



Reaching Out in Ministry

Sister Brigid Bauman (center) is part of a ministry that provides food and supplies to homeless people in Portland, OR.

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Fulfilling a Promise to Immigrant Families



In recent years, the Spanish-speaking population of Albany, NY has been swelling, along with needs that Sister Grace R. Diaz (S. Lydia Maria) is uniquely prepared to meet. Through her ministry as pastoral assistant at the Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas, Sister Grace worked with Mary Giordano and Father Frank O'Connor, the founding members of Family Promise of the Capital Region, to help immigrant families in need of affordable and safe housing.

As the daughter of immigrants from Mexico and Costa Rica who met in the U.S., Sister Grace's first language was Spanish. Her family owned and lived in a Mexican restaurant in a then-rural area of Maryland during the '40s and '50s. That experience gave her an understanding of similarities and differences among people from different Latin American cultures, as well as the fairly typical American life of her neighbors and schoolmates.

Family Promise is a community response to family homelessness that got started in 2015 with the help of faith communities, foundations, businesses and individuals. Financial support from the SNJM Ministry Grant fund has been an essential resource. Mary Giordano is now the organization's executive director and Father O'Connor serves on the board. Sister Grace continues as an active volunteer.

Because she is a Sister, traumatized families quickly develop a deep level of

trust that opens them to Sister Grace's guidance. A typical situation occurred when Sister Grace and Mary Giordano orchestrated legal assistance and translation services for a single-parent homeless family from El Salvador struggling to get through the asylum application process. At the same time, the supportive housing provided by Family Promise made it possible for the family's daughter to earn her high school diploma in 2021, a year complicated by COVID-19.

Sister Grace sees her ministry with immigrants in the Albany area as continuing the SNJM tradition of responding to today's needs and meeting them as they arise. She is grateful to her family in the U.S. and Latin America and to her SNJM community who make possible the use of her homegrown and experiential gifts to welcome and reach out to "the stranger" in her community. ■

In these photos, Sister Grace Diaz greets some of the family members who depend on Family Promise of the Capital Region as a trusted source of support and understanding.

Providing Dignity During the Pandemic

Nearly 150 years ago, the Sisters of the Holy Names opened a school at St. Francis, the first parish on the east side of Portland's Willamette River. In the decades since then, Sisters have continued their involvement in many capacities.

Among them are Sisters Kathleen Walsh (Ignatius of Mary) and Brigid L. Baumann, the last Holy Names Sisters at St. Francis. For many years, the two were actively involved with meals and other services for the houseless that were a ministry of St. Francis parish through the St. Francis Dining Hall.

Consequences of the pandemic and changing circumstances in their parish contributed to the closure of St. Francis Dining Hall, so committed volunteers created a new outreach ministry to continue serving the community.

"We continue to be connected to the program, now providing services under the name Dignity and Peace," says Sister Brigid, "as it has evolved into a mobile unit during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Dignity and Peace is a project of A Call to Action NW. It emerged as a mobile "Fleet of Foot" service, operating out of a local garage from a cargo van lovingly named "A Van with a Plan." Run solely by volunteers, some with over 30 years of experience, Dignity and Peace answers multiple direct service needs. It also emphasizes collaboration with other local groups, such as the parish St. Vincent de Paul, to assure that services and supplies are delivered in an integrated way. Typically, van service occurs twice a week, but the volunteers will readily

add days when another partner is not able to respond or when exceedingly cold or hot weather poses potentially life-threatening conditions for the houseless with whom they work.

In 2020 and 2021, the Sisters of the Holy Names used a portion of their federal pandemic relief funds to provide grants to organizations providing direct services to people significantly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. At the recommendation of Sisters Brigid and Kathleen, the Sisters were pleased to support Dignity and Peace with a 2021 grant. ■



Above: Sister Brigid Baumann, who has been part of St. Francis parish since childhood, continues to be involved with volunteers who collect and share supplies for homeless Portlanders.

Bottom: Dignity and Peace volunteers prepare to welcome guests at the "Van with a Plan."



Reaching Out Through Advocacy

In 2000, Sister Catherine Ferguson invited members of the U.S. Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) to form a coalition Non-Governmental Organization to advocate at the United Nations on behalf of women and children. In December 2001, six congregations met to develop a mission statement and budget, as well as to create the new organization's name: UNANIMA International. The name begins with "UN" to represent the United Nations. "Anima" is from the Latin word for feminine "spirit" or "life principle." It also represents a group acting with one heart and one mind.



