



## 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

**W**hen 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.

**W**hat 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](http://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.

# Senior JUBILARIANS

We are happy to present to you Jubilarians who are celebrating milestones as Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in the number of years since they first professed vows:

## 75 Years



**Sr. Mary Winifred Solomon**  
(Mary Winifred)  
Florida



**Sr. Mary Noreen O'Leary**  
(Noreen Elizabeth)  
Oregon



**Sr. Virginia Bonan**  
(Rose Esther)  
Maryland



**Sr. Kathleen Kircher**  
(Stephen Mark)  
Oregon



**Sr. Anne Celine Turner**  
(Anne Celine)  
Florida

## 70 Years



**Sr. Collette Carroll**  
(Eulalie Rose)  
California



**Sr. Maria Schrapps**  
(Claudia Mary)  
Washington



**Sr. Jo'Ann De Quattro**  
(Joseph Angelo)  
California



**Sr. Janina Kokorowski**  
(Janina Maria)  
Oregon



**Sr. Donna Van Laeken**  
(Mary Sebastian)  
Oregon

## 60 Years



**Sr. Annette Covatta**  
(Annette Teresa)  
Oregon



**Sr. Caryl Bastasch**  
(Carolyn Frances)  
Oregon



**Sr. Dorothy Dees**  
(Mary Kristen)  
Washington



**Sr. Marilyn Nunemaker**  
(Marica Jacinta)  
Oregon



**Sr. Marianne Viani**  
(Mary Caritas)  
California



**Sr. Colleen Kern**  
(Miriam Patrice)  
California



**Sr. Brigid Baumann**  
(Brigid Louise)  
Oregon



**Sr. Karyl Fredricks**  
(Francis Michael)  
New York



**Sr. David Emmanuel Paula**  
(David Emmanuel)  
California



**Sr. Lorean Whiteman**  
(Imelda Rose)  
New York



**Sr. Rosemary Perisich**  
(Christopher Michael)  
Washington



**Sr. Georgia Yianakulis**  
(Clare Christine)  
Washington

# GRATEFUL for The Holy Names Sisters

By Patricia Welch Newton

The Sisters of the Holy Names have been a part of our family since my mother, Gertrude O'Toole, attended high school at the Convent of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at Lake Merritt, Oakland. When it was time for me to go to school, I attended Holy Names High School (HNHS), graduating in 1946. After completing



my degree at San Jose State University, I received my teaching credential from Holy Names College (now Holy Names University). At HNHS, I was deeply influenced by Sister Mary Christine, my sophomore homeroom teacher, and Sister Mary Edmund, our Dean of Students. The memories of both of these Sisters and my other teachers remain with me to this day. I continue to volunteer and support HNHS by attending many HNHS events and volunteering in the Alumnae Association. My daughter, Suellen Newton Noland, graduated from HNHS in 1977.

What motivates me to support the Sisters?

Three generations of our family have been educated by the Sisters and their support and encouragement were influential in my life. Since 1992, I have given back to them – first “in a small way” and since 2007 through my larger gifts from my IRA. An IRA distribution to the Sisters is convenient and the tax advantage makes it a “no brainer.” I am able to increase the amount of my yearly contribution and my gross income is adjusted because of this gift. Supporting the Sisters and their ministries is my way of thanking them for the strong education I have received. ■

## THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER Donate your IRA Distribution to Charity

Those over the age of 70½ who have not yet taken the required distribution (RMD) from their IRA might ask their IRA administrator to make a direct, tax-free, qualified charitable distribution to the Sisters of the Holy Names. An added value is that donors skip the step of declaring the contribution, as they are able to exclude the amount from their gross income. This permanent provision in the Pension Protection Act has become a popular and simple way to make a greater gift to the Sisters.

If you have questions about donating your IRA distribution to the Sisters of the Holy Names, please contact your development office: Sarah Harris, [sharris@snjmuson.org](mailto:sharris@snjmuson.org) or (503) 675-7111.



