

Save the Date!

Music Under the Stars Concert Series— Wednesdays in July, 7:30p.m.

In the Spirit of St. Benedict, come join us under the stars for this popular series---our own version of Southern California's outdoor theatre experience on the Encino property, with beautiful music, great conversation, and a stress-free environment. Bring a friend and come unwind with us after a long day...



- July 8** *An Evening of Celtic Music with The Doyle's*
- July 15** *Drumming, Dance and Song by Emmalyn Moreno*
- July 22** *Classical Piano with Chet Swiatkowski and Audrey Jaehee Yima from Young Artists of Mount St. Mary's College*
- July 29** *St. Agatha Gospel Choir and Barbeque **



All concerts begin in the courtyard at 7:30 p.m. and benefit the Holy Spirit Retreat Center Scholarship Fund for those needing assistance with retreat costs. Bring your dinner and a friend for a wonderful night of great music and conversation.

Admission: The suggested donation is \$15 a person for adults and \$10 for children under 12 for all concerts. *If you plan to join us at 6:30 p.m. for the BBQ before the St. Agatha Gospel Choir Concert the cost for dinner is \$10.

International Peace Day— September 21, 7-9:30 p.m.

Come be a part of history!

The Sisters of Social Service **Interfaith Peace Garden** at Holy Spirit Retreat Center in collaboration with the **Los Angeles Region Religious Campaign Against Torture** and **Pax Christi Southern California** will celebrate International Peace Day.



Come join us for an active look at **what it means to be peace-makers** in our times. Bring your friends and families to engage with our speakers on the theme: **Religious Faith, Human Rights, and the Soul of Our Nation**. Please call (818) 285-3357 or visit www.interfaithpeacegarden.org for more details on our local celebration of International Peace Day.

Autumn Festival of Art— October 18, 2-6 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming art festival and wine-tasting **celebrating 40 years in Encino!** Come enjoy the afternoon, **lively music, beautiful art, delicious food**, and surround yourself with the peace of the Holy Spirit Retreat Center.



Friends and newcomers alike are invited to share the day with us as **we offer local artists a venue to share their artistic process and sell their work**. Many different genres of art are available---from watercolors to quilts, silk-screened tote bags to Chinese brush stroke paintings, cards, pottery, jewelry--something for everyone's artistic tastes and budgets. We will close the evening with a ritual of thanksgiving.

Admission: The donation is \$25 a person or \$40.00 per family. Please R.S.V.P. by October 4, 2009 to hsrcenter@earthlink.net. Please visit the Holy Spirit Retreat Center website at www.hsrcenter.com.



All events except **Appetite for Action** will be held at the:
Holy Spirit Retreat Center 4316 Lanai Road Encino, CA 91436
(818)784-4515 www.sistersofsocialservice.com



**Documentary Screening—
October 25, 1p.m., 6 p.m.**

**“Interrupted Lives:
Catholic Sisters Under
European Communism”**



Join us for a ground-breaking documentary that **tells the stories of Sisters living their lives of faith, often in secrecy and against great adversity, during the reign of communism** in Eastern Europe.

Sr. Anne Lehner and Sr. Agnes Sztrilich, two **Sisters of Social Service**, are featured in the film, along with 38 other Sisters from many orders in countries throughout Eastern Europe.

Sr. Mary Savoie and Sr. Margaret Nacke, both **Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia**, have been listening to and collecting Eastern European Sisters’ oral histories of their lives under the reign of Communism for the past 15 years. Three years ago they teamed up with **Sr. Judith Zielinski, OSF**, a film writer and producer who interviewed 40 Sisters and is helping weave together the stories into a documentary film.

We will be offering two screenings of the film, with a **panel discussion featuring Sr. Anne Lehner, Sr. Margaret Nacke, Sr. Mary Savoie, and Sr. Judy Zielinski** about the process of sharing, collecting and weaving together these important stories.

October 25, 1 p.m. Open screening

- Catering generously provided by **Chef Roberts Motion Picture Catering**

October 25, 6 p.m. Young adults

- Catering generously provided by **Sharky’s Woodfired Mexican Grill**

Admission: *The suggested donation for the documentary is \$10 for the open screening and \$5 for the young adult screening.*

Please R.S.V.P. at **(818)285-3358** or e-mail **carloSSSdevelopment@gmail.com**. **Space is limited, so please call early.** These are remarkable stories you won’t hear anywhere else and a night you won’t want to miss.

**Appetite For Action—
November 16, dinner time**



Several **local restaurants are interested in donating a portion of their proceeds** to the Sisters of Social Service through their community partners programs. We have chosen **November 16** for our event, which is **Foundation Day**, the anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Social Service in Los Angeles. On that night, these restaurants will **generously give back 5-15% of their net proceeds**. The following vendors will be participating, with others to be added in future mailings:

Maria’s Italian Kitchen

16608 Ventura Blvd.
Encino CA, 91436
(818) 783-2920

Maria’s Italian Kitchen

11723 Barrington Court
Brentwood, CA 90049
(310) 476-26112

**Mijares
Mexican Restaurant**

145 Palmetto Drive
Pasadena, CA, 91105
(626)792-2763

**Baja Fresh
Mexican Grill**

16542 Ventura Blvd
Encino, CA 91316
(818) 907-9998

**St. Nicholas Day Holiday Boutique
December 13, All day**

This year give world peace and world art.....Come join the Sisters of Social Service at our second annual St. Nicholas Day Holiday Boutique....**You’ll find something for everyone on your list**, sip coffee, eat homemade goodies with friends, and keep the true focus of the season nearby. And know that **you are supporting 80 years of local and global works of peace, justice, economic development and social service with each gift that you give**. Some of the favorites include:



- **Art from the Philippines and Mexico**
- **Holiday cards and religious goods**
- **Creative Treasures—oil and water color paintings, quilts, greeting cards and other artwork by Sisters**
- **Locally grown plants and fresh-baked goodies**
- **Eco-friendly stainless steel water bottles and travel mugs**
- **Mouse pads and stress globes** to reduce tension
- **“White Elephant” gifts** (recycled new or gently used items)