



Sisters and staff at Villa Maria del Mar work hard to live the value of Hospitality as a Ministry. See page 5 for photo caption.

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Be Our Guest *Living into the Ministry of Hospitality*

Delphine Busch (left) spends quality time with immigrants to help them acclimate to life in the U.S.

Below: Sister Mary Ellen Robinson enjoys entertaining a child while the mom participates in the teen mother support group.

Since Blessed Marie Rose Durocher first began managing her brother's parsonage, Sisters of the Holy Names have embraced a ministry of hospitality. Whether creating a welcoming environment in the classroom or helping immigrants and refugees feel welcome in their new country, a spirit of hospitality is woven into the Sisters' ministry.

The front cover highlights one of the Sisters' most visible examples of their hospitality: Sisters and staff of Villa Maria del Mar retreat house in Santa Cruz, California. Groups and individuals on retreat have been welcome there for 60 years!



Helping Refugee Women Feel at Home in Portland, OR

With a generous heart, Associate Delphine Busch has built close relationships with several women immigrating to Portland. She welcomes them, helps them adjust to their new home, supports their efforts to build a stable life and happily assists them as they work toward citizenship. "We have become family and always will be," she says, "sharing our joys and accomplishments with one another." Their latest joy – the reuniting of a twelve-year old daughter with her mother after an eight-year separation.

Marie Rose House Continues to Welcome All

Sister Mary Ellen Robinson continues the ministry of hospitality for which Marie Rose House in Wapato was founded. She is bilingual which makes the many guests from immigrant Latino families feel more at home. Guests have included young mothers participating in a weekly support group of a Catholic Charities program called *PREPARES*. While the teen moms took time to share and learn, Sister Mary Ellen and another volunteer cared for their preschool children.

This year, Sister is hosting a small group of high school girls who have started a Service and



Learning Team club, or SALT. They are learning to visit the residents of the local nursing home, where Sister also conducts a weekly Catholic prayer service. Sister Mary Ellen says, "There's nothing like giving service to help develop the whole person."



Welcoming a Refugee Family

After retiring from teaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Sister Janet Walton joined a committee organizing to welcome a refugee family from Congo. She became the family's contact, consisting of mother Binta Kalambay and her two sons, Mpiana Kabambay, then 10 years old, and Jaden Kalambay, then 3 years old.

As part of this hospitality ministry, Sister Janet helped Mpiana bridge gaps in his education. During the pandemic, Mpiana came to her apartment every day to participate virtually in school. Now, he is completing his first year in high school, enrolled in an honors program.

Sister Janet has learned that accompanying a refugee family involves providing emotional support, engaging them in activities, fundraising, completing endless forms, helping Binta study for licensing, a GED and employment and attending to Jaden's needs. Then and now, a small team of friends work together to provide for them.

Although Sister Janet sometimes worries about the challenges that Mpiana will face in life, she considers herself fortunate to be part of his life.

Hospitality Brings Hope at Rose Haven

Rose Haven is a day shelter for women, children and gender-diverse individuals experiencing abuse, homelessness, mental health issues and other disruptive life situations. Sisters have been involved in its mission of hospitality since its founding in 1997. Sister Kathleen Hecht volunteers as a mentor, tutor, board member and more, following in the footsteps of Sister Judy Bertoli, who volunteered there for over 20 years. Today, Sister Kathleen builds trust in a warm, safe and inviting atmosphere. She lends her compassion, care and educational background to the guests as well as the board. Together with the Rose Haven staff, she helps provide a sense of dignity and respect to all who visit.



Top: Sister Janet Walton, along with others who live in her building, has supported the Kalambay family as they transition from Congo to New York City.

Above: Mpiana Kalambay (right) celebrates Middle School graduation with Sister Janet.

Below left: Connie Furfeth, OSF (left) regularly volunteers with Sister Kathleen Hecht at Rose Haven.

Below: Medical students help guests, treating minor ailments and bringing good cheer.



Below: Sisters Joan Dixon (second from left) and Karen Conlin (right) volunteer at Our Place with tasks such as sorting donated clothing.