# Celebrating the Life and Work of Paula Mary Turnbull, SNJM

May 26, 1921 – July 20, 2018

Sister Paula Mary Turnbull sculpted her story in elements of copper, iron, wood, paint and fire. Her special gift was to see beauty, and her ministry has been to represent 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 Sister 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*, 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.

To read a tribute to Paula, please visit [www.snjmusontario.org/about-us/obits](http://www.snjmusontario.org/about-us/obits).

To purchase a copy of *Sculpting a Spiritual Response*, visit <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/sculptingbook>



Sisters Barbara Spears, Kathleen Keller, Pat Parachini, Molia Sieh, Carroll Ann Kemp and Frankie Barber attended the discussion.

## Faith & Feminism

Sisters of the Holy Names from the Mid-Atlantic area attended a recent panel discussion at Georgetown University about "On Being Unfinished" (2017), a collection of essays by Anne E. Patrick, SNJM (AHN Silver Spring class of 1958). As a professor and critical scholar, Sister Anne broke new ground in a number of Catholic theological disciplines, including feminist ethics, creativity, conscience, liturgy and contemporary expressions of religious life. Panelists highlighted sections of the book — which offers fresh insight on post-Vatican II theological development in the Catholic Church in the United States — before taking questions from the audience. A video of the event can be found on YouTube (search for Faith Feminism and Being Unfinished).



# Call to Vietnam

On March 6, 2018, Sisters and Associates in the Seattle area participated in the 16th annual “A Call to Vietnam” benefit dinner. It was an evening of song, enthusiasm and good food that raised more than \$50,000 for the Sisters’ ministry to marginalized people in Vietnam. Since 2001, Sisters Agnes Ly Thi Le and Kay

Burton have collaborated with the Sisters of the Lovers of the Holy Cross, who provide education to poor families and services for disabled children and adults, pregnant teens, elderly people and people called to religious life in Vietnam.



# 150 Years in California

## Northern California Opening Celebration

On May 10, 2018 – 150 years after the arrival of the first Sisters in California – St. Theresa’s Event Center in Oakland rang with the sounds of laughter, gratitude, memories shared and friendships renewed. More than 300 Sisters, Associates, friends, colleagues, former and current students gathered to open the 150th Anniversary Year.

lifted spirits as they sang. A special highlight was the moving testimonials of four alumni. Finally, the Sisters’ beloved friend John Cummins, Bishop Emeritus of Oakland, concluded the program with words of appreciation and a final blessing.



## In Southern California

Later that month, more than 40 Associates and Sisters processed into Saint Anthony Church in San Gabriel to begin a Eucharistic celebration to mark the anniversary. The Ramona

Convent Secondary School Singers provided beautiful music. The opening hymn “All are Welcome,” characterized the way our celebration was embraced by Pastor Austin Doran, who opened the church and its facilities to the SNJM community and guests on May 19, 2018. Sister Daleen Larkin spoke of the relationships that brought together Sisters, professional colleagues, students, family and friends. She gave each an opportunity to define that relationship to the mission of Jesus: “I have come to cast fire on the earth”... that fire of love which inspired Mother Marie Rose 175 years ago and continues to inspire our actions for justice and education in the faith in California and beyond.

## Upcoming Celebrations

We will be celebrating throughout the coming year, and we invite you to join us as your schedule permits. For more information about these events or to RSVP, visit our anniversary website, [www.snjmCA150.org](http://www.snjmCA150.org), or contact [CAanniversary@snjmuson.org](mailto:CAanniversary@snjmuson.org)

**October 6:** Eucharistic Celebration and Reception, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland\*\*

**February 2:** Eucharistic Celebration\*\* and Dinner\*, St. Monica Parish Event Center, Santa Monica

**March 9:** Eucharistic Celebration and Reception, St. Mary Parish and School, Los Gatos\*\*

\*Ticketed event  
\*\*RSVP requested

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Remember Rejoice Renew

CALIFORNIA  
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Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and Provincial Leader Sister Maureen Delaney.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf’s inspiring Mayoral Proclamation declared May 10, 2018 to be Sisters of the Holy Names Day. Holy Names High School’s “Bell Tones” ensemble

# WHY THEY GIVE: Partners in Mission

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

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."

