



With this issue, we continue our reflection on the Holy Child Spirit! With the SHCJ sisters having completed their provincial chapter and anticipating the general chapter in 2010, our focus is Discerning Love. We explore how Cornelia understood Charity. Let us reflect how we are called as Associates in discerning love to further God's Kingdom in our world today.

May this journey together into the Spirit of the Holy Child bring us closer to the Child Jesus and to one another!

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American Province Chapter

A warm reception was given to the 4 Associates who attended the American Province Chapter in early July. Anita Martineau, Barbara DeConcini, Kathy Gibbons, and myself participated in many lively discussions about the various proposals that the sisters were considering.

We also were blessed to be a part of the many different liturgies and

prayer services over the several days. Two of the prayer rituals included contemplative multi-media reflections. These reflections are to be available on DVD and Cathi will have a copy. Use of these reflections for future Associate gatherings is likely.

As the Sisters begin to incorporate the enactments into their own plans for the next 6 years, we too can look at some of these focus areas and reflect how, as Associates, we might be engaged to participate. Over the

next year, we will present the relevant topics. We hope that there will be a sharing of ideas and suggestions about how Associates do or can embrace these in our own lives.

> Cathi Duffy Director of Associates, USA

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Actions not Words: Peacekeeping by Caitlin Robertson

I was selected to join Christian Peacemaker Team (www.cpt.org) on an international peacekeeping delegation in The Occupied West Bank & Israel during March and April. CPT places violence-reduction teams in crisis situations and militarized areas around the world at the invitation of local peace and human rights workers. During the delegation we met with numerous Israeli & Palestinian Non Governmental Organizations involved with trying to end the Occupation of Palestine.

The highlight of the trip for me was our time spent helping with school patrol in at-Tuwani and the surrounding villages. These are rural communities in the South Hebron Hills in The Occupied West Bank, Palestine where CPT has a permanent presence. These communities are under 24 hour Israeli military occupation because of the close proximity of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on and the outpost of Havat Ma'on (which are both illegal settlements under international law).

Each school day the Israeli military escorts children, between the ages of six and twelve, to and from their villages to go to school in at-Tuwani. The escort began in 2004 after Israeli settler attacks on the children and their international accompaniers received widespread

Jesus Calls Women dvd release

While watching the coming attractions at her local movie theater, Sister Pat Phillips heard a call. And this call, although meant for another listener, reached her just the same. "I saw this ad for the Marines and it stirred me,"

Sr. Pat said of the recruitment clip. "It said, 'We don't take applications, we take commitments,' and I thought, 'I wish we had thought of that."

But, Sr. Pat, a movie buff and executive director of Wordnet Productions, Inc., a Catholic international publicity. The military does not allow CPT to walk with the children, however the parents asked CPT to monitor the escort from nearby.



Despite the daily threat of violence, the children continue walking to school every day. Spending my days in the South Hebron Hills doing school patrol I learned more



about nonviolent direction action and communication than I have in all my numerous classes and conferences combined. I am both humbled and encouraged by the steadfast

determination of these children to create a better life for themselves and their communities through their commitment to their education.

Happy Days! Caitlin Robertson

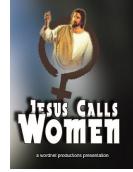
television ministry head-

guartered in California, has

devised her own tool to reach

the masses. For the last year,

Sr. Pat has worked behind



the scenes with the Wordnet staff producing a 30-minute DVD titled, "**Jesus Calls Women.**"

The DVD features honest and compelling interviews with Sisters of various Catholic denominations – from habited to non-habited, cloistered to non-cloistered – explaining, in their own words, the (continue on page 5)

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Connecting with Cornelia and Charism: Discerning Love from Positio: Informatio for the Canonization Process for Cornelia

"Oh God of Gods and light of light and joy



of joys fill my poor heart that I too may love thee with an everlasting love, that we may all be one in Thee and live and breathe for Thee alone" (CC27:3). This was a counterpart to her own coda to I Cor 13: "0 Charity ... Possess me - rule me - inflame me - that I may remain in God,

and God in me forever"

Cornelia taught the love which she lived. Her own little son Mercer reported to his mother from Stonyhurst that he "had lately felt a burning love within" knowing that this would please her. The sisters were to love God as they "step[ped] on through the muddy streets"; "to love all and each in one heart, in the very heart of the HC [Holy Child] Jesus to whom [they] belong, one body and one Spirit ..."; "to remain loving and silent close to God in the cell of their souls" because they were, at the same time, very busy and active; finally, they were "... to love what He loves and thus make [their lives] one with his ..."(CC8: 88). Love was to be spent rather than to be hoarded up simply for personal enjoyment: "Kindle your fires - do not stop to warm yourselves".

