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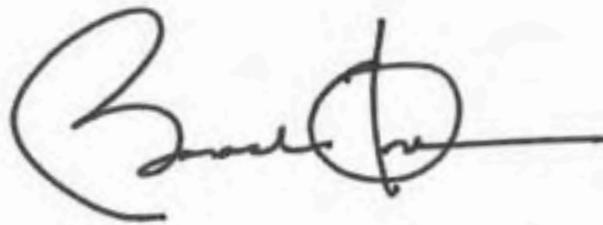
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I send greetings to all those attending NETWORK's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Moments like this allow us to reflect on the abiding truth that each of us has the power to create a better world for ourselves and our children when we strive to do God's work here on earth. Motivated by faith to serve as our brothers' and our sisters' keepers, committed advocates and community leaders can lift up the lives of others and move our Nation forward.

I am grateful for your support for our shared commitment to social justice, and I wish you all the best as you celebrate this special milestone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written in a cursive style.

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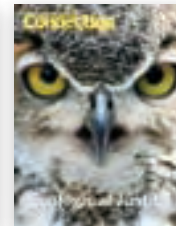
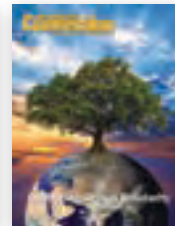
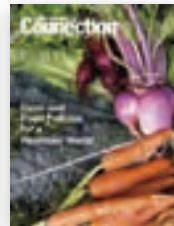
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As we celebrate NETWORK's 40th anniversary, we have decided to fill this commemorative *Connection* with the wisdom and dreams of some of the women and men who helped weave our faith-filled journey of justice. We sincerely wish we had the space to include much more, but this can be only a sampling. We invite our readers to consider your own dreams and experiences as you reflect on the words of others who have "walked the walk" of justice and peacemaking. —Stephanie Niedringhaus, NETWORK Communications Coordinator



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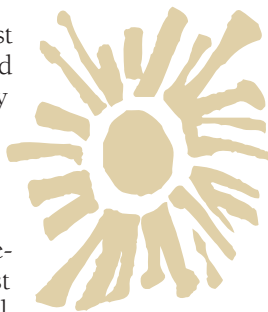
NETWORK's Symbols, Songs and Spirit

BY CAROL COSTON, OP, A NETWORK FOUNDER AND FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, *CONNECTION*, MAY/JUNE 2002

The energetic sunburst logo, an irregular solid center surrounded by pulsating rays, was donated to the embryonic organization in 1972 by artist Judith Savard, RSHM, at the request of Maureen Kelleher, RSHM, member of the first staff. It symbolized the original idea of sisters forming “a political action network of information and communication, a network for political education and action.”

For this network to work required several interconnections: a reliable source of “inside” information, based in Washington; members scattered throughout the country to receive and act on the information; and the same members feeding their experiences back to Washington and encouraging specific policies.

Another NETWORK symbol evolved from the labor union song, “Bread and



Roses,” introduced to the staff by Nancy Sylvester, IHM in 1978. This song honors the women mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts, who led strikes in 1912 for workers’ rights.

We sang the song at many NETWORK seminars and gatherings, and soon it became our unofficial anthem. Artist Vickie Reeves, IHM, created the Bread and Roses poster.

Today, the symbols have taken on a deeper meaning for me...

The logo with its ray-like bursts emanating from a center could symbolize the first flaring forth 15 billion years ago

that created the universe... The logo that first symbolized the interconnections of social justice activists now symbolizes for me the interconnectedness of all life, evolving from a common source.

The bread and roses symbol now connects with my long interest in organic gardening and a renewed appreciation of heirloom seeds that have been saved and shared for generations. This rich diversity of seeds is now being squeezed out by multinationals such as Monsanto, claiming intellectual property rights on seed stocks painstakingly developed over hundreds of years by peasant farmers worldwide.

As we struggle against this and other injustices today, may the symbols and songs that gave life to our earlier efforts continue to inspire our endeavors—for the common good of all life forms in this expanding universe!





