

CSA ASSOCIATE JUBILARIAN 2018

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Share a poem, a prayer, a reflection that has captured for you, the story of your journey as an associate.

The Sisters of St. Agnes, those who were here in Mobile when I first became an associate as well as all the Sisters I read about on the CSA website and through e-mail messages, have been a blessing and inspiration to me. They have been my models. The following Blessing is intended for them as well as for myself:

Blessed be the works of your hands,
O Holy One.
Blessed be these hands that have touched life.
Blessed be these hands that have nurtured creativity.
Blessed be these hands that have held pain.
Blessed be these hands that have embraced with passion.
Blessed be these hands that have tended gardens.
Blessed be these hands that have closed in anger.
Blessed be these hands that have planted new seeds.
Blessed be these hands that have harvested ripe fields.
Blessed be these hands that have cleaned, washed,
mopped, and scrubbed.
Blessed be these hands that have become knotty with age.
Blessed be these hands that are wrinkled and scarred
from doing justice.
Blessed be these hands that have reached out and been
received.
Blessed be these hands that hold the promise of the
future.
Blessed be the works of your hands,
O Holy One.

Diann Neu

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