

Care of the Earth

Avid gardener Sister Peggy Hurley in her backyard garden in California.

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Sisters Care for the Earth



Right: Sister Mary Rita with her bamboo paper towels and reusable water bottle.

Below: Homemade bread from the wheat of Sister Peggy's garden.

Every Individual Makes a Difference

Sister Mary Rita Rohde embodies the SNJM commitment to caring for the Earth. “For me, it’s a moral issue,” she says. “We need to be morally responsible for generations to come.”

When asked for two actions people can take to make a difference, she quickly identified **eliminate the use of plastics** and **don’t eat beef**.

She knows it’s not easy to be plastic-free, but when she goes shopping in her town of Sunnyside, WA, she chooses bar soap instead of liquid, brings mesh or paper bags for produce and avoids buying water or other drinks in plastic bottles.

Regarding beef, Sister Mary Rita explains that there are two related concerns: the methane that cows produce, which adds to the planet’s greenhouse gas problem, and the destruction of trees in order to provide grazing land for cows, especially in the Amazon region. When you consider that it takes more than 1,800 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef, the environmental impact becomes even more significant. She notes that good alternatives are available that make it easier to eliminate beef from your diet.

“Our interconnectedness with all of creation means that the actions of every individual matter,” Sister Mary Rita concluded.

The Bread of Life

Home gardening is a tradition in the Hurley family. Sister Peggy Hurley plants flowers, vegetables and wheat wherever she lives. She shares the flowers and the vegetables





with neighbors, food pantries and people in her area of Los Gatos, CA who are going through homelessness. The fruits of her harvest have occasionally been shared with the Carmelite Monastery as well.

Why grow wheat? “My Dad worked for Toscana French Bread Company, so I have always liked the smell and feel of bread,” she said. In addition, “When I was living at Holy Names University in 1976, I planted wheat seeds. Sr. Nancy Teskey and I harvested the wheat and ground it using the grinder at Bishop John Cummins’ family home. I baked bread for the first time using that wheat. With the Bishop’s permission, we used this bread at the Eucharist during SNJM meetings.

She has continued to grow wheat and bake the bread “because it is such a joy to grow things and share with others!” It became a Holy Names tradition in California to use Sister Peggy’s bread at Mass for vow ceremonies, jubilees, funerals, retreats, and other SNJM celebrations.

Gardening as a Community

For the past 32 years, Sister Kay Burton has ministered in Jonestown, MS. A part of her message has been the importance of helping others, both through her own involvement and by training volunteers.

Through Sister Kay’s encouragement, adults and youth of Jonestown have come together to create a wonderful Community Garden. While taking care of the Earth by nurturing the land, the gardeners benefit from better access to food, enhanced nutrition, increased physical activity, and improved mental health.

In the summer of 2021, the Community Garden produced cabbage, squash, green beans, okra, tomatoes, cucumbers and watermelons. Forty tomato plants grew quickly, loaded with blossoms that produced fruit from April through mid-September. The volunteers enjoy and share their summer harvest while happily anticipating their next crop, as they now sow seeds for winter greens.



Top: Watermelon harvest at Jonestown Community Garden.

Below: Sister Kay Burton (in broad-brimmed hat) with garden volunteers.



full – and devising ways to distribute them, including visiting local parks with armloads full.

Sister Janet looks forward to when she can again dig in the dirt with novice gardeners and read to children tales of wonder and the splendor of our incredible planet Earth.

A Green Transformation in Albany

In 2018, a committee of Sisters and community members discussed options for the former New York Province's Provincial House in Albany. It was no longer used regularly by the Sisters or the Academy of the Holy Names-Albany that shares the campus. The aged water and power systems, plus pervasive asbestos fireproofing, made construction or renovation options costly and ultimately, they decided that the best choice was to return the grounds to green space.

