

## Partners in Ministry

We are delighted to bring you the first edition of our newest publication, *SNJM Now* and look forward to your feedback.

We often hear from former students, and parents of former students, who fondly remember the days when we wore habits and served in schools. While we, too, cherish those memories, we are proud of the broad impact our Sisters are having in so many ways today. Through this new publication, our goal is to connect as we are today with our Partners in Ministry – our benefactors, former students, those currently involved in our sponsored works, and those who care about social justice – and invite you to join us in making a difference.

When Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher founded our community nearly 175 years ago, her focus was serving people on the margins. In 1843, that meant a focus on education, particularly for girls. Today, we are still educators and still focused on serving people on the margins in our local areas. We live that mission through our commitment to helping refugees and immigrants, to increasing awareness of the importance of protecting our earth, particularly its water supply, to ending human trafficking, and, of course, to continuing to facilitate academic learning in a variety of settings. We are a community of women religious following God's call, and we invite you to continue to journey with us.

In this first issue, we've chosen to highlight the work of our Sisters and Associates in serving people on the

margins through education, advocacy, and collaboration. At this time in our country's history, we feel more strongly than ever that our voices must join together on behalf of others, and we invite you to join with us in making a difference. Your financial support of our efforts, your prayers on our behalf, and your partnership in serving those on the margins has such an impact.

We are grateful for you and the many ways you support us.

Sincerely,

*The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary*

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*As we tread the same path, let us extend a hand to one another to surmount the difficulties that present themselves.*

*– Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher,  
foundress*

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# EDUCATING on the Margins

By Kathryn Ondreyco, SNJM

Since the community's foundation in 1843, Sisters of the Holy Names have educated thousands of students. While some Sisters and Associates today educate in "traditional" school settings, others have expanded the definition in response to needs in society.

Following is a glimpse of SNJMs as they continue the passion for and commitment to education.

Lolita Krebsbach, SNJM (top) and Mary Haupt, SNJM (bottom) with St. Patrick's School students.



## St. Patrick School San Jose, CA

St. Patrick Elementary School is a collaborative educational ministry shared by three Daughters of Charity, three Sisters of the Holy Names and dedicated lay faculty and staff. The Daughters of Charity financially support ten elementary schools in the

Western United States, including St. Patrick's, as part of their commitment to provide quality Catholic education to children whose families struggle financially to meet every day needs. The underlying values of the school are a reflection of the two religious communities' commitment to providing education and community to students and their families.

This transitional K-8 school in downtown San Jose is "home" to children from that area and beyond. The school reflects the diversity of the Santa Clara Valley: communications are in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Students experience a blend of technology-driven education, faith formation, fine arts classes in music and art, and physical education.

"I want the best education for my daughters," says Marie Roque. "The education they receive develops and strengthens their academic abilities. Being in this Catholic school community provides us with a sense of community and our own faith is deepened because of the faith education and Christian service opportunities they are receiving."

Three Sisters of the Holy Names minister at St. Patrick's: **Sister Mary Haupt** is the Vice-Principal focusing on Admissions, Recruitment, Development, Student Activities and Discipline; **Sister Lolita Krebsbach** (Thomas Michael) teaches religion in seventh grade, social studies in eighth grade and coordinates recess and lunch duty supervision; **Sister Peggy Hurley** volunteers as a tutor on Thursdays.

Sister Mary says: "Reflecting the strong commitment to the Holy Names and Vincentian spirits, fully embracing blended



learning and challenging our students academically, we are transforming their lives and that of their families.”

## Head Start Everett, WA

After teaching elementary school for 26 years, **Sister Patti Wasson** felt called to continue her ministry through the Head Start Program. Head Start helps children, especially those from low income families or whose mothers are not high school graduates, be more prepared for school.

In 2007 Sister Patti began ministering in Edmonds, WA, where she serves as Direct Services Manager of the Snohomish County Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. This program includes classrooms for children ages 3 to 5 and Early Head Start for children ages birth to 3.

“Head Start helped my daughter meet other children, learn her alphabet and numbers, and become more independent,” says one parent.

Sister Patti’s primary responsibility is supervising the teaching staff, including four Teacher Family Advocates (TFAs) who are responsible for both the education of the child and the social services part of the family’s development. In addition, there are two assistant teachers and two teacher aides.

