



...e-Newsletter — Fall, 2012

## Embracing Compassion



This fall, The Women's Table hosted a successful 4-part Grief Series for women in the greater Boston area. This series was co-lead by Nancy Papp, CSJA and Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA, with the help from Fr. Terry Devino, SJ, Dr. Melissa Kelley & Dr. Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ. Eighteen women participated in this series, and their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Although the series is now complete, The Women's Table will host an ongoing Circle of support for women experiencing loss.

Another dynamic program included a 6-week Parenting Circle for young moms at Hastings House, a shelter in Brighton. This series was supported through a grant from the ABC Thrive-in-Five program, and future programs will be ongoing. The "High-5 Project" provided \$5.00 gift cards for each mom; these were included in Halloween gift bags for 58 residents there. One mother commented, "It means *so much* that others are thinking about us!"

## Ever-widening Circles...

Thanks to the volunteer support of Mary Caruso, The Women's Table offered another 6-week Writer's Workshop series. This program encourages self-exploration through writing, and provides women another way to 'find their voice,' the theme of this 6-week series. Mary has agreed to offer this series again in the winter and spring, for which we are *extremely* grateful!

The Women's Table continues to widen its circles. Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA, is departing for El Salvador on November 29th and returning on December 6th. She will be joining a 4-member delegation from Boston to commemorate the 32nd anniversary of the death of the four women martyrs. [SHARE El Salvador](#), in cooperation with LCWR, is sponsoring this trip, which honors the legacy of women religious and other women who work with those on the margins of society. They will retrace the steps of these four courageous women, visit nearby communities and participate in a forum on women's issues.

The Women's Table will also have a booth at the upcoming [MA Conference for Women](#) on December 6, 2012. This is an event that attracts thousands of women, and offers opportunities for visibility and networking. Special thanks to Advisory Committee members Marilyn McGoldrick, CSJ, and Sharon Gouveia for representing The Women's Table at this event!

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