



175 Years of Ministry Around the World

Sister Charylne Brown teaches English to students at Nuestra Casa in Sunnyside, WA.

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SNJM Students Engage in JUSTICE

In July, students from around the world gathered at Holy Names University for the 4th SNJM Youth Justice Forum. Held every three years, the event provides an opportunity for high school students to deepen their understanding of the SNJM charism and develop action plans to execute a justice project at their home school.

During their week

together, students learned about the three SNJM corporate stands, which focus on migrants/refugees, human trafficking and water. Highlights of the week included serving at various nonprofits in Oakland, listening to a guest panel of SNJM Sisters and Associates, and spending time in prayer and reflection. Students left the Forum with new friends and new inspiration to work for justice and peace. ■



Clockwise from top left: By week's end, new friendships led to much laughter and a loud cafeteria.

Each school group left the Forum with an action plan for bringing their learning home to make a difference in their own community.

Students cleaned Lake Merritt as an act of service as they learned about the corporate stand on water as a human right and public good.



“I loved listening to the Sisters of the Holy Names talk about why they chose the life that they did, and all of our guest speakers this week really changed my opinion and outlook on social justice issues in America and other places around the world.”

— Natalie

Participating Schools

- Academy of the Holy Names, Florida
- Academy of the Holy Names, New York
- Assumption College High School, Ontario
- College Durocher St-Lambert, Quebec
- Holy Names High School, California
- Holy Names Academy, Washington
- Mabathoana High School, Lesotho
- Mazenod High School, Lesotho
- Ramona Convent Secondary School, California
- St. Mary's Academy, Oregon
- St. Mary's Academy, Manitoba

Access to Clean WATER Is a God-Given Right

When was the last time you worried about whether your water was safe for drinking or cooking?

Here in the United States, most of us can turn on the faucet and be reasonably confident that the water is safe. When something happens to our local water supply, we complain about the inconvenience of “boil orders” or closed drinking fountains.

However, in many parts of the world, access to safe water is not a given. People around the globe consume contaminated water every day, causing illness and even death. In 2008, the Sisters of the Holy Names affirmed a corporate stand in support of guaranteed access to water for vulnerable populations, opposing policies that prevent access to water and supporting initiatives that help people gain access to water.

Sister Barbara Spears is leading an SNJM effort to help bring tools to address the clean water problem to people around the world. In October 2016, Sister Barbara visited Lesotho and deepened her understanding of the desperate water situation the citizens of that country face. She had been introduced to the nonprofit Water With Blessings a few years earlier, and reached out to form a partnership with them.

In 2017, Sister Barbara returned to Lesotho, this time with water filters and the training to teach families to use them. If properly used, each \$60 water filter can provide millions of gallons of clean water – enough for four families for 10 years.

Over the next two years, Sister Barbara will lead The SNJM Water Project to bring training and filters to people in areas of need. She expects to work with Holy Names Sisters around the world to bring these resources to places like Lesotho and Brazil, and potentially places like Flint, Michigan, where residents continue to struggle with water contamination. All donations designated for this project will be used for direct program costs including filters, buckets, postage, travel and training costs associated with teaching users and local people to become trainers. ■



Top photo: Sister Barbara Spears demonstrates the use of a water filter. Middle photo: A mother in Lesotho brings home her new water filter. Lower photo: Lesotho children enjoy freshly filtered water.



Welcoming the STRANGER

“I was a stranger, and you invited me in.” — Matthew 25:35

Since the founding of the Holy Names community as a teaching community, the Sisters have also been called to serve less fortunate people. Their work with refugees, immigrants and homeless people is as vital today as it has been over the last 175 years.

House of Mercy – Portland, OR

Delphine Busch met the Sisters while working as Title II Coordinator for Portland’s Catholic schools. Attracted to their dedication to justice, in 2002 she became an Associate. In 2016, she participated in a gathering of Holy Names Sisters and Associates from throughout

the Congregation; the experience was transformative. Delphine returned on fire with a dream — establishing a house for homeless and refugee women.

Conversations about Portland’s lack of affordable housing led her to Father Raul Marquez at St. Peter’s Parish, who was also concerned about housing challenges in his low-income neighborhood. When he offered the use of the former rectory, Delphine saw the opportunity to realize her dream. In August 2017, she welcomed two refugee women to the repurposed rectory, renamed the House of Mercy.

The household has since grown to four residents. Within a few months, Mahshid, from Iran, found work in a bakery and Pramela, from Sri Lanka, recently started working in a laundry. Because English is a key to job success, Pramela receives language skills tutoring three days a week and spends many hours working on her English. Terhas, who fled the violence of Eritrea, is just beginning to study English and knows its importance in creating a new life here. Their newest companion is Jasmine, who they affectionately call their “reverse immigrant.” Born in the U.S., Jasmine went back to Mexico with her parents at age of one. Like Pramela and Terhas, she is learning English and seeking employment.

Sister Lucinda Peightal (center) tutors Mahshid and Pramela at the House of Mercy.