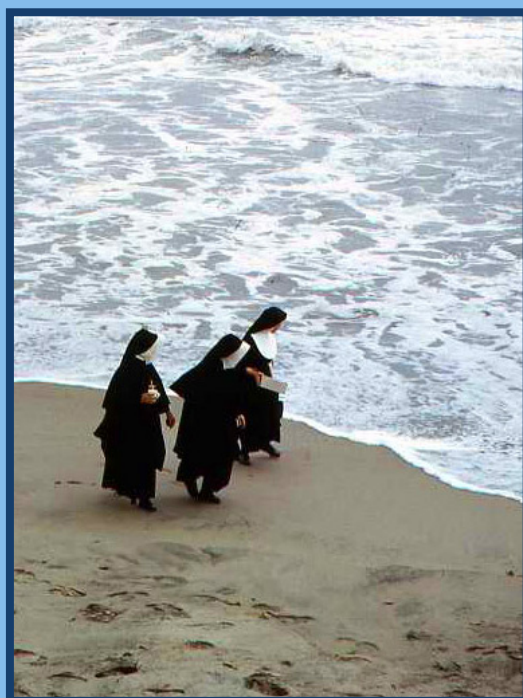
Community Outreach at Our Place



Over time, nearly 50 Sisters and Associates have volunteered at Our Place, a community outreach program in Spokane, WA. Hospitality and SNJM presence continue through current volunteers. Sister Joan Dixon serves on the board and assists with office responsibilities. Associates Mary Ann Hartsfield and Renee Myron, along with Sister Karen Conlin, sort and hang clothing and assist clients as needed. “We all enjoy interacting with clients and other volunteers,” Sister Karen notes.

Villa Maria del Mar

Imbued with the Ministry of Hospitality



For 60 years, Villa Maria del Mar, the SNJM retreat center situated on the shores of Monterey Bay, California, has provided a peaceful, prayerful, renewing space for individuals and groups.

Purchased from the Catholic Ladies Aide Society who operated the facility as a hotel from 1892 until 1963, the Sisters renamed the building **Villa Maria del Mar**. On October 31, 1963, Father John Shanks, S.J. and a group of retreatants from Santa Clara University became the first group to experience the new retreat center. Thus began sixty years of ministry.

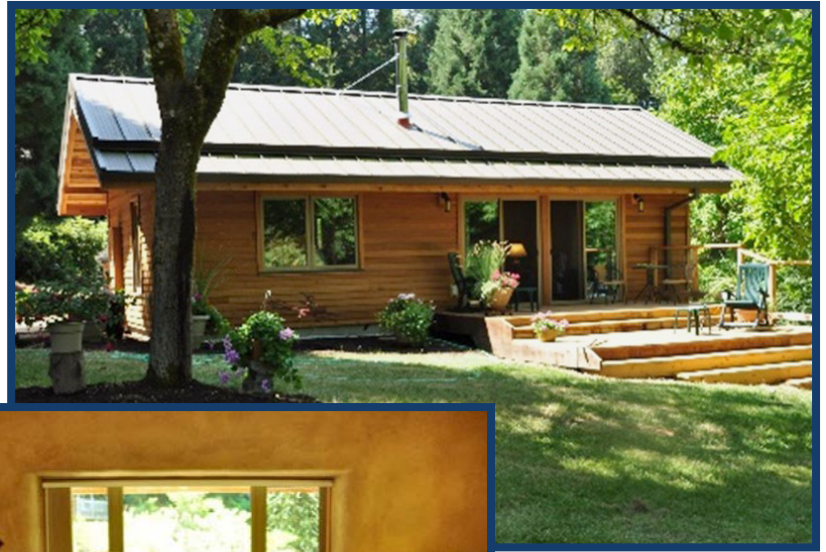
Today the Villa continues to be a house of hospitality welcoming non-profit organizations, religious congregations, diocesan and ecumenical groups, 12-step programs, worship communities and individuals seeking a beautiful and serene space for prayer, planning, healing, rest and relaxation. The Sisters, Associates and staff at Villa Maria are enriched and inspired by the many guests who experience the Villa for the first time and by others who return for many years of retreat and/or renewal.