In this photo, Sister Catherine Ferguson celebrates at a gathering of Sisters in Portland, OR.

Now with 22 coalition partners, UNANIMA works at the UN for structural change on behalf of women and children living in poverty, immigrants and refugees, and the welfare of our planet. At the center of its mission are women and children around the world, especially those struggling to overcome disadvantages and discrimination.

After more than a decade as UNANIMA's Coalition

Coordinator and five years as SNJM Congregational Leader, Sister Catherine returned to Spokane, WA. These days she continues a ministry of advocacy as a board member of NETWORK, a Catholic social justice lobby based in Washington, DC, serving on its finance and racial justice committees. In addition

to NETWORK's advocacy for federal policies to eliminate wealth and income gaps and to improve the well-being of our communities, leaders of the group have committed to an anti-racist focus and worked to include a diverse variety of people among its growing staff and board.

At home in Spokane, Sister Catherine is involved with *The Fig Tree*, an ecumenical newspaper committed to peace journalism by telling stories about people of faith. In its mission, *The Fig Tree* strives to support community efforts by connecting people through story-sharing that builds understanding, explores ideas, and promotes dialogue. Sister Catherine contributes as a board member and as part of the writing and editorial team that creates the monthly publication.

In all she does, Sister Catherine remains steadfast in her commitment to facilitate the cause of justice through transformative education. ■

Listen to Sister Catherine discuss her work with UNANIMA on our podcast, Holy Names Sisters: Women on a Mission! Here's the link: <https://tinyurl.com/podcast-UNANIMA>

Celebrating Senior Jubilarians

This Spring, we are celebrating the women who professed their vows 80 and 70 years ago. Our 80-year jubilarians professed their vows in 1942, during World War II. It was a time when people across the U.S. and Canada pulled together in support of our troops. In popular culture, movies such as *Holiday Inn* and *Casablanca* were popular attractions. Women across the world were entering the work force in support of the war effort as these young nuns entered classrooms in cities large and small, sometimes with 50 students in a class.

The world was more optimistic in 1952 when our 70-year jubilarians made their vows. Women, for the most part, had left the work force after the war but Queen Elizabeth had ascended to the throne, reminding the world that women can be in seats of power and influence. Popular music and culture brought hits such as *Singing in the Rain* to theaters. The world began to feel smaller as passenger jets started to offer service in Europe. The war in Korea brought forth fear of the spread of communism. The baby boomer generation began to enter schools and our Sisters were there to meet the growing need for teachers.

80 Year Jubilarians



Sister Mary Courtman (Sister Charles Marie)

Sister Mary spent many years as a high school science teacher and social outreach worker in a variety of ministries in Spokane, Louisiana, Mexico, Honduras and the rural Northwest. Her lifelong goal has been to live simply and be present in service

to the poor and marginalized. She will be 100 years old in May and lives at Mary's Woods in Marylhurst, OR, where her wonderful smile and generous open heart are always ready to welcome. She says, "I have been blessed beyond belief."

Sister Lois Morisky (Sister Eleanor Barbara)

Sister Lois became principal at an early age and served as teacher or administrator in schools across the West Coast including Portland, Bend and Ontario in Oregon; Seattle, WA; and Ketchikan, AK. As director of The Christie School, she helped it transition from an orphanage to a residence for troubled youth. Except for four years as a manager of the Sisters' apartment complex in Portland, Sister Lois

remained in education. The last four years of her ministry were at College of the Marshall Islands, where she ran the Education Department. At 99, Sister Lois now lives at Mary's Woods in Marylhurst.



70 Year Jubilarians



Margaret Ball (Sister Stephan Joseph)

Originally from Southern Oregon, Sister Margaret is a Modoc born on the Klamath Reservation. She studied violin as a child and taught music and elementary grades for 20 years. For more than

40 years, she served the Native American people as a presence among them. Today, at 91, her quiet presence is felt among her neighbors at Mary's Woods in Marylhurst, OR.

Mary Bertoli (Sister Mary Zita)

A classroom teacher for 19 years, Sister Mary was named provincial of the Oregon Province in 1971. Afterwards, she turned her focus to ministries helping disadvantaged and disenfranchised people. In

1991, she joined other Sisters in Mississippi, where the people she met inspired her to create art. At 90 years old, she now enjoys the diversity in her relationships at Mary's Woods in Marylhurst, OR.