Accompanying Homeless People – Oakland, CA

“Whenever and wherever I have ministered, I have reached out to those in need,” says Sister Roberta Carson. “And when I could, I have invited others and have challenged them to walk the walk for justice and join me as a voice for the voiceless.”

Today, she invites Associates, friends and members of the Young Ladies’ Institute (YLI) to join in her ministry of visiting homeless people, whether in a shelter in San Leandro or in the tent cities of Oakland. The city of Oakland is working to provide temporary housing for individuals, but tent cities continue to spring up because as soon as someone moves out, someone new moves in.

Occupants of these tent cities include young people with no place to live, those abandoned by choice or circumstances, and families with children who can’t afford housing. Several times a month, members of the YLI accompany Sister Roberta as they visit the tent cities residents.

The volunteers bring sandwiches, fruit, clothing and personal items to distribute. They make connections with people by talking with them about their needs and about services that are available through the city, social service agencies, rescue centers for teens and Catholic Charities.

Closer to her home in San Leandro, Sister Roberta participates in the homeless shelter program for working mothers and children at St. Leander Parish. This year-round shelter provides housing, food and services to these women who have jobs but no housing or who are escaping abusive situations.

Sister Roberta’s years of ministry have encompassed elementary and secondary education, parish ministry and volunteer services in her community.

Sister Roberta is renowned for her artwork in a wide variety of media and incorporating innovative uses of materials. She



A Look Back - 175 Years of Welcoming the Stranger

From the days of Blessed Marie Rose in the 1840s to present times with SNJM corporate stands, the Sisters have been responsive to the needs of orphans, refugees and the homeless.



Irish Refugees

In 1847, Mother Marie Rose welcomed to the Longueuil convent three young Irish girls, the Mullin sisters, who had fled the Great Famine, a period of mass starvation, disease and emigration in Ireland from 1845 to 1849. The three sisters were among many Irish immigrant girls loved and cared for by the Sisters, including Catherine O’Neill and her two sisters. Catherine was the first Irish-born Holy Names Sister, pictured here as Sister Francis of Assisi.

Orphans

Soon after their arrival in Oregon in 1859, the Chronicles report that the Sisters took in their first orphan. It soon became known that the Sisters would take abandoned children into their care, and it was not unheard-of for a baby to be left in a basket at the Sisters’ gate or in the garden. In 1888 the Sisters moved the orphanage from Portland to St. Paul, OR and then to Marylhurst, OR in 1908. Pictured are Sisters with orphan girls living at St. Paul in 1907.



Sister Agnes Ly Thi Le, left, and Sister Makiko Fujiwara, welcomed Olive to the safety and comfort of their home in Seattle.

organizes garage sales twice a year to provide funds for homeless people, for groups working with poor people and for religious communities and their ministries.

Her true interest in the welfare of her neighbors shines like a beacon to those in need. She “stands with those on the periphery.”

Called to Share a Home – Seattle, WA

When Sister Makiko Fujiwara of Seattle heard of the U.S. president’s ban on immigrants from certain countries in January 2017, she felt compelled to do something. Her housemate, Sister Agnes Ly Thi Le, shared that feeling.

Together they pondered what they might do. Their house had an unoccupied basement, and they started picturing the empty space as living quarters. They felt called to share their home with a refugee woman or a woman with children. With this idea in mind, Sisters Makiko and Agnes approached the SNJM Provincial Leadership Team with their proposal and received quick support.

Next they contacted the International Rescue Committee (IRC), which was very interested in their offer. When a young woman who needed a home arrived,

the organization contacted the Sisters. Sister Makiko worked with an advocate from the human trafficking division of IRC to prepare for their guest, and the basement was transformed into a comfortable new home for her.

Their undertaking inspired collaboration. Holy Names Sisters and Associates in the Seattle area quickly offered many generous donations and support.

Olive, a 26-year-old refugee from Rwanda, moved in on Jan. 8, 2018. She began studying to improve her English language skills, and she continues to pursue that goal. She understands more English than she speaks, so her hosts have used online translation tools to communicate. They are also working to keep her connected with the local Rwandan community, most of whom live further south in the city.

Life in the United States is full of discoveries and challenges for Olive, and for Sister Makiko and Sister Agnes as they journey with her. They are doing all they can to help her gain independence, even in the smallest details, such as using kitchen appliances and taking the bus.

“I am deeply grateful to our SNJM Congregation,” Sister Makiko says, “that inspires action and provides collaboration and support as we take up the challenge.” ■



Cuban Asylum Seekers

The Mariel boatlift was a mass emigration of Cubans between April and October of 1980. After approximately 10,000 Cubans tried to gain asylum by taking refuge on the grounds of the Peruvian embassy, the Cuban government announced that anyone who wanted to leave could do so. Fleets of boats were organized by Cuban Americans to bring people from Cuba’s Mariel Harbor to the United States. Living in Key West, Florida, at the time, Sister Theresa Cecilia Lowe recalls going with Sister Mary Ellen Holohan to the docks each evening after school in April and May 1980. Her job was primarily making sandwiches for the refugees, many who had been on open boats, standing shoulder-to-shoulder, for up to 13 hours, as pictured here. She remarks that this was one of the most interesting and emotional experiences of her life.