Her spiritual direction was simple, direct and full of the wisdom taught by love. She counselled those on the Society's first mission to consign their homesickness for St Leonards to "the 'soul strengthening flame of love' loving in strength rather than in too much sweetness". The sisters were to cooperate with God's grace, "... not resisting the love that would fill our poor hearts. - let us not rest

... for we are ourselves the only obstacle to the overflowing of His Divine love".

being in one continued act of love from night till night, and from year to year Cornelia CC 8:88

Praver was mainly for loving and for making acts of love, not for "multiplying of thoughts". And she urged her sisters to " ... delight in Him by our homely actions of charity ..."(CC8:94). Action was to be no less loving than prayer. Perhaps the most telling piece of advice Cornelia ever gave is contained in a manuscript entitled "Our Mother's Holy Words". It is headed "Sursum Corda" and reads: "If you can only remember to offer all the turmoil within at the time as an act of burning love, and tell Our Lord that you will to turn it into love, and prove it by fervent acts of love to Him, again and again, and still again repeated, till you find yourself really burning with the love of God, instead of the burning of wounded sentiments - if you really do try this at the time - I promise you that He will quite fill your heart with love, and give you with this love, the fortitude and strength to keep yourself in His Holy peace". These words of Cornelia ring with the authority of one who knows of what she speaks.

It was love on which the continuity between eternity and time was based, so that heaven, to Cornelia, was to consist simply in "loving God without interruption". Now, in time, one could



make one's heart into a "closed garden' where He will dwell with us in secret and condescend to love and be [loved] by his creatures with an intensity far beyond all comprehensible human love" (and Cornelia was one who comprehended human love). "Thus,"

she prayed in a letter to her sisters, "may you be blessed ... with an abundance of Divine Love and purified and prepared in this world ... to

Cornelia and Charism (continued)

enjoy an eternity of love".

There were two sides to Cornelia's faith. The gift of faith received at baptism opened her to the impact of God's absolute holiness. "Ever Silent, Tranquil, Immutable, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God," she began an Epiphany letter to her Society in 1857. The other side of Cornelia's faith was her fidelity -- that tenacity by which she adhered actively to God amidst terrible tests. It is the side by which she tended toward union and on which her faith and her charity met and mingled. "Is not our faith a sword of strength I feel it so my Lord [sicl," she said in a postscript to a letter to Bishop Grant at a very trying moment. To her sister Adeline she wrote just after her conversion: "While we have Faith will we not be able to bear all even unto death?". The events of her life

demonstrate that she did bear all in faith. The most striking instance of Cornelia's fidelity was her holding fast to God when faced with Pierce's apostasy and the risk of losing her children. She had made vows, and keep them she would.

Writing from Rome in 1854 to Elizabeth Bowen. her brother Ralph's wife. Cornelia uses a description of life in the convent as a means of arousing in her sister-in-law something of her own ardor. Cornelia is not simply pouring out her own enthusiasm; she is calling Elizabeth to a life of sacrificial love in her married state. She says: "We get up at 5 1/2 in the morning and make the Sign of the Cross and give our whole hearts to the God who created us and loved us from all eternity. and we tell him as it were leaning on His Heart that we wish to love Him for all Eternity. and then we love. while we dress ourselves in the presence of the Angels and with them offer our acts of love, and our desires to make all love Him with pure hearts and especially to lead little children to his love" (CC1: 58). Although she goes on to describe in detail the events of a typical day, the message is clear: it is all love. (See Cornelia's Writings for more of the letter.)

Cornelia's Writings

This letter to Cornelia's sister-in-law, Elizabeth Bowen, describes her enthusiasm for her life as well as a remembrance from her childhood.