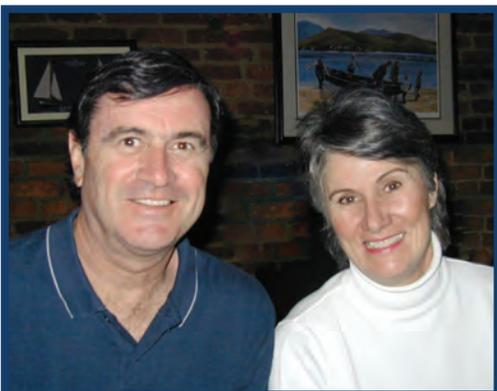
After his parents passed, Bob saw firsthand the positive results of their decision regarding their IRAs. Soon after, Bob and his wife Sue included the Sisters as beneficiaries of one of their own IRAs. "Giving back to the Sisters of the Holy Names is easy. They have given so much for so many, it's the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

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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.

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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.

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.snjmusontario.org/PrayerGift](http://www.snjmusontario.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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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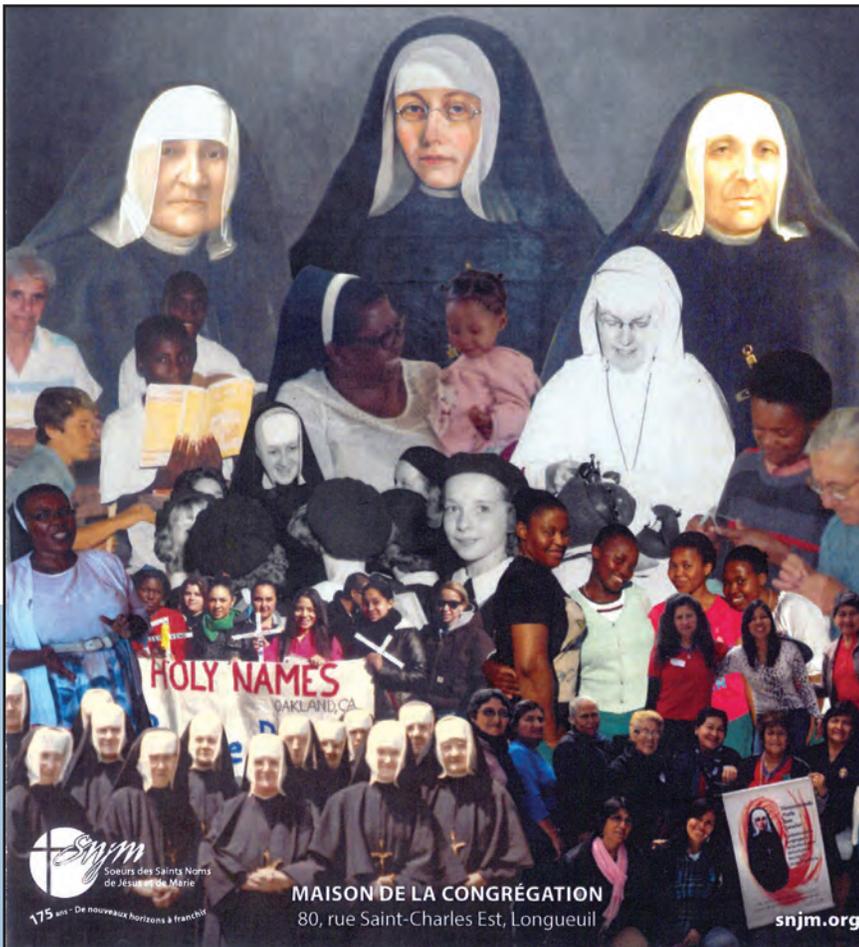


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