Commitment to JUSTICE

Sisters and Associates representing the SNJM provinces around the world met for five days in July to evaluate SNJM Justice efforts and envision possible new ways that the Congregation could lead and respond to the call for justice actions.

A highlight of the meeting was a discussion with leaders of YES (Youth Ending Slavery), a nonprofit founded by high school students and based in Portland, Oregon. President Gwen Kaliszewski and Outreach Director Ellie Simmons shared their passion for combating modern-day slavery and educating others, particularly youth, about its effects on our world today. They stressed the importance of education for the rising generation who have both the opportunity and responsibility to create a world where unjust practices in the name of profit are not tolerated.



The group also met with Delphine Busch, Holy Names Associate, who manages the House of Mercy (see related article on page 4) and helps residents with educational, job-seeking and permanent housing resources. She introduced them to two women who currently live in the House of Mercy who shared their heart-wrenching but hope-filled stories. ■

Gwen Kaliszewski, President, a rising senior at Cleveland High School (front right) and Ellie Simmons, Outreach Director, a rising junior at St. Mary's Academy (front left) joined members of the Congregational Justice Network to discuss efforts to combat human trafficking.



Sisters and Associates symbolically crossed a threshold to prepare for their multi-day discussions of critical topics about the future.

Provincial Gathering

The U.S.-Ontario Province is one of five provinces and sectors of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary that trace their origins to Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher. In July 2018, the Sisters, Associates and Lay Consecrated of the U.S.-Ontario Province gathered to take a long, loving look to see how we have been faithful to our mission, and to explore how God is calling us into the ever-evolving future.

We celebrated our diversity and our unity with a parade of banners designed by geographical groups of Sisters and Associates. We prayed and worshiped together and discussed our common focus and current challenges. We also took part in a silent witness in support of immigrants to the U.S., especially the families of desperate asylum-seekers. ■



Golden JUBILARIANS



Sister Mary C. Boys

Mary has always loved teaching. "It gives me energy, stimulates new learning and feeds my soul," she says. As she completes her 24th year in the ecumenical setting of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, she expresses gratitude for colleagues and friends across many cultures and religious traditions. She gives thanks for being surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) in her community, in her education and in her professional life, who serve as profound role models.

What is Jubilee time? It is thanksgiving, remembering, reflecting, celebrating and giving thanks to God for life, love, people, service and faithfulness. We are happy to present to you Jubilarians who are celebrating 50 years since they first professed vows as Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. You can read full biographies by visiting www.snjmuson.org/about-us/jubilarians



Sister Ann Gilchrist

Ann volunteered in many positions during college but decided that she wanted to be a teacher and turned to the Holy Names Sisters not only because of their teaching but also their care for the whole person. Her own 50 years of ministry in California have been very fulfilling and the years of teaching, administration and counseling have made her grateful to God for her vocation and opportunities to serve.

religious life. Although she knew no nuns and did not attend Catholic schools, the Spirit saw to it that upon graduating from high school, she found her way to the Holy Names Sisters at Marylhurst. For Kathryn, Marylhurst and creation is a living library, inviting us to live more deeply into the Heart of God.



Sister Susan Maloney

For 50 years, Susan enjoyed her ministries of teaching elementary, adult and university students in California. During these years, she has given service to many SNJM undertakings. As a justice committee member she co-authored the SNJM Corporate Stands on *Migrants and Refugees* and *Against Trafficking in Women and Children*. Susan continues to lead the annual Women's Wholistic Retreat. Susan's prayer of gratitude is for her family, friends and the SNJM community.



**Sister Annamarie Therese
Colapietro**

Annamarie Therese was born and raised in Oakland, California. Her ministries have included junior high and secondary education, formation, mission work in Peru, leadership and treasurer service, and hospice chaplaincy. "As a Sister of the Holy Names, I have received blessings, privileges and opportunities that would never have been mine otherwise." She is grateful for the family, faith, friends and religious community that have blessed her life journey.



Sister Kathryn Knoll

Kathryn, of Portland, Oregon, learned she was Catholic in 4th grade. As she learned about the Church, she felt called to



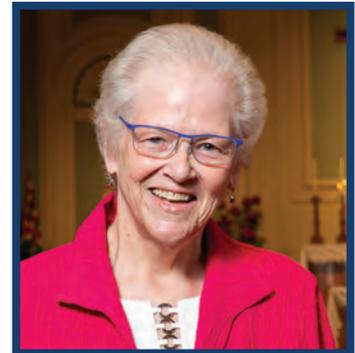
Sister Janet Marcisz

As a primary and kindergarten teacher, Janet's greatest desire was to show her students how much Jesus loves and cares for them. As an OSU Master Gardener in Eugene, Oregon, she continues teaching God's love for us through the gift of Creation. Gratitude is deep in her heart, for her family, her religious community, students and friends who have guided her to this point. They are true blessings and she is thankful for each one.