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Rome "66 Via Ara Coeli" March 30th 1854

My dear Sister

"Give me O Lord a love full of action; a love patient in labor exact in daily employments. pure in intention. so that I may ever accomplish the things that are most pleasing to Thee" Though I have not the pleasure of having seen you the name of Sister brings you very near and dear to me; the more so from the circumstances of past years, united to those of the present. I regret not having yet seen the likeness of little Mary which my brother tells me he has sent, but as I hope to return to England towards the last of May it will not be sent here. It was very kind of him to send it

and I should like to have one of the whole family circle, as there is little chance of my seeing you in this world. You perhaps know but little of Convents or of our life in general; but as I am interested in hearing from you all that you can tell me, so I have no doubt you are interested in the same way in hearing all that I can tell you about ourselves. As an individual my brother can tell you more than I can relate, but that you may tell me how you pass your time and what you do all the day long I shall first tell you what we do. We get up at 5½ in the morning and make the Sign of the Cross and give our whole hearts to the God who created us and

loved us from all eternity, and we tell Him as it were leaning on His Heart that we wish to love Him for all Eternity, and then we love, while we dress ourselves in the presence of the Angels and with them offer our acts of love, and our desires to make



all love Him with pure hearts & especially to lead little children to His love. When we are dressed we go to our Meditation & then we say the Office of our Blessed Mother which consists

Cornelia's Writings (continued)



chiefly of the Psalms of David, the Antiphons & Hymns to honour her as the chosen Creature of God, chosen from among all others to be His Mother – that is the Mother of His son, - the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity! After the Office we follow the Holy Mass and go to Holy Communion as often as we

have leave to go, then we make our thanksgiving and at 9 go to breakfast then to our Schools or other occupations in the house until $12\frac{1}{2}$ then Office, Examen of Conscience and at 1 o'clock Dinner – At $1\frac{1}{2}$

Recreation, either walking or sewing etc etc At 2¹/₂ we say our Rosary and to the Schools: at 6 Spiritual Reading 6¹/₂ Office of our Lady - 7¹/₂ Supper ¹/₄8 Recreation ¹/₄9 Litanies of the Saints Night Prayers and Repose – I have given you all our day –

... We had also a pretty little Theatre with 8 side scenes and three black curtains which I painted

with water colours and honey. We are not painting in oils, while we['re] stopping here for the Rules – Tell Ralph that I remember his priming the canvas for me to try oil colors when I was about thirteen years old. I wonder if he recollects it! God bless you and your little ones & I hope you pray for me in my heavy troubles while I am your affectionate Sister in J.C.

Cornelia

P.S. I hope to return to England very soon. Write to me there as usual

All Souls St Leonards Sussex

I must not forget to say that tho' you laugh at my note paper for letters, it is the usual paper in England for ladies letters, and I had not observed using it to you because I use it daily in writing to everybody. I have taken letter paper this time without and envelope to please you – but it is according to common sense to conform to the customs of the Country we live in.

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Scene at Mayfield England that is similar to scene created at St. Leonards during Cornelia's time

Jesus Calls Women (continued)

importance of becoming a Sister and detailing the triumphs and challenges that arose during the discernment process.

The multi-cultural Sisters represent different Catholic sects and live in different parts of the country. The DVD for which they are featured, is even-handed in terms of religious orders highlighted. That generic quality is exactly what Larry Jilk had envisioned. Jilk, of Philadelphia, funded the making of "Jesus Calls Women," in hopes of spurring

> more vocations, as well as laying the groundwork for similar multimedia outreach efforts with the same intent.

Sr. Pat contends that the DVD aligns perfectly with the Holy Child mission of education and empowerment and carries on the legacy of Cornelia Connelly. "I believe that there are calls to religious life out there," Sr. Pat said. "It's a wonderful life and I don't want prospective sisters to miss out."

To learn more about the DVD "Jesus Calls Women," visit http://www.holychild200.org/home/ Sr.PatsVocationDVD.html.

Reflecting...

Give me O Lord, a love full of action

Spend some time in prayer and reflection on Discerning Love. Explore when and how you follow Cornelia in 'being in one continued act of love from night till night'.