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The “Network” of NETWORK

By SIMONE CAMPBELL, SSS, NETWORK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am always startled by the marvelous breadth and depth of our network. As we pondered how to celebrate our 40th anniversary, we thought that one thing we might do is invite our members to put an ad in our magazine just to evidence our solidarity. I have been stunned at the outpouring of responses. We had thought that we would add just eight pages and that would be “nice.” But the tome that you hold in your hands startled me! What an outpouring of support and collaboration.

To me, this is evidence of the heart of our work here at NETWORK. It is the partnership between our office here in DC and all of you around the country. At the heart of this network are groups of Catholic Sisters who anchor our advocacy in faith and our experience of the needs of our world.

Our journey in the healthcare debate is emblematic of our daily work here

and, I believe, evidence of our future directions. Since our founding we have advocated for healthcare reform. In 1974, Sr. Carol Coston, OP, testified on

Capitol Hill about the need for reform and the best model for moving forward. We were in all of the key reform debates. Finally, in 2010, we had the



NETWORK on the steps of the U.S. Capitol, 1979.

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opportunity to be what President Obama called the “tipping point” in the healthcare reform debate with our sign-on letter signed by 59 leaders of women religious congregations. Since then, we have worked at ensuring effective implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). We organized an amicus brief to be filed in the Supreme Court in support of Medicaid expansion to cover more people living in poverty and have worked with the Department of Health and Human Services and White House to develop effective conscience protections in the realm of employer insurance coverage. At each policy step, we are active through our staff AND through our members. This partnership is key to who we are.

Our partnership is based in the lived experience of our members

around the country and our global collaborators. Their experience in communities, which is under-represented in Washington, brings the cause of real people and real concerns to the forefront of our policy work. Only by focusing on real people can we ever hope to break beyond sound-bite politics as we know it. Also, by grounding our work in real




*Attendees of NETWORK's 1976
Legislative Seminar.*

experience we can be an effective advocate in the Gospel sense. Jesus always taught about justice in the context of individual need and shared response. It is this model that we use, and it is why we each matter in the network that is NETWORK.

In this painful time within the U.S. Catholic Church, Sisters are often seen as a sign of hope and integrity. I can't tell you the number of times that laypeople have come to me so grateful for the continued service that

we offer in troubling times. They appreciate our leadership of service that is grounded in the practicality of responding to the needs around us. We don't set out to be controversial figures; our goal is only to meet the injustices that we see and build coalitions to make change. Occasionally, this effort gets lifted up and is nourishing for others. We are so grateful that we can be encouragement in faith in times of darkness.

We all are called to continue to this mission of engagement of faith in the political world. It is a serious challenge that we face, but it is a Spirit-filled opportunity to live the Gospel in our time. I encourage you as you look through this issue of *Connection* to not consider these various pieces “ads.” Rather, read them carefully and reverence them, they are evidence of the commitment we share to live our NETWORK mission into the future. Let us use each entry as a prayer of gratitude for all of us. Only together can we continue to be faithful to this call to live the Gospel challenge to be hope in our complex and very political world. Only together can we live vibrantly the faith-filled reality of NETWORK. 

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Maureen Kelleher, RSHM, with Rep. John Conyers, 1976.

Why are sisters becoming politically involved? Basically, there is a new awareness growing among nuns, an awareness springing from their lives of reflection and action. This consciousness is no doubt caused by developments in theology, published data on America's racism, poverty, exploitation of the third worlds, and most of all on the war. Then too, as they stand in the classroom, or operating room, or on the street, many sisters have been struck by the sense of futility in that, while the task is noble, it is being blocked by the larger context, all of which negates the very message they want to be about... They are summoned by a new understanding of the Church, the social sins of their country, and by the Word of God to action in the political realm.

—Maureen Kelleher, RSHM, NETWORK Staff Member, *NETWORK Quarterly*, December 1972

We are heirs with Christ. We are partners with God in continuing [God's] creation and continuing that creation is not a ministry to individuals, but it's a ministry to political and economic structures. It's a ministry that brings about peace on earth and good will toward all men and women and children. I am just thankful to know that you take seriously this ministry.

—Rep. Andrew Young, *NETWORK Quarterly*, Spring 1974



THOMAS J. O'HALLORAN

Andrew Young in 1976.