“I volunteered in my children’s classrooms when they were in Head Start,” reflects one TFA. “I became a substitute, took college classes and earned my Child Development Associate and Associate of Arts degrees. The encouragement and support of the Head Start Program allowed me to accomplish these goals.”

A real success of the program is the connection between families. In this



world of division and conflict, Sister Patti witnesses groups of parents develop true friendships and support.

Lucinda Peightal, SNJM with one of the many refugees who have enjoyed her support.

Together, Sister Patti, the staff and the parents participate in educating and shaping lives for the future.

## Life Skills for Immigrants Portland, OR

After a long career in elementary education, **Sister Lucinda Peightal** (M. Helen Patrice) brought her skills to another classroom.

For over ten years, Sister Lucinda has helped African refugee families transition to life in Portland. In addition to teaching them English, she has been there for baby showers, school programs and graduations, accompanying them through academic endeavors and the transition of the children to adulthood with families and children of their own.

One of her first families from Liberia had four children. Sister worked with Christian, the oldest son, as he navigated his way through Franklin High School.

He is now the father of three children, supporting his family as a carpenter. His youngest sister, Numo, was traumatized when she arrived, hiding under desks in the classroom. Her teacher and Sister Lucinda helped her overcome this fear. Sister continues to support and encourage sixteen year-old Numo to continue her education.

When Maria and her seven children, ages 2 – 17, arrived from the Congo eight years ago, adjustment to life in Portland meant overcoming many obstacles. Sister Lucinda helped Maria learn everyday skills such as how to use a washing machine. When Maria was diagnosed with diabetes, Sister educated her about nutrition, meal planning, shopping, and cooking.

Sister Lucinda assisted the children in their academic endeavors. The oldest, Matumaini, now 25, continued his education beyond high school and now provides translation services to Catholic Charities. Sister completed a letter of recommendation so that he and his wife

could move into low-income housing with their year-old son, Alembe.

Education takes many forms and Sister continues to find creative ways to teach.

## *ESL & Financial Skills for Immigrants Largo, FL*

Helping immigrants increase their independence and reduce their isolation is a key goal for **Sister Mary Haskins** (William Joseph). “ESL and Finance Education are needs within the immigrant community here in Largo. With my experience, I knew that I could teach English and basic Finance principles.”

Sister Mary teaches financial literacy in collaboration with Project Prosper, a nonprofit providing financial education, mentoring, loans and savings.

For the last two years, Sister Mary has been teaching three Sisters of Our Lady of Kilimanjaro from Tanzania whose native language is Swahili. The Sisters were college educated in Tanzania and are working under a master nurse at a nursing facility in the Tampa area. English is still very difficult for them and they work on phonics, comprehension and conversation.

The Sisters plan to return to Tanzania someday so Sister Mary motivates them with “someday you will be able to teach English to your Sisters.” She says the Sisters are marvelous to teach and so appreciative of the opportunity to learn English. “I truly feel honored to have Sisters as students.” ■

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Mary Haskins, SNJM (center) with two graduates of her ESL classes.



# ADVOCATING for People on the Margins

By Mary Ann Farley, SNJM

Sisters of the Holy Names have historically been advocates for women and children, for people on the margins, those with no voice or knowledge of how and where to use their voice. In our earliest days, it may have

been supplying pencils, a uniform, a safe place for their human development. Today we have morphed into much broader areas of advocacy. Sisters have offered liberating action in many areas, infiltrating unjust systems, forming supportive relationships, speaking out for and with marginalized groups or individuals. The Sisters still spend their considerable time, energy and expertise in providing safe places for the human development of their neighbors, in the broadest sense of “who is my neighbor?”

## Advocacy Against Human Trafficking San Jose, CA

When she first began teaching at Marin Catholic in Kentfield, CA, Sister Rosemary Everett (M. Charles Kevin) resonated with a Pablo Casals quote on a poster: *The capacity to care is that which gives life its greatest significance.* Sister Rosemary’s caring heart has prompted her to take action through calls, letters and signing petitions to federal, state and local officials on legislation for justice issues. Rosemary has an alert group of Sisters, Associates and others to whom



she forwards petitions, letters and requests for calls.