Barbara Bray (Sister Mary Bernadette)

Sister Barbara began as a music teacher, then became a primary school teacher and principal in the Portland, OR area. She also served as a religious education coordinator and pastoral minister. She spent a few years as a

wheelchair pusher at Portland International Airport, preparing her to later help the Sisters at Mary's Woods. Today, at almost 90, she has a ministry of prayer and presence at Mary's Woods in Marylhurst, OR.

Marie Charbonneau (Sister Louise Claire)

After about five years of teaching in elementary schools in the Windsor area, Sister Marie was called to the nursing profession at SNJM infirmaries in Montreal, Winnipeg and Windsor. She was the first religious to graduate from

Windsor's Grace Hospital School of Nursing. Today, at 90, Marie has a ministry of prayer and presence in Windsor and supports clients at the Brentwood Addiction Treatment Centre.



Mary Ann Connell (Sister Lennora Mary)

Sister Mary Ann spent many years in ministry as an educator in Southern California. After four years ministering in the Sisters' Care Center at the SNJM convent in Los Gatos, she returned to Southern California and supported

those Sisters' health care needs for 12 years. Today she lives in Campbell where she teaches tai chi three times a week and visits Sisters in health facilities in the area.

Mary Louise Di Julio (Sister James Thomas)

A Seattle native, Sister Mary Louise taught around the state of Washington for many years. She felt called to minister to the sick, first as a nurse and ultimately as a chaplain. Today, at 89, she lives

at the South Hill Village retirement community in Spokane, continuing her ministry of prayer and presence.





Elizabeth Hecker (Sister Celeste Marie)

Sister Liz spent 21 joyful years as a primary grade teacher and principal, transitioning to parish religious education roles and then to pioneering RCIA programs,

followed by ministry as a pastoral associate. At 90, she now lives among the Sisters at Mary's Woods in Marylhurst, OR enjoying her ministry of prayer and presence.

Francis Rose Klos (Sister Frances Rose)

Sister Francis Rose was known for service to little ones, parents, graduates, faculty, clergy, staff, delivery personnel, even cats and dogs. She was a teacher and

administrator in schools in Southern and Northern California. At 90, she lives in San Jose and connects with people as best she can in the "new normal."



Betty McLellan (Sister John Daniel)

Sister Betty was a teacher and principal at parish schools throughout Oregon and Washington. She went on to serve her community as director of Associates, spiritual leader

and eucharistic minister to the homebound. Now age 94, she continues to share her Irish wit, ringing laughter and zest for life with others at the South Hill Village retirement community in Spokane.

Jean Morningstar (Sister Charles Dominic)

Sister Jean's college art teacher encouraged her to develop her talents. After 32 years of teaching art in California elementary and secondary schools, she founded Holy Names Graphics and

provided clip art and graphic design services for religious entities worldwide. After 89 years, she continues to develop her skills and to create new images.



Vera Ruotolo (Sister Paul Anthony)

Sister Vera spent most of her dedicated life teaching junior high students and serving in elementary school administration in Southern California. Having joined her Sisters in Campbell, CA, she continues

as an advocate for the Southern California chapter of Catholic Relief Services and faithfully maintains her connections to the Sisters and Affiliates in the region.



Mary Julia Steinkamp (Sister John Michael)

Sister Mary Julia taught elementary school in Washington and Oregon most of her religious life, mostly with students in the middle grades. She also spent a few years as a nurse's aide. She has authored

eight books and nearly 100 articles in various periodicals. Now 91, she lives at Mary's Woods in Marylhurst, OR, supporting Sisters and residents in her ministry of prayer and presence.



Reaching Out to Educate Students in Rural Peru

Top: On the wall, Mother Marie Rose Durocher keeps watch over the young learners.

Middle: The program educates children between 7 and 12 years old who can't attend classes online.

Bottom: Sister Ana María (in SNJM cap) with students enrolled in the program.

Sister Ana María Vilca Mamani hadn't lived in her small hometown of La Curva, Peru for more than 20 years, but the arrival of the COVID pandemic found her there again, caring for her parents far from her usual ministries in Lima. Being in La Curva increased her awareness of local needs, especially the desperation facing poor rural families after schools shut down.

"Their children could not follow the virtual education offered by the government, and this for different reasons: not having a computer, not having the internet or not having a good connection, or simply because they don't know how to use virtual platforms," she said. "This reality has challenged me and from our charisma as educators I have wanted to respond to this problem, providing a healthy and safe learning space."