During the next year, the 85,000-square-foot building was emptied of furnishings. Heating and water systems, hundreds of lockers, lights and built-ins were dismantled and carefully removed. All the items were recycled, donated or sold to area public and parish schools, minority and small businesses, charities and families. One of the chief project objectives was to recycle, reuse or re-purpose everything possible to minimize environmental impacts. For example, crushing the building's bricks and cinder blocks kept them out of landfills and has provided 85% of the fill material needed for the future green space.

Preparations have reached the last stages, with plans to sift out any remaining bits of recyclable material, begin site contouring, add topsoil and seeding, and install a few lights and guardrails. Soon the adjacent school campus will have a limited-access extension of the natural woods along its border. ■



Master Gardener

This summer, Sister Janet Marcisz spent time at her local county fair with the garden club of Eugene, OR, which sponsored a booth providing flowers and containers to fairgoers wishing to explore flower arranging.

Gardening has always been important to Sister Janet, providing a close, heart-filling connection to the beauty of our planet. After 38 years of classroom teaching, she trained as an Oregon State University Master Gardener as a new facet of her ministry as an educator. In this way she continues teaching God's love for us in the gift of Creation.

While the pandemic curtailed her in-person master gardener activities, she continues her own education and helps gardeners by sharing best practices via Zoom workshops.

Pandemic safety measures have also limited her work with the Lane County Literacy Council, which gives away books and encourages parents to read to their children. However, the council is still collecting books –accumulating garages

Top: As part of their afternoon in the garden, Sister Janet and her friend Maxwell read "Diary of a Worm" to learn the importance of worms in the composting process.

Below: Sister Bea with bricks from the Albany Provincial House demolition site.

SNJM SCHOOLS

Weathering the Pandemic

Education for youth, especially girls, has been a core element of SNJM ministry since the community was founded in 1843. While Vatican II opened doors for the Sisters to broaden their options for ministry, education has remained a core part of their “DNA.”

The end of the 2019-2020 and all of the 2020-2021 school year were a challenge for students across the country, with mostly remote learning and social distancing the norm (a true challenge for teenagers!). Students at Holy Names schools, though, were more prepared than most. As part of the Holy Names commitment to addressing the needs of the times, many of the schools had technology in place and were well prepared to provide online learning.

The schools’ strong, thoughtful, informed policies and work with local public health officials ensured that they opened as soon as it was safe to do so. In most cases, SNJM schools saw an increase in enrollment as a result of the pandemic! A few examples of how the schools did not let COVID slow them down:

- All of the schools raised funds to help students and families impacted by the pandemic. Some forgave tuition payments – no student was asked to leave for financial reasons during the pandemic.
- At Ramona Convent School (Alhambra, CA), leaders hosted a vaccination clinic for faculty, staff and students so the school could open for in-person learning more quickly.
- Holy Names Academy (Seattle) moved forward with previous plans to build an underground garage and new athletic complex. While the work went more slowly in order to keep workers safe, it did not impact students who were all learning remotely during construction.

The Sisters of the Holy Names are proud of the way students, faculty and staff at all of their schools have responded to the call of the times. ■