A particular passion is her support of the SNJM Corporate Stand against Human Trafficking, and she actively participates in San Jose and South Bay groups

Rosemary Everett, SNJM is tireless in her outreach to legislators, hotel managers, and bus companies on behalf of human trafficking victims.

focused on ending the exploitation of human beings for sex or forced labor. When Super Bowl 2016 came to San Francisco, she participated in the creation of the No Traffick Ahead coalition. This group works with bus drivers and hotel managers to make information available to trafficking victims and to train employees to recognize and report trafficking at their doors.

Rosemary is inspired and motivated by the phrase: Gospel women in solidarity for liberating action.

## **Supporting Farmworkers Tacoma, WA**

Since entering the SNJM community in 2000, Sister Susan Wells has put her passion for advocacy and her love of immigrant communities to good use in a variety of ministries. For example, she has served the Farmworker community in the Yakima Valley at Marie Rose House and as a Pastoral Associate in a primarily Latino parish in the Diocese of San Bernardino, CA.

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A participant in the Farmworker Center's Leadership Toltec Class is congratulated by Susan Wells, SNJM (right) upon receiving her certificate.



For the past four years, Sister Susan has ministered as a social worker in Tacoma, WA, working with unaccompanied refugee minors and as the Director of the Farmworker Center sponsored by Catholic Community Services in Mount Vernon, WA.

Sister Susan works to help members of the farmworker community become stronger advocates for the needs of their own community. She encourages their participation in Catholic Advocacy and Latino Advocacy Days in Olympia, WA, where Farmworker community members share their experiences with state legislators and help them to better understand the unique needs and important contributions of Farmworkers. At the local level, Farmworkers advocate for affordable housing with city and county officials.

“My passion is to share with immigrant communities our warm SNJM hospitality; to demonstrate to them that their voices are critically needed as policies are being made at all levels of government. This is how I try to bring to life our Chapter Acts and Corporate Stand on Immigrants and Refugees.”

## **Advocating for the At Risk Portland, OR**

When Mary Hansen, Associate, was growing up in Portland, her parents modelled the value of ministering with marginalized people. She says advocacy is “in her genes.”

Her call to become a court-appointed advocate on behalf of at-risk individuals started with an attorney's request that she become a guardian for a young woman. After taking classes in elder law, Mary is now a Professional

Fiduciary, working with the courts for the protection of people who are at risk for abuse and neglect. In this role, she may be a guardian, administer a trust, or supervise housing and medication needs for persons suffering from mental health challenges. She finds a balance between intervention and respect for autonomy, between compromising life style habits and human dignity, between her heart and what is possible. Mary has a picture before her of a small woman with a little bundle walking away. The title is Invisible. No one is invisible on Mary's watch!

A strong advocate of education, Mary teaches in an organization called Guardian Partners, a program to train representatives of the court as support persons for at-risk clients. There are more than 5000 guardianships in Oregon.

While Mary was working with **Sister Clare Roy** (Mary Leonarda, RIP) at St. Francis of Assisi in Portland, Sr. Clare saw the SNJM charism alive in Mary and invited her to become an Associate. Her connection is frequently affirmed as the flow of SNJM mirrors the flow of her own life. Mary finds congruity in our emphasis on education and collaboration and the power of community.

## **Advocacy on Behalf of Immigrants Tampa, FL**

**Sister Elizabeth Crean** (M. Jerome Michael) was a teacher and student of history. She became interested in law and in those who lack representation, especially immigrants who are overwhelmed by the complexity of law and the expenses involved. Her reaction became a call: Who can I help? There are people who come to the United States for a better life, and now

are trying very hard to manage, to prosper. **Sister Rose Gallagher** (Rose Immaculata, RIP) was her patron saint in this work, having devoted much of her life and heart to the Haitian people.

The process to acquire legal status is a lengthy one. There are many documents to gather and a government application to complete costing hundreds of dollars. To better assist the immigrants, Sister Elizabeth became a paralegal, and ultimately pursued an online jurist doctor degree. With financial support from the SNJM community, she formed Paralegal Immigration Advocacy.

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**— Sister Susan Wells**

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Ready for action, she found two attorneys with hearts for immigrant people. They accepted her proposal that if people could not afford their services, she would do the work to prepare the clients for legal status, and the attorneys would review and approve. The lawyers refer clients who come with horror stories of abuse, gangs, physical danger. One woman crossed the Rio Grande with her child on her shoulders. Sister listens, she loves, and she does the work.