Sister Marilyn Miller

Marilyn's education began at St. Cecilia School in San Francisco and this is where she concluded 44 years as a Catholic educator. She loved her ministry as both an elementary teacher and principal. Marilyn is grateful for the wonderful people God placed in her life throughout the years: family, friends, ministry partners and Sisters in community who challenged her and surrounded her with love and support every day!



Sister Maureen (Moe) Oliver

God is in all things, and though God can seem elusive at times, Moe, who lives in Portland, Oregon, has come to experience the breadth of God's love from knowing family and friends, living ministry experiences, enduring heartache and tremendous joy, and in capturing all the ways we live life. We don't just get through it; we are blessed by it! It is with pure joy and gratitude that she celebrates these 50 years as a Holy Names and continues the journey!



**Sister Mary Ann
Martinmaas**

When Mary Ann entered, she came to follow in the footsteps of all the Holy Names who taught her. Loving children's openness and sense of wonder, she wanted to be a first grade teacher, and she went on to spend 41 years teaching, including in Salem, Oregon, where she resides. She has touched lives and they in turn have touched hers. Her life as a Sister is full of blessings, grace and rich and lasting friendships.



Sister Cheryl Milner

Cheryl is the oldest of three children (her siblings are Karyn and Gary) born to Richard and Dorothy Milner in Oakland, California. Her young life centered around Our Lady of Lourdes School and Holy Names High School. During her years of ministry, Cheryl served as principal at St. Monica High School (Santa Monica) and Bellarmine-Jefferson High School (Burbank). She is now Director of Villa Maria del Mar Retreat Center in Santa Cruz.



Sister Carol Sellman

Carol met the Sisters of the Holy Names when she attended College of the Holy Names in Oakland. After 12 years in elementary education, she began her 35 years tenure at Holy Names University in various positions. She is currently serving as Vice President for Mission Integration at Holy Names University. Carol is grateful for all who have supported her these 50 years.

In Memory

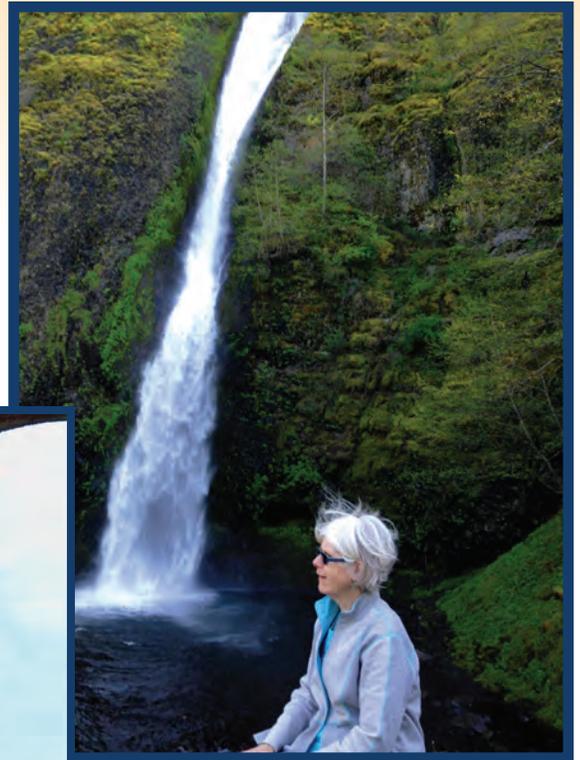
Sister Mary Burke, SNJM (James Marie)

March 25, 1942 – November 29, 2017

A Holy Names Sister for 55 years, Sister Mary Burke, age 75, died in Portland, Oregon, November 29, 2017. Daughter of James and Marie Boyle Burke, Mary grew up in Portland. She entered in 1960 and received the religious name Sister James Marie.

Mary began her ministry in education as an elementary teacher in Holy Names Schools in Salem and Portland. She went on to become principal and president of Sacred Heart Mid-High and High School, Salem, and St. Mary's Academy, Portland. She became well known for her proficiency in administration and development, eventually joining the Secondary School Department of the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington, D.C., and then working for the Diocesan School Office in Toledo, Ohio. She remained a sought-after consultant in development to Catholic schools.

A woman of diverse interests, she was a talented photographer (her angel photo is pictured here) and mountain climber who scaled nearly all of the peaks in the Cascade Range. She once said that next to teaching, being outdoors was her number one priority.



Sister Constance Lovcik (Constanza Marion)

May 22, 1925 – May 28, 2017

A Holy Names Sister for 72 years, Sister Constance Lovcik, age 92, died at Marylhurst, Oregon, on May 28, 2017. Daughter of Albin and Barbara Bina Lovcik, she grew up in Salem, Oregon. She entered in 1943 and received the religious name Sister Constanza Marion.