> Abide in my love John 15:9

Poetry off the Shelf by Barbara DeConcini

Oh Lovely Rock

We stayed the night in the pathless gorge of Ventana Creek, up the east fork.

The rock walls and the mountain ridges hung forest on forest above our heads, maple and redwood,

Laurel, oak, madrone, up to the high and slender Santa Lucian firs that stare up the cataracts Of slide-rock to the star-color precipices.



We lay on gravel and kept a little camp-fire for warmth. Past midnight only two or three coals glowed red in the cooling darkness; I laid a clutch of dead bay-leaves On the ember ends and felted dry sticks across them and lay down again. The revived flame Lighted my sleeping son's face and his companion's, and the vertical face of the great gorge-wall Across the stream. Light leaves overhead danced in the fire's breath, tree-trunks were seen: it was the rock wall That fascinated my eyes and mind. Nothing strange: lightgray diorite with two or three slanting seams in it, Smooth-polished by the endless attrition of slides and floods; no fern nor lichen, pure naked rock...as if I were

Seeing rock for the first time. As if I were seeing through the

flame-lit surface into the real and bodily

And living rock. Nothing strange...I cannot

Tell you how strange: the silent passion, the deep nobility and childlike loveliness: this fate going on

Outside our fates. It is here in the mountain like a grave smiling child. I shall die, and my boys

Will live and die, our world will go on through its rapid agonies of change and discovery; this age will die,

And wolves have howled in the snow around a new Bethlehem: this rock will be here, grave, earnest, not passive: the energies

That are its atoms will still be bearing the whole mountain above: and I, many packed centuries ago,

Felt its intense reality with love and wonder, this lonely rock. Robinson Jeffers



This seems a fitting time for a poem by the ▲ 20th Century American poet Robinson Jeffers, as many of us take advantage of the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" to spend more time outdoors. If we're prepared, it might well also be an occasion for what Jewish theologian Martin Buber calls the "I-Thou" experience. Most of our relationships, Buber thinks, are "I-It", i.e., we encounter others (all others: persons, places, and things!) instrumentally, in terms of what they mean for us. But in the "I-Thou" we meet the other (all the others) in respect, mutuality, and genuine communion. Buber's famous example is a person's "I-Thou" relationship with a tree. So, too, is Jeffers' with a rock.

Nalifornia's Big Sur was the poet's enduring Jand always-fresh place of encounter with the mysterium fascinans et tremendum. As Robert Brophy comments, Jeffers' poetry "quarried its seascape and crenelated canyons, isolated beaches, and foreboding headlands for symbol, theme, and story." As the poet himself puts it, "My love, my loved subject: mountain and ocean, rock, water and beasts and trees are the protagonists; the human people are only symbolic interpreters." So in this poem, the dramatic situation is the speaker's camping trip with his son and his son's friend. But the love at the heart of the poem is a mystical religious encounter. (continued on next page)

Meet the Associates by Barbara DeConcini

In this issue, we are featuring Liz Eager. who is currently serving on the CORE TEAM,

BD: Tell us a little bit about yourself, Liz. Liz: I grew up in Reston, Virginia and went to high school in Georgetown in Washington, D.C. As one of eleven children (three sisters and seven brothers), I have always loved being with



family. I feel completely grateful that my sister Sarah and her family live in Philadelphia as I do, since my parents and most of my siblings are in the Northern Virginia/DC area. I can't wait for September, when we'll all be together for my brother Michael and his fiance Amanda's wedding. We do have a lot of fun when we get together, but I also appreciate our heart-to-heart

Liz Eager

talks, not only about what's happening with us but also about life.

BD: *Wow, ten siblings! You must be a pro at getting along and working well with others.* Liz: I work with Response-Ability, the Society ministry that trains, coaches and inspires volunteers for inner city schools and international sites. I enjoy leading the staff team and being part of the community. Response-Ability feels like family!

BD: *How else do you like to spend your time?* Liz: I also enjoy learning new things and being in school--as a teacher or student. Ever since I was little, I liked school. My brothers and sisters remind me that I used to do my homework in the car on the way home from school unlike others who did it on the way to school.