Sister Elizabeth finds strength and support for her advocacy in SNJM documents emphasizing dedication to women and children, to justice, to liberating action especially for low-income and marginalized persons. She says: “With God's grace and Mother Mary Rose pushing me along, I hope I can do this for a long time.” ■

# COLLABORATION to Serve Those on the Margins

By Carole Strawn, SNJM

Collaboration is key to Holy Names ministry. In the words of our foundress, Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher: “As we tread the same path, let us extend a hand to one another to surmount the difficulties that present themselves.” Today Sisters and Associates all around the U.S.-Ontario Province live these words as active participants in collaborative actions for the marginalized.

## Ministering to the Imprisoned Eugene, OR



Carol Lee, SNJM with her Lane County Jail supervisor Sergeant Dave Bones (left) and Lieutenant Steve French (right).

After years as a pastoral associate, Sister Carol Lee (Thomas James) became a certified Catholic chaplain and worked in a local hospital. When she retired, she still wished to use her chaplain skills. Another Holy Names

Sister in the area, Sister Margaret Graziano (Vincent Mary, RIP), was a long-time volunteer organizer at the Lane County Jail, and Sister Carol found that her chaplain skills would be much appreciated there.

Working mostly with female inmates, Sister responds to requests in the form of small papers called “kytes.” They can ask

for anything from art paper, stationery, Bibles, prayer, a visit due to death in the family, or counseling.

There is a sense of care. One compassionate captain has been concerned about persons with mental illness or little education. Opportunities for classes range from socialization skills to yoga and through Lane Community College, inmates have access to GED programs. Chaplains assist by proctoring GED tests at the jail. Sister Carol described the pleasure she felt at the joy of a 58-year-old man when he received his GED certificate.

In Community Court, a collaboration of law enforcement, the judicial system and various non-profit agencies, Sister Carol represents Catholic Community Services. The program offers options to those arrested for low-level misdemeanor crimes, which may mean no jail time and no record. After successfully completing the program, there is a courtroom meeting. The Judge issues a “Key to Success” and lawyers, social workers, and friends of the court praise the person’s achievement.

Recently Sister Carol has been accompanying the only woman on death row in Oregon. While at Lane County, the woman connected with her spirituality and Catholic faith, which

are sustaining her now. Building on their relationship, Sister Carol visits her at the women's prison in Wilsonville and writes to her regularly in support of her personal and spiritual well-being.

## Collaboration on Behalf of Detained Immigrants Chicago, IL

Having just moved to Chicago, a flier caught Sister Cathy Leamy's (James of the Eucharist) eye. It advertised Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants (SBI), a group of religious congregations in support of immigrant rights. Looking to become involved in her new city, Sister Cathy filled out the attached postcard and within a couple of days received an invitation to the next meeting.

SBI's mission is to exercise the power of their collective voice to seek justice for immigrants by advocacy, prayer, public witness, and education. A recent SBI offshoot is assistance to young people aging out of the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program. As they reach 18, they are vulnerable to being snatched by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and placed into adult detention awaiting deportation. The Clerics of St. Viator opened a house so young men have some place to go as they leave URM. Sisters in the area are coming together to provide a similar resource for young women.

Through SBI, Sister Cathy came to know the Interfaith Coalition for Detained Immigrants (ICDI). Initially ICDI members came together over the denial of pastoral visitation to immigrant detainees. Authorities deemed them ineligible for this right because of



their undocumented status. With the persistent efforts of some undaunted individuals lobbying state legislators, a bill was passed allowing pastoral visitation to non-citizen detainees.

Sister Cathy and other volunteers make weekly visits. The ICDI pastoral visitation program has gained positive acceptance and ICE has even requested they start programs at other facilities.

Cathy Leamy, SNJM and a team of volunteers from the Interfaith Coalition for Detained Immigrants visit detainees in a jail in Kankakee, IL.