NAMASTÉ

“It’s so quiet you can hear your soul.”

Namasté, founded in 1985 by Sister Patricia Donovan McCrann in partnership with SNJM, is an interfaith welcoming presence that supports, encourages and celebrates the sacredness of daily life. Recognizing the need for silence and the nurturing spirit of nature, Namasté offers two sacred spaces near Portland, Oregon: the House of Solitude in SW Washington and Redwood Cottage in Oregon City. These spaces provide affordable opportunities for rest, renewal and spiritual exploration in a comfortable environment.

Through the ministry of Namasté, Sister Patricia answers her call to be a radiant presence living in the world with radical freedom. ■



Sister Pat McCrann hosts individual and small group retreats at the Redwood Cottage in Oregon City, OR. The cottage features straw bale insulation, adobe interior and a redwood ceiling.

The Villa serves as a place of retreat and relaxation for many Sisters of the Holy Names throughout the Congregation. Our Sisters participate in retreats, meetings, conferences and vacations at the Villa.

Located on the property is an original chapel that is used by Villa guests as well as by a worshipping community each weekend. In addition to the weekly liturgy, the Villa Chapel Community supports the local St. Vincent de Paul Society, participates in food drives and sock and bedding collections for the unhoused in Santa Cruz County.

In the Fall of 2023, the Villa will celebrate its 60th anniversary. For information about the Villa and/or reservations, please refer to the website: villamariadelmar.org or contact Joanna Pollock, Director at (831) 475-1236 or jpollock@snjmuson.org. ■



Opposite page: When the Sisters of the Holy Names purchased Villa Maria del Mar in 1963, members of the community enjoyed some time on the beach during a celebratory visit.

Above: Sisters and staff at Villa Maria del Mar work hard to live the value of Hospitality as a Ministry. Here they are, preparing to welcome guests: (left to right) Joanna Pollock, Jeff Heicksen, Mary McConnell, S. Michelle Garlinski, Alex Madueña, Carmen Ruiz, S. Mary Ondreyco, Virginia Wong and S. Mimi Maloney.



Left: Whether accommodating large groups of 100+ in the Seaview room or smaller gatherings like this one, the Villa serves as a versatile venue.

At the Border

Whatever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto me. (Matthew 25:40)

Did you know that 98% of people who seek asylum in the United States have a U.S. sponsor such as a family member or friend ready to accept and support them? Did you know that many asylum seekers are professionals, such as pharmacists, engineers and chefs? Did you know there is an orphanage in Eagle Pass, Texas that cares for children whose parents have died along the way?

In 2016, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, through a Congregational corporate stand, publicly committed to working on behalf of immigrants and refugees. The congregation is dedicated to providing resources to resist racism, advocating for human rights and creating welcoming communities by partnering with organizations helping immigrants and refugees.

Recently, several Sisters and Associates went to the southern U.S. border to help newly arriving refugees transition to life in the United States.

Sister Guadalupe Guajardo spent a week in Laredo, Texas. Laredo is a dangerous border crossing because the drug cartels position themselves there to extort migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Sister and two companions worked at the Catholic Charities' La Frontera Project, which runs 24 hours a day. Families were processed about 10 at a time, which takes about three hours. The volunteers helped welcome families as they emerged from the customs and border protection office at the 9 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. shift. La Frontera staff handled the 8 p.m. shift.

Associate Stephanie Friedrich had what she described as a "life-changing experience" supporting immigrants at Sacred Heart Church in El Paso, Texas. From 3-10 p.m., she helped in the kitchen preparing, cooking and serving food; sorting over-the-counter medicines, supplies and clothing donations; visiting families and playing with children. She says "I sat with a family from Venezuela for dinner, a mother, two daughters and three teenage boys...We were giggling at the table...trying to use Google translate. A lot of times, you don't need words."

The SNJM Immigrant and Refugee Fund provides grants to organizations where a Sister or Associate is actively involved through service or volunteering. Examples of how past grant recipients have used funding include: providing food, clothing and shelter to immigrants, providing training to help refugees cope with the trauma they experienced in their home country, and providing legal support to help asylum seekers navigate the U.S. immigration process and paperwork. Your support of the Immigrant and Refugee Fund helps provide continued resources for these ministries. ■



Top: Sister Guadalupe Guajardo observed this mother and child enjoying some quiet time amid the busyness of the intake process.