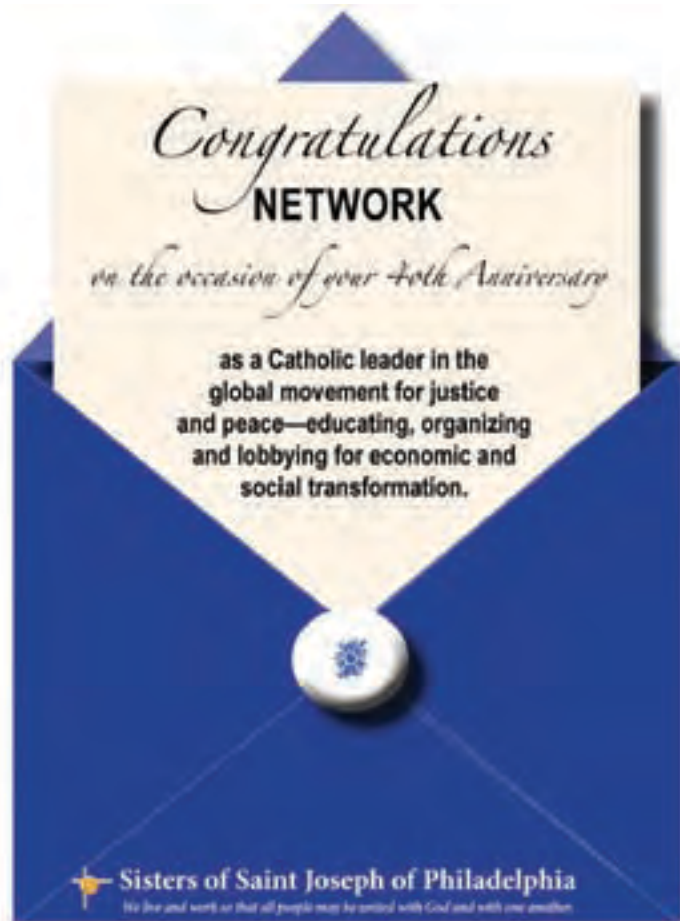


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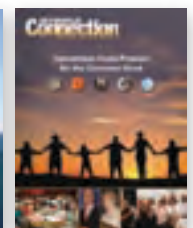
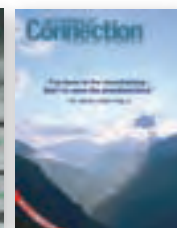
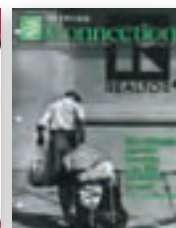
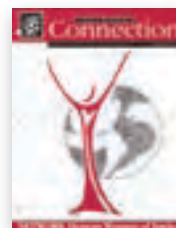


Many of our religious communities are and have been engaged in what strikes me as an interminable and wasteful search for some elusive charism. In these days when the Spirit is extraordinarily active, it seems to me that charisms for religious women abound. Try freedom; try solidarity; try commitment; try sisterhood. I would settle for any or all of these if we would but turn from our endless self-preoccupation and once more be at work in the world. Can anyone deny that this was the intention of our Spirit-filled founders?

...NETWORK provides us with a clear and viable avenue for action. I think it has also given us a superb model that can be applied to all levels of government. And without diminishing the need for continued efforts on the national level, I would like to put in a plea for sisterpower at the state level.

—Clare Dunn, CSJ, *NETWORK Quarterly*, Summer 1975

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try sisterhood.”**



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Sen. Ted Kennedy speaks to NETWORK members on Capitol Hill, 1977

Leadership is a critical factor, but not just leadership from our elected officials and a revival of American leadership abroad. It must—and will—come also from groups like NETWORK. And it will come from millions of Americans who themselves feel the stirrings of our continuing greatness as a nation—the basic commitments of our human values.

—Sen. Edward M. Kennedy,
NETWORK Quarterly, Summer 1976

Amata Miller, IHM, NETWORK Education Coordinator, in 1990.





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Participant in the 1976 NETWORK Legislative Seminar, Washington, D.C., Rev. Henri Nouwen.