## Collaboration on Behalf of Women and Children Albany, NY

Mary's Corner, a ministry of the Ladies of Charity, operates with an all-volunteer staff including Sister Joyce Houle (Isabel Veronica). Mary's Corner provides necessities such as baby food, diapers, bath supplies, bedding, strollers and playpens to low-income single parents for their children, mostly newborns to 4-years-old. Collaborative relationships with area-Catholic parishes and congregations of other religious traditions help to keep the shelves stocked. Sister Joyce said a wish list in a parish bulletin always results in a generous flood of items for restocking shelves.

Another project close to Sister's heart is the Coalition to End Human Trafficking of Albany. They are a diverse, faith-based



(top) Barbara Spears, SNJM provides an update on UNANIMA to a group of Sisters of the Holy Names.

(bottom) Joyce Houle, SNJM helps a Mary's Corner client select baby clothes.

rejoices in the friendship of the volunteers and being present to the moms and dads they serve.

## An International Collaboration

The Sisters of the Holy Names are members of UNANIMA International, a non-governmental organization (NGO) founded by Holy Names Sister Catherine Ferguson in 2002.

A coalition of 19 congregations of Catholic Sisters advocating at the United Nations in New York for the improvement of the economic and social conditions of all peoples, it strives to educate and influence policy-makers at the global level. UNANIMA is active in a number of committees and working groups including Committees on Migration and to Stop Trafficking in Persons.

The Holy Names liaison to UNANIMA is Sister Barbara Spears (Mary Joelle) who serves on the board, participates in advocacy, and conducts workshops on UNANIMA issues. An important dimension of her work is updating Sisters and Associates on current UNANIMA programs, including workshop and internship opportunities with UNANIMA at the U.N.

group who educate and advocate to end human trafficking and serve those adversely affected. They sponsor an annual interfaith vigil and offer education days to raise awareness about human trafficking and the Academy of the Holy Names – Albany has

hosted past workshops. In June 2015 the Interfaith Alliance of New York State honored the Albany Coalition including Sister Mary Elizabeth Lagoy (John Gilbert) and Sister Joyce. Sister remarked that their awareness-raising activities, including education outreach to law enforcement, have been well received.

Sister Joyce finds her experiences in both of these ministries “life giving”. She looks forward to the Coalition meetings because it is “such a gift to belong. It is alive and makes things happen.” As for Mary’s Corner, she

These are fruits of collaboration fostered by “lending a hand to surmount the difficulties which present themselves.” Holy Names Sisters and Associates participate in this every day. This theme was recently reiterated for today: “The Spirit prompts us to be in dialogue with the emerging questions; to act with audacity and freedom; to widen our circles of collaboration; and to imagine the SNJM mission in new ways.” ■

# Jubilarians: 80, 75, 70, 60



**Sister Anita Noe**  
**80-year Jubilarian**

In the last issue of *Ventures*, we featured a full-length article on our 80-year Jubilarian Sister Anita Noe (Mary Rosamund). This October she celebrates this singular achievement of 80 years as a Holy Names Sister with several other Sisters who will be marking their 75-, 70- and 60-year Jubilees in the Congregation.



**Sister Lois Morisky**  
**75-year Jubilarian**

In 1933, the Morisky family left cold Iowa for the more hospitable West, eventually settling near Salem, Oregon.

Although she and her sister loved going to the public high school, it was her family's wish for the girls to have a Catholic education, so Lois and her sister Lavone found themselves at different times in the

boarding school at Sacred Heart, Salem. "It wasn't really a boarding school, there were just two of us. For a year I lived there with a student from St. Paul, and after that Lavone (M. Felice) took my place."

After entering, Sister Lois (M. Eleanor Barbara) taught at Holy Names grade schools in Seattle and Salem. She became principal at an early age and served in schools across the West Coast including Portland, Bend and Ontario in Oregon; Seattle, Washington; and Ketchikan, Alaska. She was also director at The Christie School and helped it transition from an orphanage to a residence for troubled youth. Except for four years as manager of the Sisters' apartment complex in Portland, Sister Lois remained in education. The last four years were at College of the Marshall Islands, where she ran the Education Department. Sister Lois now lives at Mary's Woods at Marylhurst.



**Sister Marianne Misetich**  
**70-year Jubilarian**

Sister Marianne (Mary Antonetta) of Croatian descent grew up in Portland and graduated from St. Mary's Academy. After entering, she taught music in schools around the Northwest, including Salem, Bend, The Dalles, Seattle, Spokane, Coos Bay, Portland, Astoria, and St. Paul.