Sister Ana María saw that children were eager for in-person school, and knew it was important to have committed professionals teaching in a comprehensive way. In response, she created the School Reinforcement

Program, which fills the educational gap until regular classes can resume.

Enrollment has grown to 102 boys and girls, ranging from 7 to 12 years old, during the past two years. Students come from both La Curva and the nearby town of Alto Ensenada. Juan and Guillermo, ages 7 and 9, are the first to arrive every day, always wearing smiles. Their mother had to migrate to Chile due to the public health crisis, leaving them with grandparents. The program gives them something special to look forward to, with teachers who support them in their progress.

Another child, Juan, who is 11, was unwilling at first when his mother brought him. "I proposed to Juan that he stay that day to 'look,' and that if he didn't like it, he wasn't obliged to come back," said Sister Ana María. Juan did return and even invited friends to come, too. As an only child, it turned out that being with other children was his strongest motivation.

In the future, Sister Ana María hopes that the program can continue to reinforce learning at the primary and secondary levels, joining efforts by the local government to improve education for the next generation of Peruvian children. ■



Reaching Out to Women and Children in Need of Housing

Since 1996, Alexandria House (AH) in Los Angeles, California has provided safe and supportive housing for women and children who are in the process of moving from emergency shelters to economic stability and permanent housing.

Central to this ministry are the programs that support this dramatic change from shelter living to independent living in the context of community. AH reaches out to the broader neighborhood community by providing educational and enrichment opportunities for neighbors as well as residents. AH consciously and practically creates a cross-cultural environment that is anti-racist and promotes the values of mutuality, dignity and respect.

AH has a proven record of transitioning women and families. When families leave Alexandria House for secure permanent housing, they are economically stable. The staff continues to provide ongoing support to help them thrive and remain in their own homes, and 92% of the families remain in permanent housing.

Former resident James Banks summarizes her experience this way: “As a child, I was aware of homelessness but did not experience it. Later in my life because of job complications, I became one of the unhoused women in Los Angeles. I found Alexandria House and my life turned around. Being among other residents, mothers and staff members pushed me into being my best

self. We are resilient women.”

Through the years, three religious communities and many generous individuals donated to repair buildings and support programs, and several became a ministry of presence.

The Immaculate Heart Community purchased the first house; Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Judy Vaughan is the director; and Holy Names Sisters Anna Keim and Susan Maloney (David Maria) provide ministry support in a variety of ways.

Several years ago, Sister Anna created an annual “Homelessness Solidarity Retreat” that takes place during a weekend at Ramona Convent Secondary School. Each year, Sister Judy brings a woman who has experienced homelessness to share stories with the girls on the retreat. The students sleep overnight in cardboard boxes in the English courtyard. The next day, they serve meals at shelters, including Alexandria House.

Next door to the original AH is the Immaculate Heart Community residence. Many of these apartments house AH women as they transition



Above: A family enjoys time together thanks to the safe environment provided by Alexandria House.

Below: Holy Names Sisters Susan Maloney and Anna Keim with Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet Judy Vaughan.



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to independent living. Sister Susan, whose office is in this building, has developed friendships with the women through conversation and listening, giving emotional and spiritual support as part of her ministry. Sister Susan also provides clothing and general help when needed.

Holy Names Sisters in Southern California provide support in many ways. For example, AH received a grant from the Province Pandemic Relief Fund

to provide financial support to families experiencing hardship due to the COVID crisis, especially with food, hygiene items, emergency support and childcare. Through the initiative of Sisters Jo'Ann De Quattro (Joseph Angelo) and Jennie Lechtenberg (John Dominic), AH also received funds from the Province to support the purchase of an additional building.

Sisters see collaboration with Alexandria House as an extension of the SNJM ministry and commitment to women, children and immigrants. ■

Listening to You

Last fall, we collaborated with Donor Experience Partners, LLC (DXP, formerly Naylor & Associates) to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement in our donors' experience, particularly in the areas of Communication, Recognition and Engagement.

A reminder postcard for the survey featured Sister Anne Herkenrath checking the mailbox for responses.