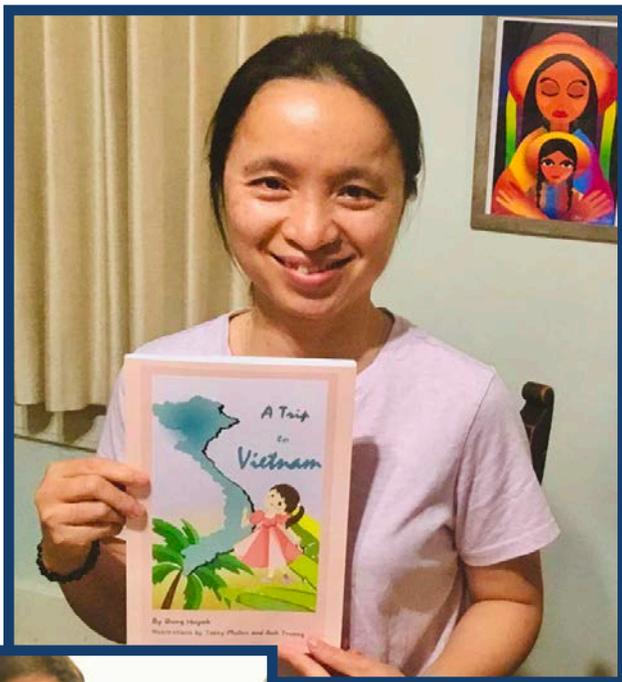


Top to bottom: Sister Mary Glavin (center) was grateful to be back-in person with the girls at Academy of the Holy Names-Tampa.

Holy Names Academy-Seattle made some adaptations in the chapel to allow student-led worship to continue.

Students at Holy Names High School in Oakland, CA were among many who found themselves enjoying canine company while learning.

Two Cultures, ONE STORYBOOK



Right: Sister Kim Dung holds her book, *A Trip to Vietnam*.

Below: Sister Terry Mullen with some of her Heritage University art students (from 2015).

For almost 20 years, Holy Names Sisters have traveled to Vietnam to lend support to Lovers of the Holy Cross Sisters who minister to poor children. Now, one of the Sisters of the Holy Names and two Sisters from Vietnam have collaborated to create an illustrated book about Vietnam.

Sister Theresa Mullen earned art and art education degrees from Sacred Heart College in Wichita, KS, Fort Wright College in Spokane and Eastern Washington University in Cheney. After entering the novitiate in 1975, Sister Terry taught art, graphics and design at Holy Names Academy and Immaculate High School in Seattle and at Heritage College in Toppenish, WA. Today, she lives with her 97-year-old mother in Yakima, WA and continues her career in art.

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She made illustrations for the book written by Lovers of the Holy Cross Sister Kim Dung. As a young religious in Hue, Vietnam, Sister Kim Dung benefitted from visits by the Holy Names Sisters, who taught English to the Vietnamese Sisters and provided funds raised in the United States to supply poor children with food, medicine and scholarships.

Three years ago, Sisters Kim Dung and My Dung came to the United States to improve their English and earn graduate degrees at Heritage University in Toppenish. Sister My Dung graduated from the School Administration program, while Sister Terry encouraged her love of drawing. Sister Kim Dung completed her English Language and Literature degree work in May.

While in Toppenish, Sister Kim Dung wrote the English-language book, *A Trip to Vietnam*, which introduces readers to Vietnamese culture and tradition through the story of a young Vietnamese-Taiwanese girl. It is beautifully illustrated by her "neighbor," Sister Terry, and another Vietnamese Sister, Anh Truong. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.

Donations raised through the annual SNJM *A Call to Vietnam* dinner support the summer English programs in Hue and help cover the costs of the visiting Vietnamese Sisters' visa and university application expenses. You can support the A Call to Vietnam ministry using the envelope in this newsletter, or by visiting <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/aCalltoVietnam> ■



BEAUTY in Our World

For Sister Marilyn Nunemaker (Maria Jacinta) of Portland, OR, art is a spiritual path, a creative engagement with God, particularly through the splendor of nature. “With my art,” she says, “I want to give God glory with nature.”

Her primary subject is landscape, ranging from her own backyard awash in color to broad forest and mountain vistas and beachscapes drawn from her extensive hiking trips.

Wherever she goes, Sister Marilyn brings a camera so she can record images she might later use as inspiration for a painting. Her primary medium is pastels, which have the intensity of color that she feels captures the vibrancy of what she is painting. They are messy but forgiving, she says, and you can make a mistake or change your mind and adjust it. Essential to art for her is intention, of looking deeply into the subject, noticing change and nuance.

In her ministry as an educator, art has always been an important component. She worked with middle schoolers for 23 years and with adult learners for an additional 23 years as a GED instructor at Portland Community College, and art always infused her teaching strategies. Across all disciplines, she relied on art to enliven and vitalize learning.