Center: As a bilingual English-Spanish speaker Sister Guadalupe (center) has spent time on both the U.S. and Mexico sides of the border.

Bottom: Sisters Karen Conlin and Makiko Fujiwara supported immigrants at a welcome center organized by Catholic Charities in Tucson, AZ.

Celebrating Senior Jubilarians

This Spring, we honor our Senior Jubilarians Sisters who are celebrating 70 years of religious life.

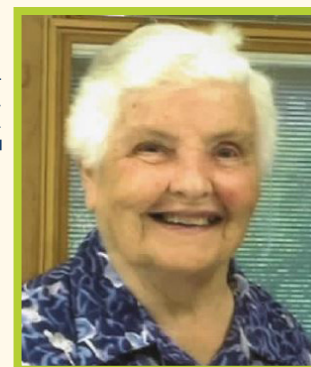
During the year in which they professed vows, 1953, the Korean War ended and segregation in public schools was declared unconstitutional. "From Here to Eternity" won the Academy Award for Best Motion Picture, and the number one song on the pop charts was "Vaya Con Dios (May God Be With You)" by Les Paul and Mary Ford. The world was filled with hope for a safer future, and our Sisters were committed to helping make the future brighter.



Frances Barber, SNJM

Sister Frances (S. Patricia Mary) first taught in SNJM elementary schools in Florida. On an invitation from another Sister, she moved to Appalachia in southwest Virginia. A life-changing time for her, she experienced the lives of the people of the region working for a time as an apple picker and in

a sewing factory. Eventually, she was hired as a literacy teacher at a men's prison where she could contribute her teaching skills to help the men accomplish educational goals. In 2013 Frankie retired to Silver Spring, MD, where she is involved with the Mid-Atlantic Coalition Against Modern Slavery, working to eliminate human trafficking through prayer, education and advocacy.



Mary Frederick Coyne, SNJM

For many years Sister Mary Frederick had a long fruitful career in elementary education, serving over 30 of those years as principal of St. Thomas the Apostle elementary school in Delmar, NY. While there, she was well known for her strength of leadership, her compassion and her sense of camaraderie. She brought these same gifts later to her ministry in St. Thomas parish as the pastoral care person. Mary Frederick now serves as a hospice volunteer as well as a regular visitor to hospitals and nursing homes in the Albany, NY, area where she lives.



Aileen Carissimi, SNJM

Sister Aileen (M. Louise Christine) has always been keenly interested in global studies and issues of social justice. With an MA in history, Aileen taught in SNJM secondary schools in California for 35 years encouraging in her students a love of history and

a sense of justice. She lived her values, from protesting at the School of the Americas to learning Spanish for her cross-cultural ministry in Nicaragua to teaching ESL. Additionally, Aileen spent 15 years working in the SNJM Office of Finance. Always a passionate justice advocate, patient teacher and lover of gardening, Aileen lives in Campbell, CA.



Jean Gent, SNJM

A welcoming person with a warm smile, Sister Jean (M. Constance Jeanne) is part of the SNJM community of hospitality greeting visitors at the "Faculty House," a guest facility for Sisters on the Marylhurst campus in Oregon. Jean brought this same warmth and welcome to the classroom as a primary teacher and as principal of St. Matthew's, Hillsboro and St. Stephen's, Portland, and as the director of Maria Court, a former adult senior living facility in West Linn. Over the years Jean has also had a long involvement with the Associate Program to which she remains deeply committed and lends her gracious presence.



Noël Girard, SNJM

Talented in art and music, Sister Noël (M. James Paul) spent over 40 years teaching in elementary and secondary schools in California. Her music recitals, better described as extravaganzas, opened many artistic and musical doors to her students. Blessed with a zest for life, a celebratory nature,

and a commitment to family, friends and SNJM community, she has given of her talents in countless ways to many family festivities and SNJM rituals and liturgical events. A volunteer in the Development office of Oakland's Holy Names High School, Noël resides in San Leandro, CA.



