

# Guiding Values

Each ministry sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary is respectful of these values held by the Sisters:

Our mission is rooted in:

The full development of the human person

We commit ourselves to:

Justice

Liberating others from oppression

Service to those who are poor and marginalized

Women and children

We are:

Educators in the faith

Hospitable to all

The Sisters hold in their hearts:

Love for the Names of Jesus and Mary

**Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Foundress  
of the Sisters of the Holy Names  
of Jesus and Mary in Québec, Canada.  
Background panels depict her life.**

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descriptions of each panel are in the  
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mission-resources](http://www.snjmusontario.org/mission-resources)



*Incorporated Province Ministries*  
transforming, informing



 Sisters of the Holy Names  
of Jesus and Mary  
U.S.-Ontario

Front cover photos, clockwise from top: Youth Ending Slavery group in Portland, Oregon. Adult education at Next Step Learning Center, Oakland, California. Chapel, Academy of the Holy Names, Albany, New York. Inside: Oregon foundresses who arrived in 1859, courtesy of the SNJM Archives, U.S.-Ontario. All other photos: courtesy of the ministries.

# Incorporated Province Ministries

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary are sole sponsors of ten ministries located in five different states. Carrying out the Sisters' vision based on the transformative power of full development of the human person, these ministries include:

- Six schools
- One university
- One tutoring center for adults
- One community music center
- One continuing care retirement community

Each ministry is a separate legal entity and has its own governing board, which includes lay women and men and Sisters of the Holy Names. An Office of Incorporated Province Ministries and a group chosen by the head of the SNJM U.S.-Ontario Province Leadership Team maintain governance relationships with the ministries.

**About this booklet:** The vision of the Sisters is evident in each ministry's mission statement and values, summarized in this document. Ministries are listed in chronological order based on when they began their work. The chronology gives a sense of the Sisters' responses to the "signs of the times."

Twelve Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary ventured from Québec, Canada, in 1859 to establish the congregation's first ministry in the United States: St. Mary's Academy, Portland, Oregon.



Mary's Woods at Marylhurst, Oregon  
Opened in 2001  
<https://maryswoods.org>

**Mary's Woods** is a caring community inspired by the vision and values of the Sisters of the Holy Names, providing a continuum of housing, health, and educational services. Mary's Woods responds to the Gospel's vision of full development for every individual at each stage of life. Mary's Woods seeks to ensure the dignity, independence, well-being and security of older persons through the provision of a range of service and educational options.



Next Step Learning Center  
Oakland, California  
Founded in 1994  
[www.nextsteplc.org](http://www.nextsteplc.org)

**Next Step Learning Center** is a literacy program serving older youth and adults in Oakland. Founded in 1994 by the Sisters of the Holy Names, Next Step addresses the high dropout rate in Oakland with energy and innovation. Over the years, Next Step has tutored more than 5,000 students. Many transition to college.

## Time line

**1843**  
Foundation of the  
Sisters of the Holy Names

**1994**  
Next Step Learning Center  
Oakland, California

**2001**  
Mary's Woods at Marylhurst, Oregon

Ramona Convent  
Secondary School  
Alhambra, California  
Founded in 1889  
[www.ramonaconvent.org](http://www.ramonaconvent.org)



**Ramona's mission**, as a welcoming and inclusive Catholic school sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, is to provide an educational program that graduates young women who are characterized by academic excellence, spiritual depth, moral strength, and personal grace, open to the wisdom of other cultures and traditions, and prepared to lead and serve in an evolving interdependent global community.

St. Mary's Academy  
Portland, Oregon  
Founded in 1859  
[www.stmaryspdx.org](http://www.stmaryspdx.org)



**St. Mary's Academy**, sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary since 1859, is a Catholic high school for young women, providing a challenging college-preparatory education in a vibrant learning environment. Guided by the values and charism of the Sisters, St. Mary's fosters a diverse community, educates the whole person by nurturing spirituality, encouraging creativity, promoting justice, and inspiring a sense of global interdependence to prepare students for service and leadership.

Holy Names Music Center  
Spokane, Washington  
Founded in 1982  
<https://hnmc.org>



Located in Spokane, WA, on the Mukogawa-Fort Wright campus, **Holy Names Music Center** is a non-profit community music school that provides high-quality instruction and performance opportunities for all.

Holy Names High School  
Oakland, California  
Founded in 1868  
[www.hnhsokland.org](http://www.hnhsokland.org)



A hallmark of **Holy Names High School**, Oakland, CA, is diversity — racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, religious, learning styles, geographic and more. This small Catholic school for young women provides an academically challenging college preparatory education in a vibrant learning environment. The diverse community nurtures spirituality, encourages artistic expression, and promotes justice, preparing the next generation for leadership and service.

1889

Ramona Convent Secondary  
School, Alhambra, California

1982

Holy Names Music Center,  
Spokane, Washington

1859

St. Mary's Academy,  
Portland, Oregon

1868

Holy Names High School,  
Oakland, California



**Holy Names University**  
 Oakland, California  
 Founded in 1868  
[www.hnu.edu](http://www.hnu.edu)

**Holy Names University**, founded by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, is rooted in Catholic intellectual and spiritual traditions. A rigorous and inclusive intellectual community, HNU is committed to continuous improvement and provides professional and liberal arts undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The University empowers a diverse student body to think critically and imaginatively, to understand and employ the various modes of knowledge, to communicate clearly and persuasively, to pursue leadership opportunities, and to promote the common good.



**Academy of the Holy Names**  
 Tampa, Florida  
 Founded in 1881  
[www.holynamestpa.org](http://www.holynamestpa.org)

**The Academy** is an independent, Catholic, coeducational elementary school and a college preparatory high school for young women, sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Our mission is to develop the spiritual, academic, personal and physical growth of each student within an atmosphere of care and concern, while providing quality educational opportunities for students of diverse ethnic, economic and religious backgrounds, and encouraging each student to realize his/her full potential as an intelligent and culturally, spiritually and socially aware individual.



**Holy Names Academy**  
 Seattle, Washington  
 Founded in 1880  
[www.holynames-sea.org](http://www.holynames-sea.org)

**Holy Names Academy**, the oldest continuously operating school in the state of Washington, was founded by the Sisters of the Holy Names on November 9, 1880. This Catholic secondary school serves young women of diverse ethnic, economic and religious backgrounds. We teach, model and promote Gospel values. This heritage is transmitted to students through school policies, academic programs, and co-curricular activities that encourage personal growth and respect for others. Young women who graduate from the Academy will discover the power that is theirs to direct their lives in peace, justice and mercy — a manner befitting those whose faith inspires others.



**Academy of the Holy Names**  
 Albany, New York  
 Founded in 1884  
[www.ahns.org](http://www.ahns.org)

In fidelity to the legacy of Mother Marie Rose, to the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and to the Gospel virtues of faith, hope, and love, **Academy of the Holy Names**, a Catholic, college-preparatory school for young women of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds in grades 6-12, inspires its students to become: active members of a faith-filled community; life-long learners, thinkers, and seekers of truth; moral decision makers; confident leaders in service to others; skillful builders of a better world; and crafters of peace.

**1868**

Holy Names University,  
 Oakland, California

**1880**

Holy Names Academy,  
 Seattle, Washington

**1881**

Academy of the Holy Names,  
 Tampa, Florida

**1884**

Academy of the Holy Names,  
 Albany, New York