This year, I went back to school for two programs. I just graduated from the Main Line Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program, where I met an exceptional group of local business and nonprofit leaders. Since I like planning events—whether at work or for family and friends--I enrolled in the Event Leadership Certificate Program at Temple University. I am honing my event-planning skills for use with Response-Ability while pursuing this personal interest. I've even given some thought to starting my own event-planning business some day!

BD: I'm always interested in how an SHCJ Associate came to know the Society.

Liz: I came to know the Society as a Response-Ability volunteer myself. Right after graduating from Villanova, I joined Response-Ability to teach fourth grade in Washington, D.C. while living in a spiritual community with other volunteers. Holy Child sisters welcomed us the first night of our orientation and during our first week in Washington. The spirit of celebration and finding joy in the midst of challenge was integral to our community. I came to see how the foundation and spirituality of the Society and Cornelia Connelly's philosophy of education permeated the Response-Ability program and made it so precious. BD: What attracted you to join the SHCJ Associates?

Liz: I became an Associate to express my deep appreciation for the connection I already have to the Society and to deepen these spiritual ties. (continued on next page)

Poetry off the Shelf (continued)

The son of a Presbyterian minister who is himself squarely in the Romantic tradition, Jeffers combines his 'pantheistic' religiousness with a stern Calvinist indictment of humankind, who are mostly deaf and blind to the consciousness of everything that exists beyond ourselves. The poet's role is a priestly one, intervening in praise of the immanently divine that we ordinary persons ignore. He called this mystic stance 'inhumanism,' a conviction that the natural world is charged with God, a god of change, of life and death, pain and pleasure. Suffering is and is to be endured. The key is to "fall in love outward," to approach the earth and all it contains with awe, to open ourselves in mutuality and reverence to "this lonely rock."

Perhaps we can find the time and place during these months for our own "I-Thou" with a tree, a rock, a cloud? Nothing strange—I cannot tell you how strange.

Meet the Associates (continued from previous page)

BD: *How has being an SHCJ Associate affected your everyday life?*

Liz: For me, one of the great gifts of becoming an SHCJ Associate has been being matched with a Holy Child sister, especially for the several months of preparation. I enjoyed meeting with Sr. Joanne Sullivan who encouraged me to make time to pray and to appreciate God at work in my life and in the life of Response-Ability. Getting together with Joanne for tea and conversation gave me a chance to think about God's action in my everyday life and my response. Taking time to sit down and be quiet even when days are busy has helped me to listen and to be more grateful. BD: What are your "dearest hopes" for the SHCJ Associate relationship?

Liz: The Associate community is continually growing. I want to help with that growth by inviting other Response-Ability volunteers (as well as alumni and staff who live the mission of the Society through service) to connect with and join the SHCJ Associate community. I know that there are many who would enjoy being part of an ongoing spiritual community both during and after they finish the Response-Ability program.

I see a tremendous opportunity for the Associates to connect with the whole range of SHCJ ministries to share prayer, to volunteer their time and expertise whether full or parttime, and to collaborate on special projects. Personally, I want to keep getting to know other Associates and to see how we can put our love into action.



Liz with S. Martina Ukwa, SHCJ carrying sack of garri during visit to Nigeria

Batey Beads (continued from next page)

and some tea or coffee--we'll provide you



with everything else you need.

Each lovely piece comes with an enclosure card with information about this fairtrade enterprise (see image). The jewelry is handcrafted using high quality materials. We are able to offer it at unbelievably low prices because everything we

use is donated by bead supply stores. You will find that these lovely necklaces, bracelets, and earrings really do sell themselves. And the best part is that all the money raised goes to support the women and children of the Batey and towards the development of their community.

Please help to make this a project of the entire SHCJ Associate community! Contact Barbara (bdeconc@emory.edu) or Cindy (cindyplatko@yahoo.com) now to let us know that you will host a house party for Batey Beads by the Jewelry Sisters this fall or winter. Your friends and colleagues will thank you for offering them the opportunity to purchase beautiful jewelry for a song, and your participation in this Associates' community project will put a song in your heart and the hearts of the women and children of Batey Lecheria!