Sheila McEvoy, SNJM

Astute and energetic, Sister Sheila (Mary Josepha) had responsibilities in education as an elementary teacher, principal and Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Spokane Diocese. Her strategic visioning and administrative skills led to her selection as Washington Provincial and later President of Fort Wright College, Spokane. Other ministries included Director of the National Association of Church Personnel Administrators and the Sabbatical Program in Ministry, Boston College. Always committed to fostering spiritual depth in others, she was director of Immaculate Heart Retreat House, Spokane and the SEEL program. A spiritual director over many years, Sheila lives in Lake Oswego, OR.



Maureen Hussey, SNJM

Sister Maureen (M. Rose Kathleen) once said "part of the story of life is growing" which speaks to Maureen's generous spirit of adaptability. From a novitiate for an English-speaking Ontario girl in a pre-dominantly French-speaking Montreal Community to her leadership on the team

reconfiguring the SNJM English-speaking provinces into one, she has been an exemplary model of adaptability. Over her ministry life, Maureen has been a teacher, a principal, a pastoral minister and an SNJM provincial and administrative leader. Recently moving to Devonshire Senior Residence in Windsor, ON, she continues her life journey with seven SNJMs and the many male and female residents there.



Beverly Miles, SNJM

Sister Beverly spent her entire religious life in music. As she directs a choir, one sees her joy in blending voices into a beautiful sound. For over 30 years, Beverly taught piano, voice and choir at Star of Sea, Astoria, Oregon; Holy Names, Seattle and St. Mary's Academy, Portland. She later directed choirs in two Portland-area parishes. It was a special moment when Beverly came full circle to cantor and direct singing at Holy Names Chapel, Marylhurst, having as a young Sister directed the novitiate choir in the very same chapel. Beverly, who lives in Portland, continues every day with the fullness of music in her life.



Antoinette Janisse, SNJM

There is a special something about Sister Antoinette (Antoine-Marie) that draws one to her. Now retired, she describes her ministry today as prayer and presence. Both qualities define her life as a religious. She brought them to everything from elementary

teacher to provincial of Lesotho, Africa. Also gifted by her presence, welcoming heart and listening ear were clientele of The Well-Centre for Spirituality in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, attendants at parish missions she preached in both Canada and the U.S., and the many refugees she aided. Antoinette continues to radiate her warm smile and openness to others in Windsor where she lives.



Helen Sandoz, SNJM

From an early age Sister Helen (M. Julie Anne) was enthralled with music and that enthusiasm marks her years as a Sister. Accomplished in piano and all strings, Helen taught students of every age – the very young to retirees – and was a pivotal energy for over 35 years in the music department at Holy Redeemer grade school, Portland. She lent her expertise to numerous Young Musicians Summer Camps and to several local churches, orchestras and ensembles. On retiring, she became a music minister at Holy Names Chapel, Marylhurst. To this day, many a party enjoys the vibrant sounds of Helen at the piano.



Permelia Weaver, SNJM

Sister Permelia (M. Alice Margaret), better known by her religious name "Sister Alice" taught primary students in California. In 1961, as part of an SNJM ministry, she left for Arequipa, Peru, where she taught bilingual classes to first graders. Returning to California, she taught another 19 years

before moving to Oregon, where she had the privilege of caring for her mother for 15 years. Earning a media/library assistant credential, she served as Holy Redeemer School Librarian and volunteered at Portland Community College and Multnomah County Libraries. With a deep interest in the spirituality of nature, Alice lives in Lake Oswego, OR.



Jeanette Wood, SNJM

Sister Jeanette's (M. Mildred Jean) face brightens when she talks about music and her years as a teacher and mentor to the tiniest of future musicians. With lifelong enthusiasm and personal talent (violin) in music, she taught both classroom music and private students in SNJM grade schools.

In 1970 she joined the faculty of Marylhurst College, later becoming director of the Preparatory Music Program specializing in the creative and imaginative strategies of the Suzuki method. Jeanette, who lives in Lake Oswego, leads the Oregon Chamber Ensemble, a group of Sisters and Associates who play for SNJM liturgies and celebrations.