A talented composer, her works are published by the Oregon Catholic

Press in their annual music issue, which is used by many parishes across the West Coast.

Sister Marianne also worked in parishes as music director, including Gresham, Portland, and Tillamook. For seven years she was an organist and radio announcer for the Catholic radio station in Portland. Later, she ran a music ministry at the Holy Names Mother House in Montreal. Now retired, Sister Marianne lives at Mary's Woods at Marylhurst.



**Sister Mary Courtman**  
**70-year Jubilarian**

Sister Mary (Charles Marie), from Abbotsford, British Columbia, graduated from Holy Names Academy, Spokane.

Sister Mary has had an amazing variety of ministries and each one seemed to lead to and prepare for the next one. Her four years of nursing in the Marylhurst Care Center and her years as a high school science teacher in Holy Names schools in Washington and Oregon stood her in good stead when she set up and ran a clinic in Honduras. Her year of CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) training prepared her for prison ministry. She also spent five years as a pastoral minister in Southern Louisiana, two years working in a Honduran orphanage and several years ministering among the

migrant fruit pickers in The Dalles and Hood River. More recently she worked in Hispanic ministry in the Puyallup Valley and in Pierce County, Washington. Sister Mary recently moved from Tacoma to Mary's Woods at Marylhurst.



**Sister Arnadene Bean**  
**60-year Jubilarian**

Arnadene Welton Bean (M. Louis James) grew up in Lake Oswego and attended Holy Names schools, entering after graduating in 1955. Like most young sisters she went into education, teaching in elementary schools in Eugene, Salem, Portland and Bend. After completing an M.A. in education, she served as principal at Christie School and then fulfilled a long-time desire to work in the Holy Names mission in Lesotho. Her experiences of family, teaching, serving at Christie and in Africa increased her sense of social justice. On returning to the States, she was pastoral associate in a culturally diverse parish and earned a master's degree in theology. She then worked for the Metropolitan Public Defenders Office and later in Alaska as Area Director of the Jesuit Volunteers. After a term as Provincial Assistant in Oregon she entered a Clinical Pastoral Education program. She served as chaplain at the women's prison in Wilsonville, and as pastoral associate in a parish in Ketchikan, Alaska. Currently she works at the parish at Seaside, Oregon.



**Sister Joan Flynn**  
**60-year Jubilarian**

Joan (Maura Kevin) grew up in southeast Portland and attended St. Mary's Academy. After entering, she taught for eight years in elementary grades at St. Peter's and Cathedral Schools in Portland and St. Mary's Academy in The Dalles. She then went to the Provincial House at Marylhurst where she worked in the Care Center with infirmed Sisters. During these years, she earned an Associate degree in Nursing, fulfilling an early childhood dream. She then moved to The Dalles where she worked at Mid-Columbia Medical Center as an R.N. for 21 years. Now retired, life remains ever busy with home and volunteer responsibilities. She also enjoys camping, hiking, and visiting remote places in the Northwest.

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**Sister Joan Maiers**  
**60-year Jubilarian**

Raised in upstate New York, Joan did not meet the Holy Names Sisters until her family's move to Oregon. Like her mother, she is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, Portland. After entering, Joan pursued dual interests in science and language arts. She completed a pharmacy degree at the University of Washington and managed the Convent Pharmacy for over 20 years. During this time she also earned credentials to teach high school English, teaching at several area high schools. A poet, Joan currently arranges local poetry readings and workshops. Her poetry is published in books and periodicals, including *Calyx* and *Sojourners*. An ardent advocate for social justice, she considers justice and peace illuminated by beauty as one of her lifelong goals.

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**Sister Annemarie Rotter**  
**60-year Jubilarian**

Annemarie (M. Carol Frances) grew up in Seattle, and attended Holy Names Academy where she met the Holy Names Sisters. After entering, she worked for many years in Marylhurst Care Center and obtained certification as a licensed practical nurse. Later she fulfilled a long-time ambition of working with young children becoming a teacher's aide in St. Vincent and Queen of Peace schools in Salem, Oregon. She now lives in Portland where each day she travels to Holy Cross Area School where she helps in the first grade. Annemarie also enjoys many hobbies including gardening and cooking, playing with her beloved cat, and cheering on her favorite sports teams.