The Lovcik family was a musical one. Connie sang and played the violin and retained her love of music throughout her life. Using this background to study and teach music, she was a music educator in Holy Names elementary and secondary schools in Salem, Spokane, Seattle and Portland. She specialized in violin instruction and in almost every place she taught, she formed an orchestra.

She had a gift for recognizing talent in students. Her boys and girls went on to play successfully in other groups around the West. When the Suzuki method of teaching violin was in its initial stages, she was one of the first to use it with her students.

Throughout her life, Constance was a wonderful conversationalist, demonstrating her always-inquiring mind and thirst for knowledge.



Sister Maxine Currin (M. Richard James)

March 1, 1923 – July 24, 2018

A Sister of the Holy Names for 63 years, Sister Maxine Currin, age 95, died at Marylhurst, July 24, 2018. Daughter of Lynch and Ileen Wills Currin, Maxine grew up in Cottage Grove, Oregon. While in college she became interested in Catholicism and was baptized. Attracted to religious life, she entered in 1953 and received the name Sister M. Richard James.

She taught in SNJM high schools in Medford, Eugene and Portland, but because of her excellent management skills she was sent to Notre Dame to get an MBA, one of the first women to do so. She became purchasing and maintenance director for the Sisters at Marylhurst, but as needs changed, she moved into the hotel industry, employed as Executive Housekeeper at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Warm Springs, and at the Newport Hilton. While busy with hotel responsibilities, there was another facet to her presence. Because of her religious vocation, staff and residents often approached her for counsel on problems of family, loneliness, or alcoholism. An Oregon Duck and Portland Trailblazer fan for decades, she created scrapbooks of their exploits, which were eventually donated to the University of Oregon Library and the Trail Blazers.



Sister Marilyn Harris (Alice Harris)

January 30, 1918 – December 9, 2017

A Holy Names Sister for 79 years, Sister Marilyn Harris (Alice Catherine Harris), age 99, died at Marylhurst, Oregon, December 9, 2017.

Daughter of Arthur and Lula Molohon Harris, Alice grew up in southeast Portland. She entered in 1936 and received the name Sister Marilyn. She had a long career in education as a primary grade teacher in Holy Names schools in Portland, Salem, St. Paul, Coos Bay, Astoria, Medford, Seattle and Spokane. She later worked as a Chapter 1 coordinator and teacher for Portland Public Schools and as a teacher's aide.

She was an active member of the retirement community at Mary's Woods known for her spirit of welcome and gracious hospitality. She hosted the daily pinochle game and, even if you didn't know how to play pinochle, you were still welcome as Sister Marilyn would reply, "We'll teach you." Characteristic of Sister Marilyn were a subtle sense of humor and a wide-ranging knowledge in the earth sciences, both of which she happily shared.



Sister Marianne Misetich, SNJM (Mary Antonetta)

April 22, 1928 – December 3, 2017

A Sister of the Holy Names for 70 years, Sister Marianne Misetich, age 89, died at Marylhurst, Oregon, December 3, 2017. Of Croatian descent, Marianne was the daughter of Anthony and Eva Lautz Misetich. She grew up in Portland in a loving family that she deeply treasured all her life. She entered in 1945 and received the name Sister Mary Antonetta.

She taught music in Holy Names schools around the Pacific Northwest, including Salem, Bend, The Dalles, Seattle, Spokane, Coos Bay, Portland, Astoria and St. Paul. Later she was a parish music director in Gresham, Portland and Tillamook and ran a music ministry at the Sisters' Motherhouse in Montreal. For several years, Sister Marianne also worked as an announcer with Portland's Catholic radio station.

A gifted composer, Sister Marianne was well known for her original music written for school plays and programs. Several of her hymns continue to be published by Oregon Catholic Press in their annual music issue and are available from their website.



Sister Yolanda Mathenski (Wilfrida Mary)

January 1, 1926 – July 23, 2018

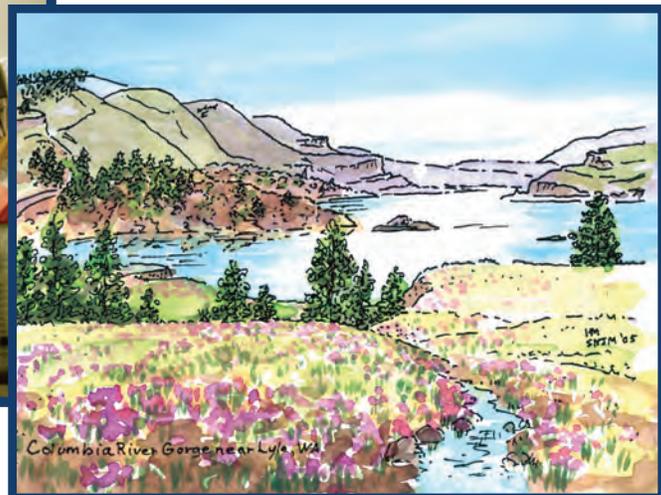
A Sister of the Holy Names for 71 years, Sister Yolanda Mathenski, age 92, died at Marylhurst, Oregon, July 23, 2018.