Frances Wink, SNJM

The presence of God has been the driving force for Sister Frances (Germaine Mary). Frances pursued degrees in theology and scripture. Whether as a teacher in high school or working with adults in parish settings or as a spiritual director, Frances found joy in assisting in the spiritual growth

and faith development of others. After many years in Washington, Frances returned to Oregon serving as co-director of SNJM lay consecrated members. She finds God in the persons she meets, in nature and in the everyday experiences in life. Above all she tries to love. Frances lives in Lake Oswego, OR.

Hospitality of Presence



In Windsor, Ontario, Mary Lyons, SNJM (left) enjoying a visit with her Ukrainian friend, Helen, who is slowly adjusting to life at Devonshire Residence.

Bringing more life to Marylhurst Commons

With each passing day, the affordable workforce housing community rises from its foundation, as Marylhurst Commons (the location of our Provincial offices) prepares to welcome residents in the Spring of 2024.

Approximately four acres of the 50-acre campus is being transformed into an affordable living center with 100 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, a playground, community room, community kitchen, garden and technology center. Support staff will be on site daily to assist residents with everything from homework help to financial literacy classes.

The Sisters selected Mercy Housing Northwest (MHNW) as the developer of this community. Founded by communities of women religious, MHNW has 40 years of experience providing affordable housing in Washington and Idaho. This will be their first community in Oregon.

The Marylhurst Commons development will provide permanent housing in a lovely natural setting for people who often face barriers when seeking apartments to rent. For many residents, it could also mean access to exceptional schools for their children and an end to long commutes from more distant locations where rents are usually more affordable.

Construction at the housing site on Marylhurst Commons is underway. The foundation is complete and framing is in progress for the soon-to-be-four-story building.



The Sisters have not only leased the land for the project, they also committed to providing \$1.2 million to ensure that the housing community at Marylhurst Commons will be Passive House certified, making it comfortable and energy efficient. You can help make this possible with your contribution. To learn more, contact Sarah Harris at sharris@snjmuson.org or (503) 675-7111. ■

Rest in Peace

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary invite you to rejoice with us in the birth into eternal life of our Sisters.

Sister Rosalie Orr, SNJM

(Sister Mary Andrea)

**January 15, 1939 –
September 18, 2022**

Sister Rosalie passed away in Milwaukie, OR, after 63 years as a Holy Names Sister.

If the only prayer you say in your life is "thank you" that would suffice. (Meister Eckhart)



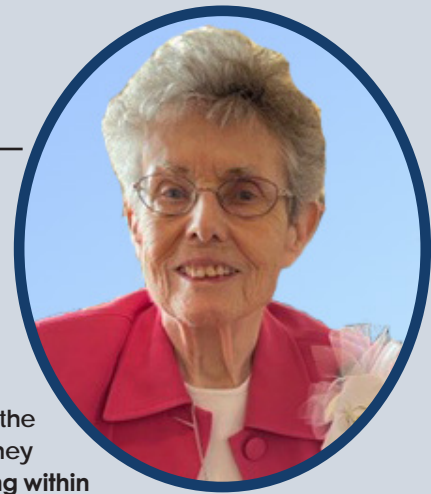
Sister Marguerite Kirk, SNJM

(Sister M. Elizabeth Katherine)

**September 26, 1932 –
November 15, 2022**

Sister Marguerite passed away in Los Gatos, CA, after 60 years as a Holy Names Sister.

May you give your devotion to the things of heaven. May you give your attention to the things of earth. May they find a place of meeting within you. (Jan L. Richardson)



Sister Rosemary Petrimoulx, SNJM

(Sister Eva May)

**October 15, 1923 –
October 9, 2022**

Sister Rosemary passed away in Brighton, MI, after 77 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Those who teach unto Justice shall shine as the stars for all eternity. (Daniel 12:3)



Sister Ellen Anne Ward, SNJM

(Sister Cletus Mary)

**January 1, 1930 –
November 22, 2022**

Sister Ellen Anne passed away in Spokane, WA, after 73 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Great peace have those who love beyond measure, for it is there miracles happen. (Psalm 119)



Sister Inez Sherwood, SNJM

(Shirley Sherwood)

November 24, 1933 –
November 27, 2022

Sister Inez passed away in San Jose, CA, after 68 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God. (Teilhard de Chardin)



Sister Mary Alice Shannon, SNJM

April 11, 1933 –
January 9, 2023

Sister Mary Alice passed away in Latham, NY, after 25 years as a Holy Names Sister.