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**Sister Marian Watkins**  
**60-year Jubilarian**

Marian (Robert Marion) first met the Sisters of the Holy Names at St. Joseph's in Salem. Later her family returned to Portland where she graduated from Holy Child Academy. After working for a year at the old St. Vincent's Hospital, she entered the Holy Names. Using the skills she learned at St. Vincent's, she assisted in the SNJM Care Center, various schools, and the YMCA's Children's Holladay Center. Marian has also worked with immigrants dating back to the Vietnamese resettlement of 1975. She has helped them network with tutors for education assistance and with business people for employment help, as well as other things to assist in their adjustment to their new culture. Currently Marian works with the elderly of St. Ignatius, Portland.

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## In Memory

**Sister Dolores Quinn** (M. Valerie Anne), age 90, died at Mary's Woods at Marylhurst, August 1, 2017.

Dolores, the first-born of the ten children of John Frances and Eleanor Krzmarzick Quinn, was born in Garrison, North Dakota, and moved to Oregon with her family in 1933. She received her elementary education in Catholic schools in Portland and graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1945.

Dolores entered in July 1945 and received the name Sister M. Valerie Anne. Having grown up in a large

family and remembering her mother's love for children, she began her ministry career working with first graders, teaching at The Madeleine and St. Thomas More in Portland and at St. Mary's, Eugene. She also served as principal at St. Mary's, Eugene, and at St. Peter's, Portland. During this time, she completed a master of education from the University of Portland.

After studying theology at the University of San Francisco, she taught at Sacred Heart Academy, Salem. She then became a part of the Oregon Formation Team working with young women entering the Holy Names Community.

Understanding the importance of early education an individual's development, Sister Dolores returned to formal education as a co-founder of the Early Childhood Center at Marylhurst. She next moved to Bend, Oregon, where she worked in family ministry. Simultaneously she became a licensed facilitator in PRH, a process for personal growth, which brought together all she had learned about the human person and put it into a methodical approach for healing and growth.

Sister Dolores was a gracious, welcoming woman with a prayerful spirit. Upon retiring, she continued to mentor

individuals, accompanying them on their personal and spiritual journeys. She also worked with the women in the SNJM lay consecrated program sharing the spirituality and charism of SNJM community.

Upon the occasion of her sixtieth Jubilee as a Sister of the Holy Names, she wrote "My life is full of gratitude and goodness."



**Sister Dolores Quinn**  
March 31, 1927 – August 1, 2017

**Sister Jane Ellen Burns** (Kathryn Burns), age 94, died at Mary's Woods at Marylhurst, August 19, 2017.

Kathryn, the youngest of the seven children of Harry H. and Margaret Mullen Burns, was born in Seattle. She received both her elementary and secondary education at Holy Names Academy in Seattle, graduating in 1941.

She entered the Sisters of the Holy Names in January 1946 and received the name Sister Mary Jane Ellen, a name she cherished in memory of her beloved sisters, Mary, Jane and Eleanor.

She began as a secondary teacher at Holy Names schools including St. Mary's Academy, The Dalles; Sacred Heart Academy, Salem; St. Mary's Academy, Portland; Holy Names Academy, Spokane; and Holy Names Academy, Seattle. During this time, she completed an M.A. in English from Gonzaga University.

Her proficiency as an English teacher led to Marylhurst College, where served at one point as English department chair. When Marylhurst transitioned in 1974, Sister Jane Ellen taught a year at Our Lady of Rosary College, Hong Kong, before going to Sacred Heart,

Salem. In 1978 she left the continent for a decade to teach at Junshin Junior College, Kagoshima, Japan, a highlight of her life.

On her return, at an age when others might have retired, Sister accepted a position at Mount Angel Seminary where she spent 12 years editing Seminary publications and working with students as thesis editor. For her service she was awarded the Seminary's highest honor, the Lumen Gentium Award, in 2005. She was recognized in 2013 as a Distinguished Alumna by Marylhurst University.

Upon her retirement, she continued working with seminary students as well as the principal writer for *Ventures*, a Holy Names publication, for which she wrote until age 94.