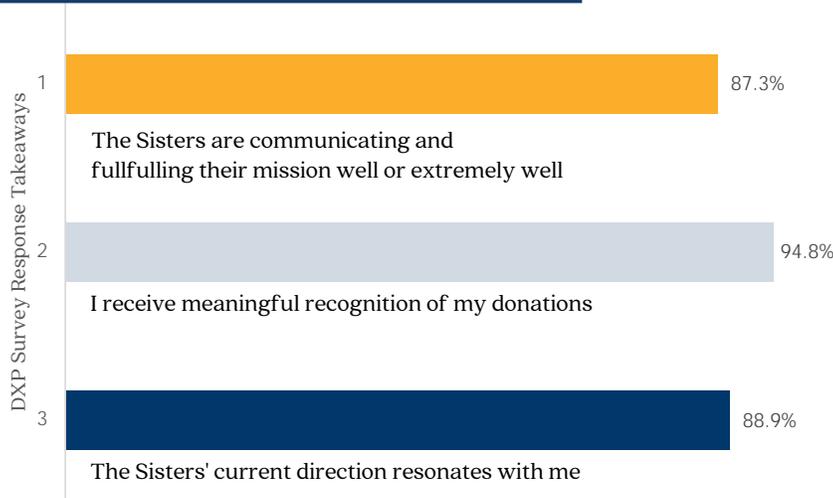
An impressive 25% of survey recipients responded. Takeaways included the results shown in the graph at left.

We heard that donors have a deep fondness for the Sisters, with gratitude for their work in the past and appreciation for their ministry today.

Some donors asked for more information about the needs of the Sisters and their ministries, asking "What is the greatest need?" and "How can I be sure that retired Sisters receive the care they deserve?" We will address these questions in future issues of *SNJM Now*.

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Finally, we share with you a comment that was indicative of many others we received: "Thank you for all your years of generous service to God's people and creation. Thanks for working for peace and justice and speaking for those who may not have a voice." ■



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 Rita Carey, SNJM

March 26, 1950 –
October 1, 2021

Sister Rita Carey passed away in Salem, OR, after 47 years as a Holy Names Sister.

I have come to
cast fire, and
how I wish it were
already kindled
(Luke 12:49).



Sister Joan Frances Ortega, SNJM (Enedina Salazar Ortega)

January 27, 1930 –
October 24, 2021

Sister Joan Frances Ortega passed away in Saratoga, CA, after 72 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Nada te turbe, nada
te espante todo se
pasa... quien a Dios
tiene nada le falta: sólo
Dios basta (St. Teresa of
Ávila).



Sister Jean Cather, SNJM

(Sister M. Therese
Elizabeth)

June 13, 1931 –
October 11, 2021

Sister Jean Cather passed away in Saratoga, CA, after 66 years as a Holy Names Sister.

If I die today, God,
I sing this song to
you... Here is my life,
my being, my all. You
gave all to me — I give it
back to you with all my heart
(Jean Cather, SNJM).



Sister Marina Rose Parisi, SNJM (Virginia Catherine Parisi)

July 6, 1932 –
November 15, 2021

Sister Marina Rose Parisi passed away in Kennewick, WA, after 66 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Jesus said, let the
little children come to
me, for the kingdom of
heaven belongs to such
as these (Matthew 19:14).



“Nothing is small in the service of God.”

—Marie Rose Durocher

Rest in Peace *(continued)*

Sister Eileen Fitzgerald, SNJM

(Sister Mary William)

**December 21, 1928 –
November 18, 2021**

Sister Eileen Fitzgerald passed away in Latham, NY, after 70 years as a Holy Names Sister.

**It was not you who
chose me, it was I
who chose you to
go forth and bear fruit
(John 15:16).**



Sister Beverly Miller, SNJM

(Sister M. Carol Jean)

**April 27, 1935 –
December 10, 2021**

Sister Beverly Miller passed away in Lake Oswego, OR, after 62 years as a Holy Names Sister.

**Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
... Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation of
the new day (from
"Morning Has Broken,"
Eleanor Farejon).**



Sister Suzanne Marie Hixson, SNJM

(Sister M. Rita Christine)

**April 8, 1935 –
December 7, 2021**

Sister Suzanne Marie Hixson passed away in Tampa, FL, after 64 years as a Holy Names Sister.

**Don't grieve for me,
for now I'm free,
I'm following paths
God made for me
(Anonymous).**



Sister Joanne Maney, SNJM

(Sister Marilyn Frances)

**January 29, 1933 –
December 14, 2021**

Sister Joanne Maney passed away in Lake Oswego, OR, after 67 years as a Holy Names Sister.

**Be still and know
that I am God!
(Psalm 46:10)**



Sister Lillian Schneider, SNJM

(Sister Alfred of Mary)

December 18, 1932 – January 30, 2022

Sister Lillian Schneider passed away in Latham, NY, after 70 years as a Holy Names Sister.