Through the making of art, Sister Marilyn has a ready avenue to God, and it gives her a sense of joy to freely share it with others. ■



Top: Sister Marilyn's pastels.

Below: Her work on display in her Portland Studio.

Left: Sister Marilyn continues to find inspiration for her works in nature.



Rest in Peace

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary invite you to rejoice with us in the birth into eternal life of our Sisters

Sister Miriam Henry Hussey, SNJM

(Sister Kathryn
Grace)

October 23, 1925 –
May 29, 2021

Sister Miriam Henry passed away in Saratoga, CA after 74 years as a Holy Names Sister.



My life's mission
was to go and teach,
Especially those who
are hard to reach,
But like Paul, the course is run,
My special mission is over and done!

— Sister Miriam Henry

Sister Kathleen “Kate” Buzard, SNJM

(Sister M.
Marcella Rose)

August 6, 1932 –
June 17, 2021

Sister Kate passed away in Marylhurst, OR after 68 years as a Holy Names Sister.



Blessed be the name of Joseph, henceforth and forever. Amen.

— John Henry Newman

Sister June Kearney, SNJM

(Sister Paul Michael)

June 23, 1929 – July 6, 2021

Sister June passed away in Campbell, CA after 56 years as a Holy Names Sister.

“I see trees of green
and a bright moon,
amidst a starry night.
I watch children grow.
What a wonderful
world,
a gift of our Loving
God.”

— Adapted from “What a
Wonderful World



Sister Ann Pizelo, SNJM

(Sister Angelo Marie)

September 27, 1937 –
July 7, 2021

Sister Ann passed away in Marylhurst, OR after 63 years as a Holy Names Sister.

I have come to cast
fire on the earth;
would that it were
already kindled!

— Luke 12:49



Helping from SEA TO SEA

Seeing the many people who were suffering during the pandemic, the Sisters knew they wanted to help. When the federal government sent economic impact payments to all Americans, the Sisters decided to share some of this “found” money with those who need it more.

Sisters and Affiliates around the country identified charities that were providing direct assistance (funds for food, rent, utilities, etc.) to people who’d lost income due to the pandemic. The Sisters have given grants to more than 30 organizations, including Our Lady Star of the Sea in New Smyrna Beach, FL and Our Lady Star of the Sea in Santa Cruz, CA.

Sharon Dunham, a former teacher at the Academy of the Holy Names in Albany, and her husband Chuck have been SNJM Associates for 25 years. In retirement, they spend six months each year in Florida and have volunteered in their parish’s Human Service Ministry for many of those years. Florida’s tourism industry was particularly impacted at the beginning of the pandemic, and many people lost income. The SNJM grant allowed Our Lady Star of the Sea to directly pay utility bills and rent and to provide gift cards for food, medicine and other necessities for 30 families who were struggling financially. They also helped the local food pantry purchase additional food for distribution.

On the other side of the country, Sisters Lois MacGillivray, Mimi Maloney and Mary Ondreyco and Associate Addie Tamaro participate in the St. Vincent De Paul Society at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Santa Cruz. They were receiving many calls for rent assistance and they

worried that their neighbors would lose their housing with the end of eviction moratoriums. In Santa Cruz, the funds will help keep families in their homes and meet other urgent needs due to the pandemic. ■



Top: Chuck and Shannon Dunham (holding hands) with another member of the Human Service Ministry from Our Lady Star of the Sea in New Smyrna Beach, FL, dropping items off for migrants in Pierson, FL.

Bottom: Volunteers at the Saint Vincent de Paul foodbank at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Santa Cruz, CA distributing food to community members in need.



COMPANIONS on the Journey

After uncountable steps and unthinkable dangers, there are few things that restore the soul of a traveler like gentle words of welcome, nourishment and a safe place to rest. These are the gifts that Holy Names Sisters offered to weary migrants arriving at the U.S. border earlier this year.

