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Sister Kris Goodrich (center) and her siblings Carol Montecucco (left) and Jan Rentenaar (right) cherish their family ties.

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Sister Kris' Commitment to Families Runs Deep



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estled in woods overlooking the ferry that plies the Willamette River near Canby, OR, Sister Kristine Goodrich has returned to her roots. Like the waters flowing past her home — once that of her cherished grandmother, Mere — her journey is one of depth.

Her career in early childhood education began with first graders at The Madeleine in Portland. She then worked at the Early Childhood Center, Marylhurst, for eight years, followed by teaching at Immaculate Heart in Portland.

When Sister Kris reconnected with her friend, Josetta Walsh, they soon found themselves reviving earlier conversations about creating a place for families to spend time together playing and learning rituals for the home. In a speedy turn of events, an Episcopalian pastor friend of Josetta's invited them to realize their dreams at his church in Menlo Park, CA. The Child and Family Institute began in 1986.

Reflecting on the Institute's 34 years, Kris is struck by the many stories of how they assisted families, including those who were financially well-off. "You wouldn't think that families with resources would experience the same problems of those who don't have access to resources." Yet, they often do.

She tells of a family who lost their mother to cancer. The father had spent his boyhood in boarding schools. One day, he invited Kris over for a swim with his children and himself. After a beautiful afternoon together, he asked her, "Is this family? Is this what family does?" Kris could assure him that it was.

This story illustrates the encounters that shaped the Institute's mission: to help nuclear families finding their way, and at the same time become part of the Institute's extended family.

In retirement, Kris continues her loving relationship with the Institute. Each year she visits, encourages and supports these families, whose toddlers have grown into adults creating families of their own.

Back in Oregon, just as her grandmother Mere left her family a legacy of hearth and home, Kris weaves her own legacy as she makes her vast expertise available to family and friends. Even in this time of social distancing, she and her sister have been creating activities for families they know to help build a sense of closeness.

Coming full circle, Kris embraces her role as welcomer, listener and comforter, continuing a ripple effect as sure as the Willamette's, a current of hope and health that will last for generations. ■

(Above) As the Canby Ferry crosses the Willamette River, Sister Kris Goodrich (center) shared a moment with her sisters Carol Montecucco (left) and Jan Rentenaar (right) in the backyard of their grandmother's former home.

(Below) Still in touch with the organization she co-founded, Sister Kris Goodrich shares a moment of delight with children and parents at the Child and Family Institute of Menlo Park, CA.



A Light in Darkness for Immigrants

Thousands of people in the United States are eligible for legal status but do not come forward. In Sister Elizabeth Crean, they have found a light to guide them through the darkness.

Inspired by the SNJM Corporate Stand of solidarity with immigrants and refugees, Sister Elizabeth established a Florida nonprofit, Paralegal Immigration Advocacy, Inc. (PIA). She was well-prepared to undertake the project, as she is equipped with a Paralegal A.S. degree, a U.S. Department of Justice accreditation as a partially accredited representative, and support from the SNJM Ministry Grant program. PIA, Inc.'s mission is to provide pro bono representation to low-income immigrants who seek legal status in the United States.

Sister Elizabeth has developed a partnership with two dedicated, ethical attorneys whom she has known for many years. To make it easier for them to add pro bono cases to their regular workload, Sister conducts client interviews (often with an interpreter) and obtains all the eligibility information that the U.S. requires for the lengthy, expensive and detailed citizenship and Immigration Services forms and applications.

Grateful for the support of the SNJM community, Sister Elizabeth has seen first-hand what a difference PIA, Inc. can make. Names in the stories that follow have been changed to protect the privacy of the individuals.

Maria had not seen her children and grandchildren for many years, and wanted them to be able to join her in the U.S. The application for them to legally enter the country requires much information, communication and proof that the new arrivals will not “burden” the United States. After many months of back and forth with the State Department and the necessary work of obtaining proof of relationships and other details, the final entry papers arrived. Maria's application for her son and granddaughter's admission to the United States was a success – and well worth the wait.

