



# Magnificat House e-Newsletter

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## Welcome Mary!

During a prayer service on September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sisters welcomed Mary Davidson to the Magnificat House of Discernment! Mary begins her time of discernment with great openness to God's Spirit, a desire to grow in prayer, and curiosity about living community life. She is eager to learn about the Liturgy of the Hours and Divine Office, and surprised the mentors by displaying a set of Divine Office books given to her by her mother! We give thanks to God for Mary's openness, for her joyful and gentle spirit, and for her sense of humor that breaks through in her interactions as part of the community. Please pray with us as Mary continues to discern God's call to her in the months ahead.

(L-R Sr. Theresa Pitruzzello, CSJ; Sr. Cecilia Dimaku, SSH; Mary Davidson; Sr. Beth Fitzpatrick, O. Carm.)

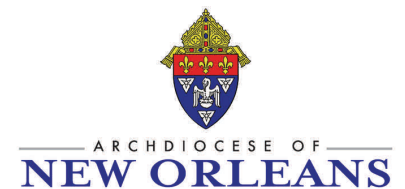


## Upcoming Events

- October 24 from 9 am to 1 pm: Magnificat Monthly Mass Meal and More: How religious communities strive to live *Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*
- November 8 from 10 am to 3 pm: All are welcome for our Fall Open House
- November 13-15: Catholic Women's Discernment Retreat (space is limited and registration required)
- December 18 at 7 pm: Advent and Christmas Social

Mmmmm events are open to Single Catholic Women and Catholic Sisters, especially those in Initial Formation.

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### Celebrating with Music

We marked the arrival of Mary Davidson, our new discerner at the Magnificat House of Discernment, by attending a choral concert held at the St. Augustine's Catholic Church, New Orleans. The Concert was to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hurricane Katrina.

St Augustine's church in the Treme was opened in 1842 for free people of color, slaves and European colonists. The parish was integrated from its very beginning. A wonderfully diverse crowd could be seen in the church for the concert that night, too.

The line-up included the Treme Brass Band and a jazz choir from Seattle. Music was wonderful and everybody in attendance enjoyed it. What a wonderful way to welcome Mary Davidson as she begins her discernment at the Magnificat House.



L-R Mary Davidson, Megan Noll, Sr. Beth, Sr. Cecilia, Sr. Theresa, Alison McCrary



L-R Sr. Cecilia, Sisters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and Mary at the concert

### Coming together for prayer

On Sunday, September 13, the sisters and Mary, our new discerner at Magnificat house welcomed other sisters, women, men, and families for an Afternoon of Prayer. Sister Theresa and visiting singers led Taize-style prayer. Sister Cecilia led a Holy Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and Sr. Beth led Vespers (Evening Prayer). Following the prayer, all enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.



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