderful celebration of being welcomed into community in a deeper way. As I said in my vow statement, I know (and hope) that it will be a lifetime of deepening and coming to understand. Community is awesome!”

Hager, who has a bachelor’s degree in special education from Fontbonne University is currently teaching at Ripley High School in Ripley, Miss.

CSJ Documentary “That All May Be One” Released

When **Karen Kearns** took a trip from her home in California to her native St. Louis to visit her cousin, **Sister Joan Lampton, CSJ** she never expected it would be the beginning of a journey, the production of her first film, “That All May Be One,” (TAMBO) a documentary about the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

During this visit in 2001 Kearns, the associate dean of Cal State’s University Curb College of Arts, Media and Communication, was inspired to chronicle



the monumental renovation of the province motherhouse. As the production evolved, the renovation became the backdrop for the film’s ultimate purpose—to make visible the good work and enduring legacy of the CSJs.

TAMBO makes a connection as to how today’s sisters in province leadership and in our sponsored institutions are living out the legacy of the congregation’s founding mothers. Interviews with province leaders, sisters who served at St. Joseph’s Academy and St. Joseph’s Institute for the Deaf, as well as sisters residing at Nazareth Living Center, paint a picture of the vibrancy and spirit of the community. “These women are charming, funny, and pragmatic as they continue to make tomorrow,” says Kearns. “I’m honored they allowed me to tell their story.”

While Kearns set out to share the sisters’ ministries, business acumen and hope-filled perspectives with her audience, she experienced some of her own revelations. “I was amazed at how current the sisters are,” Kearns says. “They are tied into all aspects of daily life, the community and the world.”

Kearns also learned the value of patience during the six-year process of completing the film. “For many years, it felt like the dark years of the soul. But you can’t push the river. Sometimes you just have to step back.”

In the end, the timing was impeccable. Kearns entered TAMBO in the July 2008 St. Louis Filmmakers Festival.



Above, CSJ sisters and associates gave filmmaker Karen Kearns (center) the “red carpet” treatment at the showing of “That All May Be One” at the Tivoli Theater in St. Louis on July 23. Left, Kearns with cousin, S. Joan Lampton, CSJ. Lampton says, “Karen caught our spirit, our life and our mission. I am very proud of her, and I know my sisters are pleased with the final product.”

The film received recognition, in part due to the overwhelming CSJ community's presence at the screening. As a result, TAMBO is playing at the St. Louis International Film Festival in November.

Although Kearns never set out to be a documentary filmmaker, her talent to bring her experience and vision of who the Sisters of Joseph are today is profound. "There was something about being together with a bunch of people pulling in the same direction," says Kearns. "'That All May Be One'—it's not only a great title—it's the way they live, too."

For more information about TAMBO, visit www.thatallmaybeone.com.

May They Live in the Spirit

S. Mary Raymond McMahon,
April 11, 2008

S. David Joseph Migliarini,
May 6, 2008

S. Rosemary Connell,
May 20, 2008

S. Rosarita Allen,
June 17, 2008

S. Joyce Buckler,
June 19, 2008

S. Rose Celine Tauschek,
July 5, 2008

S. Patricia Cramer,
August 10, 2008

S. Catherine Beauron,
September 26, 2008



Sisters, family and co-workers gather outside the Motherhouse in St. Louis to offer a fond farewell to the CSJ Uganda Project Team on June 4. Above, Sisters Monica Lubitz, Jo Ann Geary, Patricia Haire, Marion Weinzapfel and Pat Murphy.



Uganda Project



"Everything in me wants to not turn my back on them, but to affirm the love of God that has sustained them and brought them and all the people of Acholiland through immense sufferings; to affirm God present in their midst and to be privileged to walk with them," says **Sister Marion Weinzapfel, CSJ** on serving the people in need in Uganda.

On June 4, 2008, the CSJ Uganda Project Team embarked on their journey to share in the ministry of the Archdiocese of Gulu, Uganda. Sisters Patricia Haire (Los Angeles), **Jo Ann Geary** (St. Louis), Monica Lubitz (St. Paul), **Pat Murphy** (St. Louis) and Weinzapfel (St. Louis) have ministered toward healing, restoring and deepening family and community relationships as part of the church of Gulu and its ministry among and with the Acholi people.

"I sensed that I was being told I should not be afraid to say 'yes,' and that the future and hope was for the people of Uganda," says Murphy.

After 20 years of war between the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Uganda People's Defense Force (UPDF), the Acholi people have been working to re-develop their country. Amnesty, reconciliation and forgiveness are key parts of the fragile peace process which is now in place. These core cultural values of the Acholi people have been tested by the trauma of the recent war and their lives in camps, to which many were removed for their own safety.

"For me it's about connections, it's about relationships, it's about recognizing needs," says Geary. "...and so I offer myself and my gifts to be used as the people see fit."

Haire and Lubitz returned home from their two-month ministry in Gulu on August 6. While serving in Uganda, they helped the others get settled and interacted with the schools and St. Jude's Orphanage.

Geary, Murphy and Weinzapfel continue their ministry in Gulu. Murphy teaches math to young women in high school and child mothers, Geary works at the St. Mauritz Health Center and Weinzapfel trains religious leaders in leadership development at the Catechist Training Center. They also tutor and mentor young women in preparation for college entrance exams and studies. Both Geary and Weinzapfel are helping with the building of the St. Louis CSJ ministry dispensary/clinic in Barogal, Uganda as well.

To learn more about the experiences of the CSJ Uganda Project Team, visit their blog site, <http://csjgulu.blogspot.com>.