In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)



Sister Frances Harold, SNJM

(Sister Mary Karen)

March 27, 1919 –
December 17, 2022

Sister Frances passed away in Marylhurst, OR, after 83 years as a Holy Names Sister.

What the Spirit brings is peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 3:22)



Sister Patricia (Pat) Cronin, SNJM

(Sister Maureen Rose)

January 4, 1937 –
January 14, 2023

Sister Pat passed away in Saratoga, CA, after 66 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Do not forget to thank our God for so many blessings. (Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher)



Sister Marie Kronheimer, SNJM

(Sister M. Joseph Louis)

November 13, 1933 –
December 18, 2022

Sister Marie passed away in Los Gatos, CA, after 69 years as a Holy Names Sister.

By doing what you love, you inspire and awaken the hearts of others. (Satsuki Shibuya)



Sister Joan Byrne, SNJM

(Sister M. Jean Adele)

June 18, 1932 –
March 5, 2023

Sister Joan passed away in Albany, NY, after 68 years as a Holy Names Sister.

He knows the number of the stars and calls each of them by name. (Psalm 147:4)



Sister Caryl Bastasch, SNJM

(Sister M. Carolyn Frances)

December 6, 1938 –
March 19, 2023

Sister Caryl passed away in Marylhurst, OR, after 64 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Artists of the world, may your many different paths lead to that Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy.
(St. John Paul II)



Sister Lois Morisky, SNJM

(Sister M. Eleanor Barbara)

February 27, 1923 –
April 10, 2023

Sister Lois passed away in Marylhurst, OR, after 80 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Jesus, true light, Jesus, eternal wisdom, Jesus, infinite goodness, Jesus, our way and our life, have mercy on us.
(Excerpt from Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus)



Sister Joan Hansen, SNJM

(Sister Mary Lauranne)

August 15, 1933 –
April 7, 2023

Sister Joan passed away in Marylhurst, OR, after 67 years as a Holy Names Sister.

I want to leave you something, something better than words or sounds. Look for me in the people I've known and loved. (Meditation before Kaddish)



Sister Ann Wightman, SNJM

(Sister Mary Mildred)

April 16, 1924 –
April 25, 2023

Sister Ann passed away in Spokane, WA, after 71 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Jesus, I praise your Holy Name.

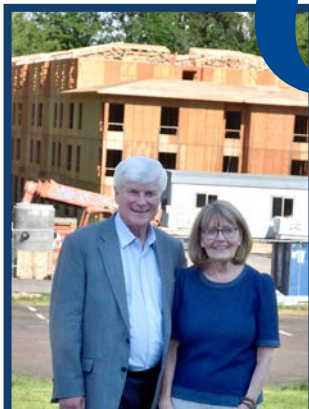


Strawberry Day Drawing

On May 10, 1868, six young Sisters of the Holy Names arrived from Canada and began a strong tradition of ministry in California. They were met by the Sisters of Mercy, who treated them to strawberries and cream. Since then, the Sisters have celebrated that date as Strawberry Day. This year nearly 800 donors and friends were entered into a prize drawing as part of the celebrations. Pictured here are Sisters Jean Morningstar, Peggy Kinzie and Vera Ruotolo drawing the names of the winners.

Why They Give Marilyn and Tom Fink

We know people have many reasons for being our Partners in Mission. We will tell a donor's story in each issue of SNJM Now. If you'd like to share your story, contact us at development@snjmuson.org.



Growing up in Ashland, Oregon, Marilyn and her sisters, Patricia and Debi attended CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) classes taught by the Sisters, living in Medford. Their parents often provided transportation to the Ashland Grange Hall which gave them special time with the Sisters. Following graduation from St. Mary's HS in Medford, Marilyn continued her SNJM education at Marylhurst College, class of '69 and became a teacher.