Daughter of John and Mary Posywolski Mathenski, Yolanda grew up in Seattle, Washington. She entered in 1944 and received the religious name Sister Wilfrida Mary.

Having taught in Holy Names schools in Portland, The Dalles, Cottage Grove, St. Paul, Ontario, Seattle and Spokane, she was also principal in St. Paul and group mother at Christie School. Years later Sister Yolanda reunited with one of the Christie girls who on greeting her gave her a big hug and said "your love made all the difference." From 1984-1998,

she devoted herself to ministry to Hispanic families in the Medford area. She said that part of the program especially dear to her was assisting immigrants with the paperwork to become legal residents of the United States. After retiring, she returned to Portland where she volunteered and enjoyed her garden.





Sister Helen Moore (M. Gertrude Anne)

December 30, 1924 – May 22, 2018

A Sister of the Holy Names for 72 years, Sister Helen Moore, age 93, died at Marylhurst, Oregon, May 22, 2018. Daughter of George and Grace Fleck Moore, Helen grew up in The Dalles, Oregon. She entered in 1943 and received the name Sister M. Gertrude Anne. She had a long career in elementary education in Holy Names schools in Portland, Salem, St. Paul, Coos Bay, Astoria, Medford and St. Helens, Oregon and Uniontown, Washington.

From childhood Helen loved art. At age four, she sketched an imaginary train waiting at the right side of the doorway of her home with boxcars following around the house and the caboose at the left side of the door. In her later years, she enjoyed the freedom to create — drawing, painting and selling greeting cards. Cards featuring her Columbia River Gorge watercolor (pictured) were especially loved.

Known for her open smile, Sister Helen was a gracious, welcoming presence. She once said herself, "The grace for me as a Sister is gratitude to God and to so many people for the faith and the ability that I have for doing what I think God called me to do."



Sister John Maureen Backenstos (Peggy Jean Backenstos)

January 30, 1922 – December 14, 2017

A Holy Names Sister for 73 years, Sister John Maureen Backenstos ("Peggy Jean" Backenstos), age 95, died at Marylhurst, Oregon, December 14, 2017. Daughter of James and Patience Whitaker Backenstos, Peggy Jean grew up in Portland. She entered in 1942 and received the religious name Sister John Maureen.

She had a long career in elementary education in Holy Names schools in Portland, Salem, St. Paul, Lake Oswego, Medford, Seattle and Marist High School in Eugene.

A woman of many interests, she was a writer, poet and photographer who loved the outdoors and had a deep passion for social justice.

She spent 35 years in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, as a loving pastoral presence serving the needs of an economically depressed region of rural Oregon. With the help of St. Vincent de Paul, she created a much-needed food pantry that continues today as the McKenzie River Food Bank. Her generosity and loving acceptance remain an inspiration to McKenzie River community.

CORRECTION:

In our last issue, we featured our senior Jubilarians of 2017. We erroneously identified Sister Mary Courtman as a 70-year Jubilarian. Sister Mary is actually celebrating her 75-year Jubilee! Congratulations to Sister Mary as she celebrates 75 years as a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.



Senior JUBILARIANS

Sister Annette Corvatta



70-Year Jubilarian
Sister Annette Corvatta's (M. Annette Teresa) musical history is legendary in Holy Names annals. She began her career directing high school musical productions. After

receiving a doctorate in music performance, she soloed at Carnegie Hall, and taught music at various East Coast universities. She served as provincial for the New York Province. Later she combined an interest in spirituality with her love for music to conduct workshops and retreats across the U.S. She retired at Mary's Woods where she has made wonderful friends with Sisters and staff.

Sister Mary Noreen O'Leary



70-Year Jubilarian
Sister Mary Noreen O'Leary (M. Noreen Elizabeth) entered with a master's in Fine Art and taught art and academic subjects from grade school through college.

After many years in the Art Department at Marylhurst College, she worked with Hispanics in Los Angeles improving her Spanish and teaching ESOL. Returning to Oregon she spent two-plus decades tutoring at Portland Community College. However, art education remained close to her heart throughout and she has continuously offered art tutoring. Her artwork ranges from mosaics to serigraphs.



Sister Caryl Bastasch

60-Year Jubilarian
A creative and enthusiastic teacher, Sister Caryl Bastasch (M. Carolyn

Frances) taught grades one through six in The Dalles, Portland and Salem, and earned an M.S. at Portland State University. Later she served as Pastoral Associate in Lincoln County and Tualatin, Oregon. After retiring, she continues sharing her pastoral gifts as a volunteer visiting the elderly and others where needed.

Sister Brigid Baumann



60-Year Jubilarian
Sister Brigid L. Baumann (M. Brigid Louise) has been cheerfully serving God's people in Western Oregon schools and parishes for over 40 years, and in Peru for

14 years. These days she is grateful for a bit of slowing down. Being closer and reconnecting with family, friends and religious community, as well as returning to the parish of her childhood (St. Francis of Assisi, Portland) as part of the music group, fills her with joy.