Batey Beads by the Jewelry Sisters: Calling All Associates By Barbara DeConcini & Cindy Platko

During the year SHCJ Associates Cindy and Greg Platko spent working with the SHCJ in the Dominican Republic (DR) as Response-Ability volunteers, Cindy became aware that the women of the Batey had nothing to nurture their imaginations or give them a sense of personal accomplishment. They were spending all their time caring for their children, washing, cleaning, and cooking—all without any electricity or



plumbing.

These Haitians and Haitian Dominicans are descendents of Haitian migrant slave workers, sold by one dictator to

another to work in the sugarcane fields. Now that work is gone, but these people live on in their original one-room cells in the work-camps. They are caught as virtual non-persons, without papers, without jobs, without resources. SHCJ's Kathleen King, Mary Alice Minogue, and Ann-Joyce Peters have spent collectively more than 35 years there, where they run a Montessori school and a medical clinic. Parishioners from Sister Rosemary McSorley's and Sister Veronica Grover's parishes (in Pompton Plains, NJ and Charlotte, NC, respectively) continue to support the work with their time, talent, and treasure.

While Greg dug latrines, Cindy, in addition to her nursing duties, came up with the idea of starting a beading group. Some 15 or so women joined her each week to learn to string beads into necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. After a while, the group named themselves "the jewelry sisters" to convey the fresh sense of camaraderie and connection they had formed around beads and beading. Cindy brought the women's work back to the U.S. with her and began selling it to friends and colleagues.

At the Associates' Gathering in June 2008, Cindy met Barbara (both were displaying jewelry) and suggested that she go to the DR to help the women enhance their bead designing and stringing techniques. Barbara collected lots of beads and supplies from the various vendors from whom she buys for her own jewelry-making and headed down with her husband, Walt Lowe, this past March.

The fifty-three women of the Batey



who worked with Barbara during the week sent her home with more than 325 pieces of jewelry to market and sell. (Go to www.flickr.com/ photos/4thedr to see Walt's photos of the week.) Thanks to the generosity of friends, colleagues, Associates, and SHCJ sisters, Cindy and Barbara have already sold virtually their whole inventory. Cindy spent 2 weeks in the Batey in July, and Barbara is going down for two weeks in December. The Jewelry Sisters continue to bead!

Thus **Batey Beads by the Jewelry Sisters** came to be! Cindy and Barbara are enthusiastic about establishing a viable "cottage industry" with the Jewelry Sisters of Batey Lecheria. We're committed to spending time there at least four times a year and to helping the women to develop the sorts of business skills they will need to make their beading enterprise a success. **Now we need your help.**

With the blessing of the Associates' Core Team, Barbara and Cindy are inviting all SHCJ Associates to participate in this wonderfully rewarding and fun project. We are asking each of you to host a house party for your own friends and colleagues to show and sell Batey Beads. You provide the guests Continued on previous page

Batey Beads_

By the Jewelry Sisters

Hand-crafted jewelry by the Haitian women of the Batey Lecheria, Dominican Republic. Your purchase helps them feed their children. Thank you for supporting the Jewelry Sisters!

Batey Beads is a fair-trade enterprise.

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Book Recommendation

For this issue, the book recommendation is *Caritas in Veritate* ("Charity in Truth"), Pope Benedict's new social encyclical. Besides the timeliness of the encyclical, it fits perfectly with our issue's featured topic of Discerning Love.

A Generous Love by Catie McElwee

To celebrate Cornelia's bicentennial, the Holy Child Sisters in Latin America wanted to have Cornelia's life in story form for children. Catie McElwee, a Response-Ability volunteer who just completed 2 years in the Dominican Republic, is the author of this new book, *A Generous Love*.

Full page original illustrations for each page were done by Sister France White, SHCJ. Each chapter includes conversation questions.

What a wonderful way to share Cornelia's story with your children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews! The full text of 144 pages is available online at www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/ encyclicals/index_en.htm. It is also available in paperback.

The English version of the book will be available in November but orders are requested by September 30th. Each copy costs \$6.00 or you can pay \$8.00 and help with the costs for providing school children in Nigeria and Ghana with copies.

You can order by contacting Sister Therese Currie by email, tcurrie@shcj.org or by sending an order request to:

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