Top: Sister Mary Ellen Robinson assists migrants with paperwork.

Below: Sisters Peggy Kennedy (standing at left) and Mary Ondreyco (seated at right) with fellow volunteers in Phoenix.

Laredo, TX

At a busy Catholic Charities respite center on a site owned by the Diocese of Laredo,



TX, volunteers work shifts from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They welcome legal immigrants who need assistance with paperwork before continuing their journey. Sisters Rosalie Anderson, Karen Conlin and Mary Ellen Robinson saw the enormity of

the immigrants' needs during their volunteer time this past spring.

"These are families: mothers, fathers and young children," said Sister Rosalie. "They arrive with the clothes on their backs and absolutely nothing else. They are not even

allowed a spare Pampers for the babies. Nothing means nothing."

Sister Mary Ellen said Catholic Sisters brought a unique perspective to the place. "Where border guards, Homeland Security, etc. have to be looking for problems and danger, we are tuned to see potential, hope and promise for the future in the children and families we encounter," she said. "As Sisters, we get to see FAMILY, truly our brothers and sisters. What a grace! And what a difference that grace makes!"

The main work of the shelter is to help connect the immigrants with relatives and hosts who will help them begin their new lives. After a few hours, or perhaps a day, Sister Rosalie said, "they are off with a heart filled with gratitude, and ever so hopeful. All they want is an opportunity for a better life for the family."

Phoenix, AZ

Sisters Mary Ondreyco and Peggy Kennedy spent 12 days volunteering at the Welcome Center run by the International Rescue Committee in Arizona's largest city. Every day, buses operated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement brought families from detention centers, delivering as many as 75-100 people in need of clean clothes, showers and a meal. A day or two later, they were on their way again to stay with relatives or sponsors until their appointed date to plead their cases before an immigration judge.



Volunteers like Sister Mary and Sister Peggy assisted the travelers with their basic needs, alongside other Catholic Sisters, local volunteers and dedicated staff members who strive to make the Center hospitable and supportive to all who come.

During their time in Phoenix, they learned about additional ways that people of faith can advocate for families seeking asylum. Steps include contacting members of Congress to ask them to strengthen asylum protections, holding a faith vigil and participating in immigrant rights campaigns organized at the local and national levels.

San Diego, CA

Sister Teresa Shields volunteered at a location in San Diego where volunteers prepared food and clothing packages— by the hundreds – for migrants housed in a nearby hotel. With others in a huge storage room, she helped assemble bags of clean garments to be taken by caravan to the waiting families.

Sister Teresa met volunteers from many faith communities during her stay. “Some been volunteering for years. I loved hearing their stories, especially how they got involved with this ministry,” she said.

San Antonio, TX

Imagine two cavernous rooms, each filled with 900 cots, marked off by masking tape on the floor in groups of 30. This is the Freeman Coliseum, a huge sports arena where a mass shelter was established to help relieve crowded conditions where migrant children were held previously. Young men aged 12-17 stayed at the center for up to three months, waiting for officials to verify that their destinations were safe,



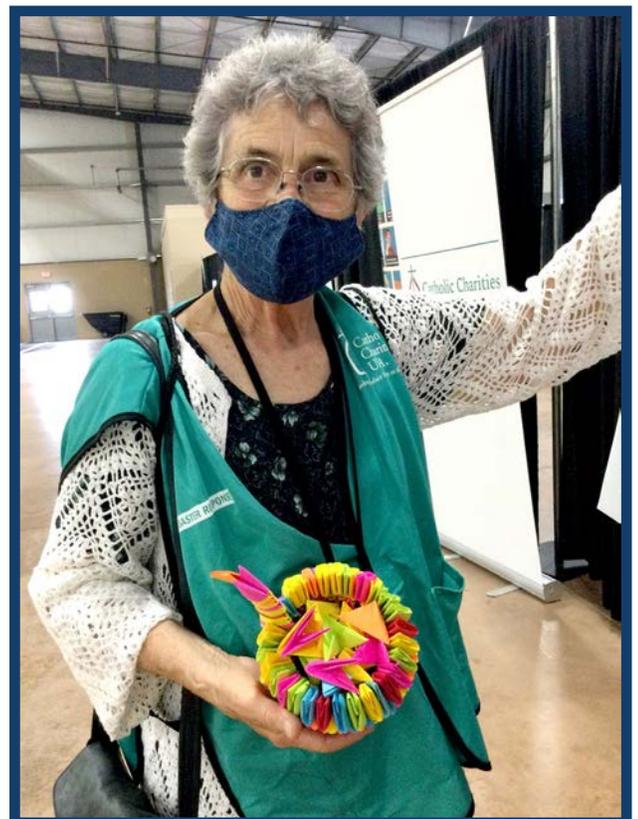
not a situation of trafficking or indentured servanthood.