Sister Kathleen Kircher



60-Year Jubilarian
For 20 years Sister Kathleen Kircher (M. Stephen Mark) taught high school chemistry and physics in just three places, Spokane, Salem and Portland. Changing

directions, she became a CNA, inspiring her to take a chaplain's course at Providence Hospital where in customary fashion she stayed for 20 years, ending as director of spiritual services. She then served in various administrative roles for the Oregon Sisters. Now retired, she finds great joy in playing the recorder with the recorder consort at Mary's Woods.

Sister Janina Kokorowski



60-Year Jubilarian
Sister Janina Kokorowski (Janina Maria), who lives in Lake Oswego, reflects on her 60 years as a Sister of the Holy Names. "Jesus said, 'I came that you may have life in

abundance.' It has been life in abundance in the innocent and transparent faces of the First Graders I taught. Life in abundance experienced in the support and mutual commitment to the Gospel with the co-workers over the years of ministry. Life in abundance shared with family and friends has accompanied me throughout life's journey."

Sister Beverly Miller



60-Year Jubilarian
After she obtained a nursing degree, Sister Beverly Miller (M. Carol Jean) entered the Holy Names Sisters. Her community assignments as a nurse took her to Christie

School, Sisters' Care Center, and Kerr Center for severely handicapped children, located at that time at Marylhurst. She also served as Provincial Superior in Oregon. Until recently she lived at St. Mary's Convent, The Dalles before joining the community at Mary's Woods.

Sister Marilyn Nunemaker



60-Year Jubilarian
Since retiring from 45 years of full-time teaching, which was the love of her life, Sister Marilyn Nunemaker (Maria Jacinta) continues to help adults improve their reading

and English skills and those preparing for the citizenship test. Marilyn, a painter herself, created the Quetzal Bird Art Gallery at Mary's Woods, which displays the art of local SNJM Sister artists. She loves to be of help to other Sisters, family, and friends, and for relaxation you may find her gardening, playing with her dogs, painting, or maybe even camping, skiing, or kayaking.

Sister Donna Van Laeken



60-Year Jubilarian
Sister Donna Van Laeken (Mary Sebastian)'s schooling at Holy Redeemer, St. Mary's Academy, and Marylhurst College prepared her for a career teaching students

and coaching athletic teams at every grade level 1-16 inclusively. After Vatican II, she took on new challenges. As a staff member in various types of houses of prayer, she assisted people in their spiritual journeys. Demographic studies of our aging population led her to a master's degree and pioneering work in gerontology. She now offers the elderly compassionate care in their homes or retirement facilities. At 6', Donna still stands as the tallest sister in the Holy Names Congregation.

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The Harold family has a long history with the Sisters of the Holy Names. Robert and Frances Harold and their children Liz, Bob and Jim made their home in Pasadena, CA. The children were taught by the Sisters at Saints Felicitas and Perpetua School in San Marino during the 1950s and 60s. "I was a very shy child and was in awe of the Sisters in those early years. They produced such amazing things from those pockets of theirs," says Liz.

Sister Mary Claudine Peacock taught Liz in the eighth grade. "She was tough on us, preparing us for the high school days ahead. As a result, I was always trying to avoid her. But to my horror, my mother and S. Mary Claudine became fast friends. Mom's volunteer work on Hot Dog Thursdays just exacerbated the problem." Liz believes that this deep friendship later motivated her mother to convert to Catholicism.

"Looking back, I realize what excellent role models they were. So many had stories to tell, stories of courage and sacrifice. They faced these

challenges with a light heart and a pragmatic point of view. It has given me strength and deepened my faith. I have a

perspective learned from their example as I face my own challenges."

When Bob moved to Portland, Oregon, he rekindled his relationship with the Sisters at St. Mary's Academy, where he has served as an advisor and board member for more than 27 years.

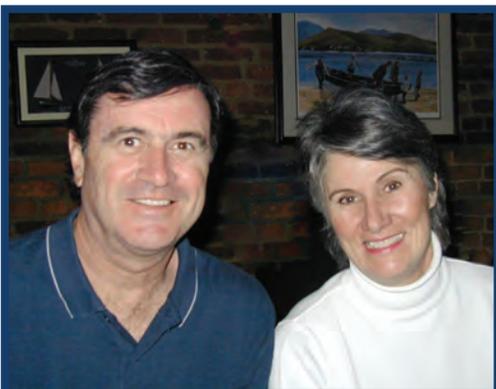
An astute businessman who served as CFO at Nike, Bob advised his parents on how to achieve their retirement goals. "IRAs are very efficient as retirement vehicles to provide income, but rather inefficient if left in one's estate, meaning that the beneficiaries will be taxed at their full earnings rate at the time of their withdrawal. Therefore, if there is a desire to make charitable gifts as an aspect of one's estate planning, using an IRA is a good way to go."