Marilyn comes from a long line of educators, including her mother and father, many aunts, uncles and cousins. Her sister, Patricia, taught for 50 years with the Sisters in many Catholic elementary schools in the Portland area and treasure those friendships to this day.

Marilyn met Tom, who was a guest speaker in her 6th grade classroom at Binnsmead Middle School in SE Portland. One of her students asked, "Mr. Fink are you married?" ...when he replied "no", the student volunteered that "neither is Miss Fellers." That 30-minute guest appearance has led to a 48-year marriage.

Continuing the tradition of a SNJM education, Marilyn and Tom's three daughters, Amy, Jeani and Molly all graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Portland. As parents, they are very grateful for this exceptional education and want to continue supporting the Sisters as a way of giving back. Tom went on to have a career in finance and has shared his expertise with St. Mary's Academy and the Sisters for 28 years.

Learning of the Sisters' plan to build Affordable Workforce Housing on the grounds of the former Marylhurst University, Tom gladly spoke to the Lake Oswego City Council in full support of the Sisters' commitment to this earth-friendly development and they made a gift contributing to these efforts.

The Fink's are honored to be friends with the Sisters whom they describe as dedicated, smart, humorous, thoughtful, gracious and faith filled. They greatly treasure the Sisters' commitment to social justice causes and all their other important ministries.

The Sisters are grateful to the Fink's for their support, sharing their time and talents, and for their legacy gifts that will impact the Sisters' work for years to come. ■



Top: Marilyn and Tom Fink at the Marylhurst Commons building site.

Middle: Marilyn and Tom Fink.

Right: Tom and Marilyn Fink share a holiday moment with their grandchildren (from left) Simon, Charlie, Emily and Luke.



Send a Gift of Prayer

You just received word that a loved one has passed away, or someone you know is ill or has been in an accident. An invitation arrives in the mail to celebrate a birth, wedding, anniversary, or other special milestone in the life of a dear friend. You want to send a special card, but are not sure what would be appropriate.

Send a GIFT OF PRAYER from the Sisters of the Holy Names.

A GIFT OF PRAYER is a thoughtful and special way to honor someone, remember the deceased, give thanks for God's many blessings, or celebrate a special occasion.

A GIFT OF PRAYER shows compassion and can be particularly consoling for a friend or loved one who is coping with a death or other life challenge. Prayers may be requested for special intentions such as improved health, successful surgery, safe return, comfort, strength, healing and peace.



Recipients and their intentions are held in the prayers of the Holy Names Sisters and Affiliates. A beautiful, personalized card acknowledging your gift of prayer is sent to the person or family you indicate; donation amounts are kept confidential. All contributions help support the Sisters and our ministries.

We hope you find our GIFT OF PRAYER a helpful way for you to make meaningful remembrances.

Send a gift of prayer online (www.snjmusontario.org/prayergift) or by sending this form to: Sisters of the Holy Names, PO Box 398, Marylhurst, OR 97036.

Prayers for _____
Name of person/persons

In Memoriam (recently deceased? Yes No)

Special Intention _____

healing, strength, peace, gratitude, speedy recovery, safe trip, etc.

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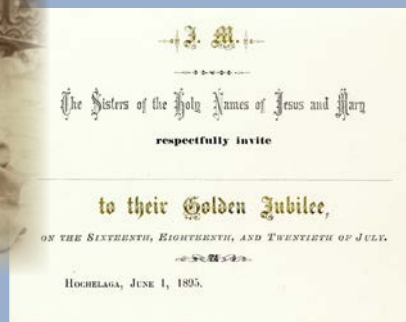
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The First SNJM Golden Jubilee

While jubilee celebrations for Sisters happen annually today, it wasn't until 1895 when Mother Veronica of the Crucifix Davignon (1820-1903), the fifth woman to enter the Congregation, became the first golden jubilarian. Average life expectancy in Canada in 1895 was 46 years; at 75, Mother Veronica was already an anomaly. The second superior general for the Congregation, her jubilee coincided with grand celebrations for the community's foundation at the Mother House in Hochelaga.



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