Politicians are tempted to become so entangled in their complex tactical maneuvers that they lose sight of their overarching responsibility for justice and peace. Religious people, on the other hand, are tempted to become so enthralled by the beauty of their principles and the righteousness of the general statements, that they lose sight of the complexities of concrete situations.


A political ministry... asks us to bring our single-minded commitment to justice and peace into the center of a complex political process. A political ministry requires an informed mind and a caring heart, an acute understanding of tactics and strategies, and a warm sense of the need of the people to whom we want to be of service.

...action in behalf of justice reflect[s] a Christian life that is not misled by false

dichotomies between prayer and action. There may be times when our prayer consists only of "sighs too deep for words," but we know that such sighs are the unfailing sign of God's Spirit within us empowering us to continue the demanding labors toward which he inspires and propels us and without which the question of who shall inherit the earth remains disturbingly open.

—Rev. Henri J.M. Nouwen, Clare Dunn, CSJ, and Judith Lovchik, CSJ, *NETWORK Quarterly*, Fall 1976





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“...politics, rightfully understood, is a ministry of justice...”

From its inception, NETWORK's commitment to the long haul has rested on some unshakeable convictions. The most fundamental of these is that politics, rightfully understood, is a ministry of justice, promoting the common good.

—Catherine Pinkerton, CSJ, NETWORK Lobbyist, *Connection*, September/October 1990



Helen Prejean, CSJ, with NETWORK staff, 2003. Front, L-R: Cailin Daly, Amy Scanlon, Helen Prejean, CSJ, Aisha Smith Taylor; 2nd row: Michael Culliton, Stephanie Niedringhaus, Ann Dunn (NETWORK's longest serving staff member), Esther Pineda, CSJ, Mark Torma, National Coordinator Maureen Fenlon, OP, James Salt.

NETWORK is one of our hopes and something that gives me hope. I know that NETWORK is about economic justice. It is also about awakening Catholics to be political activists to translate faith into political action so that we can transform the societal structures. That's why I'm a member of NETWORK.

—Helen Prejean, CSJ, *Connection*, January/February 2004



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The early '70s, when NETWORK began, was infused with hope. Politically, the move toward open government allowed citizens a greater role in influencing public policies. Secrecy gave way to transparency and access. The various social movements—civil

Rep. Geraldine Ferraro (right) receives NETWORK's biannual Voting Record from Nancy Sylvester, IHM, in 1981.

rights, feminist, peace and environmental—helped shape public debate and consensus. The social justice agenda had victories and substantial gains.

Hope pervaded our ecclesial life as well. Vatican II challenged us to be part of the world, to embrace the joys and sufferings of all God's people. Together with the Bishops' Synod statement *Call to Action*, many of us found a "home" for our faith, in acting on behalf of justice in society and within church structures. It felt only years away before we would transform patriarchy and the clerical structure, giving way to equality, mutuality and participation in the decisions that affect our lives.

Today, we live in a different context.
—Nancy Sylvester, IHM, former NETWORK National Coordinator, *Connection*, November/December 2004



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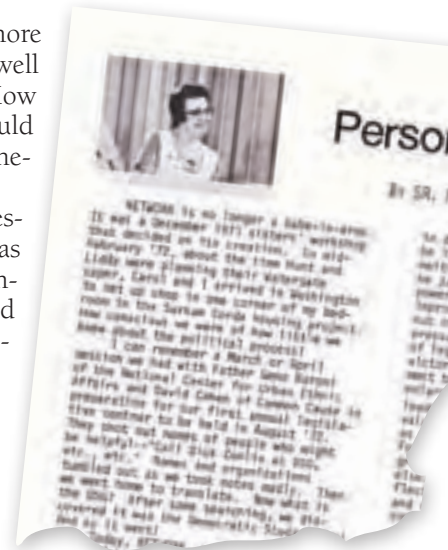
Today, NETWORK, a two-year toddler, is still testing and probing, learning its way, trying out new approaches, and searching for the direction it should take in working for social justice. How can the Washington staff be most helpful to NETWORK members around the country? How can we best educate for justice? Is the written word enough? How much staff time should be spent “out there” listening and dialoging with NETWORK members?

What should be the issue focus of NETWORK—specific legislative issues or broader social justice concerns, or both? Who are our constituents, the sis-

ters only, or should we aim more widely at Church leaders as well as the rank and file Catholic? How much NETWORK energy should be spent considering political theology, the “why” of us?