**But as for me, I know my redeemer lives
(Job 19:25).**



Sister Anita Noé, SNJM

(Sister Mary Rosamond)

June 12, 1918 –
February 17, 2022

Sister Anita Noé passed away in Lake Oswego, OR, after 84 years as a Holy Names Sister.

The people walking in the darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned (Isaiah 9:2).



Sister Kay Burton, SNJM

(Sister Gordon Mary)

November 3, 1936 –
March 18, 2022

Sister Kay Burton passed away in Spokane, WA, after 60 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Anyone who welcomes a child in my name, welcomes me (Matthew 18:5).



Sister Joan Berger, SNJM

(Sister Marita Jeanne)

November 26, 1932 –
February 26, 2022

Sister Joan Berger passed away in Lake Oswego, OR, after 68 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me ... I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be (John 14:1,3-4).



Sister Marian Jude Townley, SNJM

(Mary Theresa Townley)

December 28, 1927 –
April 29, 2022

Sister Marian Jude Townley passed away in Latham, NY, after 70 years as a Holy Names Sister.

I will put my law in their minds and upon their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people (Jeremiah 31:33).



Sister Delores Rashford, SNJM

(Sister M. Rose Dolora)

July 30, 1929 –
March 8, 2022

Sister Delores Rashford passed away in Newberg, OR, after 71 years as a Holy Names Sister.

To seek justice, love tenderly and walk justly with our God (Micah 6:8).



Sister Rita Rose Vistica, SNJM

(Jane Mary Vistica)

August 6, 1933 –
May 3, 2022

Sister Rita Rose passed away in Lake Oswego, OR, after 68 years as a Holy Names Sister.

One thing I ask, this alone I seek, to dwell in the house of the Lord all my days (Psalm 27:4).



Why They Give: Scherlie and Mike Devine

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@snjmuson.org.

Growing up as a Southern Baptist, Scherlie Devine had never met a nun until she met Sister Laura Michels.

Scherlie and Mike Devine celebrating their 50th anniversary (top) were good friends with Sisters Laura Michels and Celine Steinberger. (bottom photo)

Scherlie and her husband Mike raised their children – Michael, Patrick and Katie – in Spokane next door to Sister Laura's brother and his family. Sister Laura (or Auntie Janice, as the children called her) became a special person in their family life. The Devines lovingly tell the story of how they all laughed at the outrageous outfit she wore at their son's engagement party: red cowboy boots, a poodle skirt and a flowing red scarf. Her humor endeared her to a family who believe that laughter is an important ingredient in life.

In 1972, when Scherlie converted

to Catholicism, the Michels family was there.

When young Michael was attending Gonzaga University in Spokane, he caught sight of Sister Laura, who was the coordinator of liturgy and chaplain for two sports teams at the university. He excitedly called out "Auntie Janice!" She saw him and offered a warm hug.

Sister Laura introduced the family to her good friend Sister Celine Steinberger. Both spoke passionately about the good work that the Sisters do. When Sister Laura died in early 2018, a few months after Sister Celine died, the Devines began supporting the SNJM community.

Each month, they mail a check in honor of Sister Laura. They give monthly "because we can – and because we feel that supporting the Sisters is important." As Scherlie said, "The Sisters have a calling. I have great admiration for each one of the Sisters."

As sustaining donors, the Devines receive a monthly card with Sister art on the front and a brief update about the Sisters inside. They particularly love the cards because they see God in all things, and the artwork reminds them of that.

Years ago, the Devine family was watching the Sermon on the Mount scene in the Monty Python movie *Life of Brian*. "Blessed are the cheesemakers" (a mishearing of "Blessed are the peacemakers") became a favorite family refrain. The Devines are definitely "cheesemakers" and bless us with their friendship and monthly support. ■



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 REACHING OUT



The residents of rural Tutwiler, Mississippi are primarily poor and Black. From 1973 to 1983, the town had no doctor. That changed when three Holy Names Sisters – brand-new doctor Anne Brooks, SNJM (*clinic staff photo, back left*) and nurses Zenon (*left and with patient*) and Rita (*standing front right*) D’Astous, who were “sister Sisters” – opened the Tutwiler Clinic in 1983. The staff not only healed people’s bodies, they also helped heal their souls. Although no Holy Names Sisters remain in Mississippi today, the ministries they started continue with local leadership.



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