Most significant to those who knew her was her gift of herself as friend and mentor. Over the decades she maintained close relationships with many former students, friendships she treasured to her last days. She also dearly loved her family remaining a font of family stories and a cherished elder.



**Sister Jane Ellen Burns**  
June 7, 1923 – August 19, 2017

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**B**orn in California, Joanne Veronica Goheen did not meet her father's Oregon-based sister (and her own namesake), Sister Veronica Mary Goheen, until she was 10 years old. Still, her aunt made a lasting impression.

"I was in awe of her," relates Joanne. "She was quite petite but had a power and authority about her that immediately caught your attention."

Sister Veronica Mary served as principal of eight schools in Washington and Oregon between 1929 and 1957. She often taught a 7th or 8th grade class along with her duties as principal. After nearly 30

years in that role, she answered another call, serving 14 years as Treasurer for Marylhurst College and the Oregon Province. Not one to sit still for long, Sister volunteered until she was 91 years old. Joanne recalls, "There never seemed to be enough time to visit with her as she had to be about her current calling."

Joanne followed Sister Veronica Mary's example and taught primary school for more than 30 years. "At that point in my life, my father had passed, and I saw the need to help my brother and mother in the family refrigeration business, and like Sister Veronica Mary, I began a new career." When her mother began to fail, Joanne cared for her until her mother's death at the age of 100. "I didn't consider it a sacrifice; it's just something you do. You care for family."

Joanne has been a donor to the Sisters of the Holy Names for many years, a tribute to her aunt and the work of her community. During visits to Sister Veronica Mary in Oregon she noticed the same loving, family care given to the Sisters by their community, the family of Sisters. "I wanted to help with this care, knowing that the need was far greater than the resources the Sisters have. I made the decision to include them in my will so that while I am living I have access to my assets, but upon my passing, a portion of those assets will carry on the Sisters' work into the future."

Joanne has truly followed in her aunt's footsteps, both in a career of education and in a commitment to caring for others. If you would like to include the Sisters of the Holy Names in your estate plans, please email Adrianna Carr – [acarr@snjmuson.org](mailto:acarr@snjmuson.org) or call (503) 697-6435. ■

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Joanne Goheen (left), her brother Ed (front) and sister Pat (right) visited their aunt Sister Veronica Mary at the convent in Oregon in 1946.



# Gift of Prayer

A Gift of Prayer is a thoughtful and special way to honor a friend or relative, give thanks for God's many blessings, or celebrate a special occasion: birthday, wedding, anniversary; or remember the deceased.

A Gift of Prayer 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, comfort, strength, peace or whatever is needed.

A card acknowledging your gift is sent to the person or family indicated and we'll send you a thank-you card as well. Donation amounts are always kept confidential and we do not put the recipient on any solicitation list. Contributions help support the Sisters and their ministries.

Send a gift of prayer online ([www.snjmuson.org/PrayerGift](http://www.snjmuson.org/PrayerGift)) or by sending this form to Sisters of the Holy Names, P.O. 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.

To honor/celebrate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

birthday, baptism, anniversary, holiday, promotion, friendship, etc.

Send card to \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ check #\_\_\_\_\_

## A Gift of Prayer Does Make a Difference

*A* long life's journey, I feel in need of prayers besides my own. When issues come up such as death, illness, worry, loss of a job or friend, it gives me comfort to ask the Sisters to help me, or someone I love, through the tough times.

I send an 'SOS' to the Sisters via their prayer request cards. When my friends receive the prayer card saying the Sisters are praying for them, they are amazed and grateful. I have received comments such as "I am so glad you had the Sisters praying for me. It gave me peace."

Also, when I get the reply that my intentions are being prayed for, my heart is happy and my resolve grows stronger on my journey. I am so grateful for the prayers of the SNJM Sisters.

—Susie Hitchcock,  
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More than 20 Sisters of the Holy Names who entered the community after 1970 spent a long weekend together this summer at the Villa Maria del Mar in Santa Cruz, CA. Since 2004, this group has met every few years. The primary focus "has been to better know one another in an atmosphere of prayer, discussion, relaxation and fun!"

Joan Steadman, CSC, Executive Director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, led the group through two days of reflection, contemplation and discussion about leadership for women religious in North America. The retreat was enlivening and inspiring for all – and everyone looks forward to the next gathering at Santa Cruz in 2019!