Two and a half years of wrestling with such questions has been grueling yet exciting, painful, satisfying, an often repeated process of dying and resurrection.

—Margaret Hohman,
SCN, NETWORK Staff,
NETWORK Quarterly,
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We are reminded, as Tom Cordaro pointed out in his contribution in the antiracism issue of *Connection* in 2006, that organizations like Pax Christi USA and NETWORK, who are already accountable for the dispossessed, must learn to be accountable to them, as well.

That means, in part, that we must be in authentic relationship to those on the margins (economically, racially and/or politically and otherwise) as well as those at the center of society. We must allow those who have been disenfranchised from the economic and political life of this nation to speak for themselves (much like I am speaking

via this article) rather than being satisfied that their voice is being heard only through others in the organization.

It also means being willing to risk altering our own self-images, reputations and fortunes to bring about the transformation for which we are advocates.

One area we can improve on is a more diversified staff. We need the power machine on the Hill to identify NETWORK with the antiracist vision and people of color in the same way that the power machine in DC identifies NETWORK as the “nuns’ lobby.” As we noted earlier, it is very difficult to change an already positive identity such as the nuns’ lobby to an even better and more inclusive one as a multiracial and antiracist lobby.

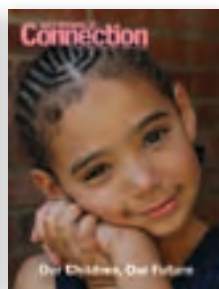
But change we must. Or we risk becoming not only irrelevant but obsolete.

—Cathleen Crayton, NETWORK Board Member, *Connection*, Fourth Quarter 2011



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Cathleen Crayton



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Luke 6:27b-28

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Dr. Rashad Zaydan (left front) and members of the Iraqi delegation at a 2006 NETWORK press conference.

These three years, the United States was just listening to the U.S. voice, and I think it is time to listen to the real Iraqi voice.

We have been suffering for years, but the time has come to think about how we want to create our future from an Iraqi vision, parallel with the American vision, not under. If you arrange for us, we don't have the same values, same habits, same character. We have different history.

—Dr. Rashad Zaydan, *Connection*, May/June 2006



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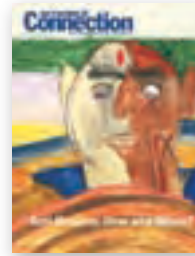
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NETWORK—Reaching Out
to Listen, to Learn and
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We [the Mohawk Nation] are told we are not a sovereign nation, but American citizens living in the United States, and we should be taxed and grateful for what we have.

It is our obligation to educate people as to what it really means to be a sovereign nation and how lack of knowledge, understanding and sensitivity continue to affect the dignity and rights of us as Native Americans and sovereign nations. Since it is not written in classroom textbooks or taught, we Native Americans need to inform other cultures.

—Ann Marie McDonald,
Connection, July/August 2006

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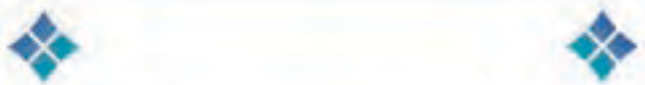


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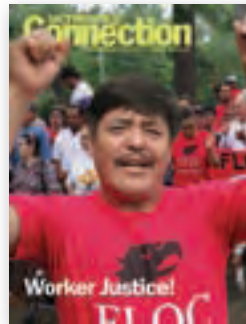
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Some of the most vociferous critics of immigration claim that Senate proposals, which allow those with five or more years in this country to legalize, are tantamount to amnesty. They oppose the idea that someone should be rewarded for breaking the law, and like to say that their grandparents and great-grandparents did it the

right way by hard work and honesty—and that they didn't try to get ahead by breaking the law. I say that this level of debate is disingenuous at best ... From the mid-1930s to the 1950s hundreds of thousands of Europeans who were unlawfully in the U.S. were allowed to go to Canada and reenter the U.S. as permanent residents!

