

In union will be your strength

In collaboration and partnership, great things happen. The power of people united in a common mission far exceeds that of individuals working alone. This has been true of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary since their foundation. Bishop Ignace Bourget, in 1844, offered the following advice to the founding sisters: *“In union will be your strength. May it be the soul of your little community.”* Strength in unity is a legacy of those who follow the vision and mission of Blessed Marie Rose.

In the complex world of the 21st century the need for unity, networking, interdependence and collaboration is great. The vision and passion of Blessed Marie Rose continues to inspire men and women today to read the signs of the times and respond wholeheartedly.

Front cover photos, clockwise from top: Kay Burton, snjm, offers mission experiences to students of Holy Names schools • Kathleen Callaway, snjm, with student, Ramona Convent Secondary School, Alhambra, CA • Mary Annette Dworshak, snjm, and graduates of Holy Names Academy, Seattle, WA • *Inside:* Holy Names University classroom, Oakland, CA

Online resources:

www.snjmusontario.org/mission-resources

www.holynamesheritagecenter.org

www.snjm.org



Carrying the vision into the future



“The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary are called to promote dialogue and foster collaboration wherever we are with women and men of our time.”

—Acts of the 31st General Chapter

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher was a woman of passion, vision and mission. Motivated by the scripture passage, “I have come to cast fire on the earth and would that it were already kindled,” (Luke 12:49), Blessed Marie Rose sought to respond to the great need of her time for schools to educate young girls. *“The community was founded first of all for the education of those most abandoned.”* (Blessed Marie Rose)

Attentiveness and responsiveness to the needs of the time is a hallmark of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Today, this attentiveness and responsiveness have led to ministries in Brazil, Canada, Central America, Lesotho, Peru, South Africa, the United States and Vietnam.

It has led to countless others being touched by the vision and mission of Blessed Marie Rose: Sisters, Associates, volunteers, and partners in ministry.

It has led to a wide network of people and places united in the SNJM spirit. This network includes educational institutions, parishes, learning centers, clinics, retreat and spirituality centers, care centers and other places of ministries.

It has led to many partnerships and collaborative efforts among the SNJM ministries throughout the world.

The gift, the responsibility, of carrying the vision of Blessed Marie-Rose into the future increasingly lies in the hands of many committed lay partners in ministry.



The Sisters of the Holy Names are involved in many ministries yet have a special commitment to the following sponsored educational institutions:

Academy of the Holy Names, Albany www.ahns.org

Academy of the Holy Names, Tampa, FL www.holynamestpa.org

Holy Names Academy, Seattle, WA www.holynames-sea.org

Holy Names High School, Oakland, CA www.hnhsoakland.org

Holy Names High School, Bela-Bela, Lesotho

Holy Names University, Oakland, CA www.hnu.edu

‘Mabathoana High School, Maseru, Lesotho

Mazenod High School, Mazenod, Lesotho

Ramona Convent Secondary School, Alhambra, CA www.ramonaconvent.org

St. Mary’s Academy, Portland, OR www.stmaryspdx.org

St. Mary’s Academy, Winnipeg, Manitoba www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca

Early Collective Ventures

Collaboration

“Marie Rose was one of the foundation stones of your congregation, or rather, if you will, of our congregation, since God has willed that I be connected with it also.”

— Letter from Bishop Bourget, one of the first advisors for the Sisters

Teaching

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher opened the first school in Longueuil, Quebec with Mélodie Dufresne (Sister Marie-Agnes) and Henriette Céré (Sister Marie-Madeleine)

Learning

The founding Sisters worked with the Christian Brothers to get the best possible teacher training.