Along with Sisters Mary Ellen Robinson and Karen Conlin – who volunteered in this location as well as in Laredo - Sister Linda Riggers was present to help with everyday tasks like laundry collection, escorting individuals to appointments, helping them pass the time and learn a few words of English.

Sister Mary Ellen calls on us to picture the boys sitting on their cots, weaving bracelets, watching movies or going to a corner to pray to a statue of Mary. Some “cocooned” in their beds, wrapped in blankets from head to toe, seeking a few moments of solitude. For them, the Sisters offered the most important gift – the knowledge that they are cared for as God’s children. ■

Top: Sisters Linda Riggers and Mary Ellen Robinson (standing, wearing vests) were part of a team in Laredo assisting unaccompanied minors.

Below: Sister Mary Ellen holds a folded-paper craft project made by one of the children.



Celebrating Our JUBILARIANS

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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, 60, 70 and 75 years since they first professed vow as Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

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Sister Carol Selak (50 Years)

On the day of Sister Carol Selak's First Communion, her mother prayed specifically asking God to give her a vocation to the Sisterhood. Is that where her vocation began?

During her final years of high school, she met the Sisters of Providence, joining them in 1968. However, after eight wonderful years, that Congregation withdrew from the U.S., and it became necessary for her to transfer to another community. She had come to know many Sisters of the Holy Names who had taught her Holy Names College in Oakland, so she joined the

SNJM Congregation in August 1976.

She taught for 14 years at St. Bede's School in Hayward, St. Stephen's in Monterey Park and Sacred Heart School in Oakland. Then, after earning a master's degree in social work, she followed her passion and spent 27 years working with adults with mental and/or physical challenges.

This 50th anniversary brings her to a humbling gratitude for God's call to intimacy through religious life as a Sister of Providence and Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary!



Sister Pauline St. Louis (75 Years)

Sister Pauline St. Louis (Virginia Marie) spent many enjoyable years as a science teacher at St. Mary's Academy and Assumption High School in Windsor, Ontario, followed by service as treasurer for the former Ontario Province. Building on that experience, she was treasurer for the SNJM senior residence and infirmary in Windsor. For many years, she was also happy to drive anyone in need of a ride.

At present, Sister Pauline is 95 and extremely grateful to God for the gift of good health. She loves reading and is enjoying her elder years, still eager to know what is going on, both for today and in the future. As she celebrates her 75th jubilee, she holds an optimistic hope for what is to come as the future of the Holy Names Sisters unfolds.



Sister Miriam Daniel Fahey (75 Years)

In Sister Miriam Daniel's 75 years of vowed religious life, her second ministry assignment (at Ramona Convent Secondary School) may have been the most life changing. She met students from Mexico and discovered the richness of their culture. She studied Spanish and taught the language to hundreds of students in high school and college. Later, she spent 14 years in the Santee area in San Jose where she continued her ministry

with Spanish speaking families in religious education, tutoring, community organizing and a community garden.