—Baldemar Velásquez, *Connection*, September/October 2006



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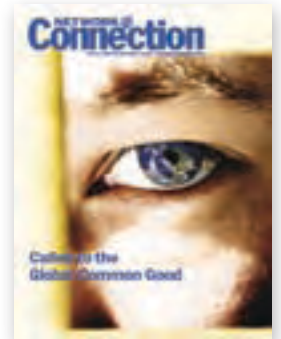
The change of our political system [in Slovakia] in the 1990s brought the freedom to freely express opinions, influence the political situation through free elections, travel, and learn to be responsible for oneself and for one's decisions... Bringing peace into relationships, learning patience, knowing how to forgive, having time to slow down and listen to answers that rise in our minds, going through our own self-reflection and personal change—all these are the challenges that help us become better.

—Renata Jamborova, SSS,
Connection, November/December 2006



I came to the United States [from Ethiopia], followed by my children, and I struggled to get a better life for us... When I see homeless people in the street here in the United States, I try to buy lunch or juice for them. I didn't expect to see homeless people in such a rich country. I don't know how they became homeless. In my country, I know that a drought or something like that causes homelessness. I think that the rich people here in the United States should help poor people through the government. Church people should help, too.

—Eshetwa Gebreyesus,
Connection, November/
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—Marie Lucey, OSF,
NETWORK Board
Member, *Connection*,
March/April 2008



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Prophetic faith creates a radical transformation of the relationship between religion and politics. Prophetic religion allows neither the sacralization of the present political order nor a private, otherworldly escape from history. Instead, the prophets have taken the old vision of an ideal social order, including the ideal of a just and righteous king, and transformed it into a critical ideal to

judge the present social order. The ideal thus becomes a measuring rod for testing the present system and sternly revealing its hypocrisies and injustices. Yet, at the same time, the ideal is a demand, a mandate to the present social order to live up to this ideal as God's commandment. Thus it becomes a revolutionary force commanding the transformation of present society toward the future vision of a world of peace and justice.

—Rosemary R. Ruether, *NETWORK Quarterly*, Fall 1978



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We have celebrated...
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NETWORK'S Gospel response to the call for justice continues to inspire many as you lobby tirelessly for federal policies and legislation that promote economic and social justice in our time.

May NETWORK'S mission and efforts continue to be blessed as staff and thousands of NETWORK members lobby, organize and educate for a nation and world rooted in justice.



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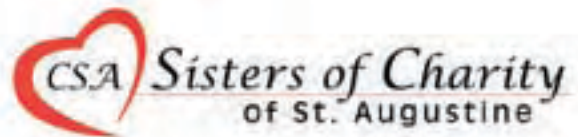
I am both a mother and a grandmother, and I carry the concerns of the next seven generations... I bring my passion for justice and my commitment for balance for Mother Earth and humankind, and I am excited to be around a group of like-minded people.

—Mary Liz Rondeaux, a healer and member of the Crow Nation, NETWORK Board Member, *Connection*, July/August 2000



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I am not different from my peers who make up the “Millennial Generation” (those born between the early 1980s and late 1990s) who would rather spend time in a soup kitchen than vacationing on the beach. Trends have emerged from our age group showing we’re civically engaged and ready for change. The world we are inheriting is much different than that of our parents’ generation. And we are dealing with our own obstacles: enormous student debt, a fair-weather economy, and a world in peril. Yet, like generations before us, we aren’t willing to admit defeat.



—Jennifer Haut, NETWORK Education Program Board Member, *Connection*, July/August 2008



Kathy Thornton, RSM, NETWORK National Coordinator, visits an infant at an Iraqi hospital in 2003.



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—Joan Chittister, OSB,
Connection, November/
December 2008



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*The Congregation Leadership Team
Margaret Byrne, CSJP, Terry Donohue, CSJP
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In this time of change, we are called to be people of the Gospel engaged in creating a more perfect union. We must remember that no one of our individual views is the fullness of the ideal. In this time of possibility we are called, while anchored in our faith values, to walk the roads of engagement, compromise. We are called to find solutions to the vexing problems of our time, understanding that governance is the solving of problems for the sake of the whole... By engaging together, we will be true to the promise of the springtime—and realize a hundredfold harvest.

—Simone Campbell,
SSS, NETWORK
Executive Director,
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