Following Bob's advice, Robert and Frances asked their children to choose the beneficiaries of their IRAs. Liz chose the Sisters. "There was never any question in my mind where that IRA benefit would go," says Liz. "We have all appreciated what the Sisters have done for us these many years. In fact, we will never forget it. This gift allowed us to assist them to continue their good work into the future."

After his parents passed, Bob saw firsthand the positive results of their decision regarding their IRAs. Soon after, Bob and his wife Sue included the Sisters as beneficiaries of one of their own IRAs. "Giving back to the Sisters of the Holy Names is easy. They have given so much for so many, it's the very least we can do. Liz, Jim and I will be forever grateful to our parents for selecting a Holy Names school for us." ■

Top photo: Bob Harold and Liz Harold King. After raising her children, Liz spent 30 years working in law offices, the last 15 in the political realm of Washington D.C. She and her husband, Ron Coffman, make their home in Annapolis, MD.

Bottom photo: Bob Harold (on the far right) loved Sister Gabriel, who would drive a bus and pick up preschoolers for the Sisters' summer Garden School.



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.

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Paula Mary Turnbull, SNJM
May 26, 1921 – July 20, 2018



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Sister Paula Mary Turnbull sculpted her story in elements of copper, iron, wood, paint and fire, from her childhood on the sands of Alki beach to grade school classrooms to studios at Fort Wright College of the Holy Names and on the property of Convent of the Holy Names in Spokane, Washington. Her special gift was to see beauty, and her ministry has been to re-present beauty and to call it forth in others. Although she used the elements of the earth to shape her story, the welcome in her eyes and smile opened the hearts of all to her inner beauty, and called forth a response.

For Paula, art was an expression of the dialogue inclusive of all Earth's inhabitants! Because Paula traveled and led art tours throughout the world, she is internationally known for her liturgical art. Her garbage-eating goat, created for the 1974 World's Fair in Spokane, reveals her love for the earth and our need to care for it, her sense of whimsy, and her creativity and skill in working with metal: truly a piece of integration.

Earlier this year, friends and patrons gathered for a retrospective art show and auction featuring Sister Paula's work. The event also featured the release of *Sculpting a Spiritual Response* by Leslie Salmons Roth, a photographic collection of many of Sister Paula's works in the Pacific Northwest. Despite her fragile health, Sister Paula attended and enjoyed sharing her work with those in attendance. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Sisters retirement fund and ministry in Lesotho, Africa.

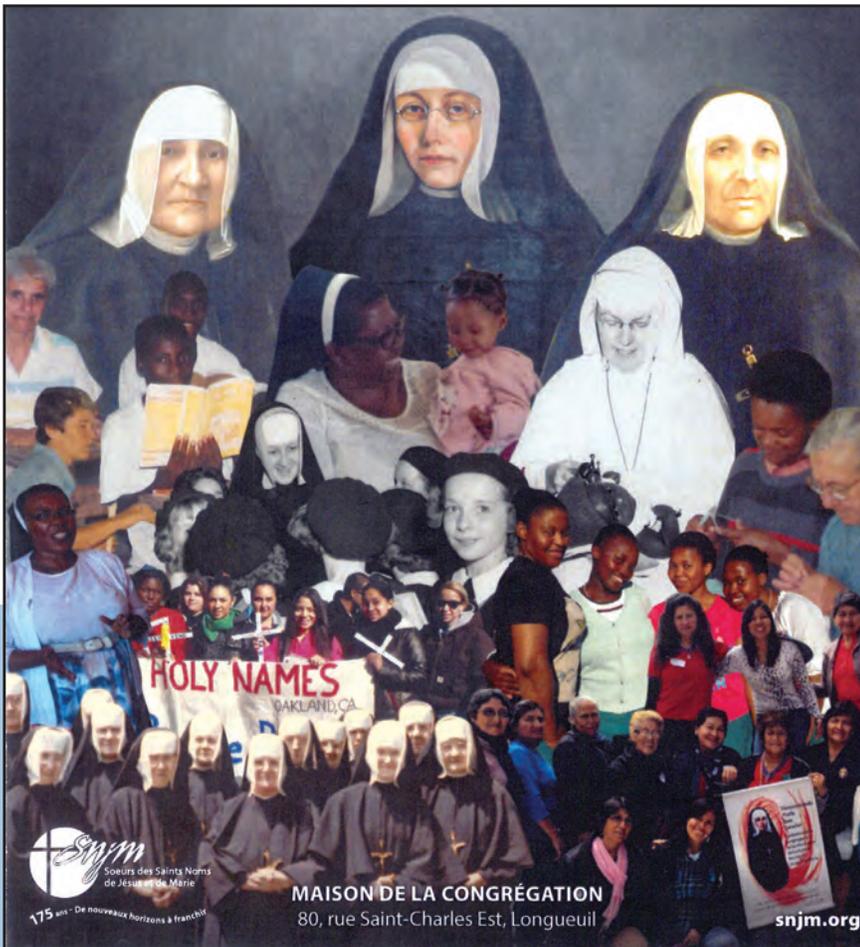


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