She says life has slowed down but is still filled with activities. Now in her 90s, Sister Miriam Daniel is mastering Zoom to participate in meetings, exercise classes, social events and tutoring. She continues to find new ways to connect with family, Sisters and friends.

With Gratitude to Our SENIOR JUBILARIANS

70 Years

Dolores Bauman, SNJM
(Sister Mary Carmelita)

Mary Lyons, SNJM
(Sister Agnes Veronica)

Farroel Richardson, SNJM
(Sister Marian Barbara)

Virginia Stuart, SNJM
(Sister Regina Clare)

Claudette Conrad, SNJM
(Sister Claudette)

Margaret O'Brien, SNJM
(Sister Rose Teresita)

Jacquelyn Slater, SNJM
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Mary Sullivan, SNJM
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(Sister Mary Leonore)

Cecilia Ranger, SNJM
(Sister Mary Sheila)

Maleada Mary
Strange, SNJM
(Sister Maleada Mary)

Anne Toback, SNJM
(Sister Barbara Ellen)

Ann Wightman, SNJM
(Sister Mary Mildred)



60 Years

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Giubergia, SNJM
(Sister Joan Katheryn)

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(Sister Emmanuel Mary)

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Grace Diaz, SNJM
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(Sister Molia)



WHY THEY GIVE: Shawn Flood Brown

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Tim Flood, my father, was one of five children in a family living on Capitol Hill in Seattle, WA. When he was three years old, his mother died from cancer. My father's older sister was attending Holy Names Academy when my father was in half-day kindergarten at St. Joseph's school. He was unable to walk home alone, so his sister walked him from kindergarten over to Holy Names Academy, where Sister Superior put him down for a nap in her bedroom. That was his introduction to the Sisters of the Holy Names.

Shawn's 5th grade picture from Sacred Heart.

Shawn with her inspiration, her father Tim Flood.



My father went on to attend Seattle Prep and Seattle University. Both my aunts attended Holy Names and eventually received master's degrees in teaching from Seattle University. My mother and aunts were my role

models, demonstrating how to combine motherhood and work.

My parents enrolled my brothers and me in Sacred Heart elementary school, where the Holy Names Sisters who taught us were faith-filled, kind, caring and smart. When I was 10 years old, my family moved to a small town in eastern Washington where Catholic schools weren't available. My public school was not strong academically, but I managed to get a good enough education to attend Seattle University. I graduated and went on to law school and am about to retire from 38 years of legal practice. I firmly believe that without my excellent early education from the Sisters of the Holy Names, I would not have had the same success in my later education, my career and in my Catholic marriage of 37 years.

As I learned more as an adult about the life and work of religious women, I was dismayed that their work as teachers provided inadequate funding for retirement. It hurts my heart to count my own financial blessings, earned in part by a Holy Names education, when their community has financial needs. Consequently, my husband Steven and I have designated our legacy gift to be directed to retirement and health care for the Sisters of the Holy Names. I hope our small legacy honors the gifts and blessing I received from them. ■



Send a Gift of Prayer

You just received word that a loved one has passed away, or someone you know is ill or has been in an accident. An invitation arrives in the mail to celebrate a birth, wedding, anniversary, or other special milestone in the life of a dear friend. You want to send a special card, but are not sure what would be appropriate.

Send a GIFT OF PRAYER from the Sisters of the Holy Names.

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A History of CARING FOR THE EARTH



As the Holy Names Congregation grew, many convents kept gardens, orchards, fields and livestock to feed the Sisters. Respect for God's creation was implicit. In 1991, the Sisters articulated the relationship between care for the Earth and solidarity with the poor, recognizing that their daily choices, including the impact of their lifestyle on the environment, had an impact on those they were trying to help. Later, they emphasized the need to safeguard the Earth for future generations as a matter of justice and with an awareness that all life is sustained through interdependence. In the photo, Sisters Marian Gertrude Fallert, Margaret Petersen and Joseph Mary Basick can be seen living out these values as they work in the Provincial House garden at Marylhurst in 1985.

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