Asylum cases often involve women from Central America who are fleeing domestic violence,

mistreatment and degradation of women, and terrifying threats from gangs. Ana paid a huge fee to a “coyote” guide to lead her and her 2-year-old son on the arduous trip to the U.S. border. A few miles before reaching the destination, the guide disappeared. In desperation, one night the mother hoisted her son on her shoulders and waded across the Rio Grande River into Texas. Thanks to a thoroughly prepared application and the attorney pleading her immigration court case, Ana and her son now live in the United States legally without fear.

In this ministry, Sister Elizabeth recognizes a direct connection to the SNJM core value of Dedication to Justice: “Committing time, energy and resources to the pursuit of right relationships of equality, justice and solidarity” with our immigrant sisters and brothers. She is helping people like Maria, Ana and their families out of the shadows to be safe and together in the United States. ■

Meetings to gather information for Immigration Services forms is a key part of Sister Elizabeth's work.



Young Mothers Find SNJM Support in Central Washington

7 It can be lonely and frightening for a teenager to find out she is pregnant. The SNJM Immigrant and Refugee Fund provided a grant to Catholic Charities of Central Washington for its *PREPARES en español* program, which provides support and resources to new mothers and fathers.

Recognizing the unmet needs of adolescent mothers, PREPARES initiated a support group for them. Sister Mary Ellen Robinson, SNJM, invited the group to meet weekly at Marie-Rose House in Wapato, WA. Because she is known in the community, her personal invitation to young mothers was well-received. After only three months, a core group of young mothers attend regularly. All are children of immigrants, and some are immigrants themselves.

Xochil and her daughter have attended the group since its inception. Her migrant parents worked in the fields and followed the crops. She remembers constantly moving from place to place; one year the family moved 12 times! All the moves made learning in school a challenge. By high school, she had fallen so far behind other students, she gave up on education. She felt alone and that she had no one to ask for help.

The Young Moms Group has helped Xochil regain the motivation and confidence to go back to school. The facilitator helped her research GED programs and now Xochil is taking GED preparation courses.

Xochil's daughter is now 2 years old and loves attending the Young Moms Group with her mother. Xochil enjoys



Before the "stay home" order, Sister Mary Ellen Robinson (right) helped care for the children while their young mothers participated in support group discussions.

the support the group gives her and feels it is a safe place to share experiences and get help finding resources.

"I feel really happy because ... they all motivate me and help me improve my life," she said.

Sister Mary Ellen is central to the success of the group. She helps care for the children while the mothers talk with the facilitator. She encourages the young women to be better mothers. For example, she shares information about the importance of tone and facial expression when talking to children to communicate discipline or love, points out ways to better manage toddlers and gives them books about how to understand their child.

Through the SNJM Immigrant and Refugee Fund, donors provide resources for the Sisters of the Holy Names community to resist racism, advocate for human rights and create welcoming communities by partnering with organizations helping immigrants and refugees. We are proud to support immigrant families in Central Washington through the *PREPARES en español* program. ■

Sister Linda Orrick Teaches Financial Literacy

After years as a teacher, as treasurer in schools and in the former California Province, and on investment committees, Sister Linda Orrick took a job with a financial consulting firm that works exclusively with religious communities and their ministries.

When it was time to scale back, she looked at various opportunities for volunteer ministry. Sister volunteered at the Alameda County Food Bank for a time, then Habitat for Humanity, but she realized that these ministries were not for her. Re-thinking her search, she looked around close to home and found two subsidized housing programs for people living on the margins: Alameda Point Collaborative and Eden Housing.

Alameda Point Collaborative (APC) is a consortium of several agencies providing housing and educational programs at the former Alameda Naval Air Station. APC provides the safety and stability of a place to call home to more than 500 formerly homeless veterans, street people, women and children, families and disabled people.

Through APC's financial literacy classes, they learn skills that help them more effectively manage their financial stressors. Sister Linda's classes cover recognizing sources of revenue and



expenses, budgeting, setting goals, working within the banking system and learning to manage personal credit.

In addition to housing stability, Eden Housing helps adults experience economic empowerment by providing individual financial coaching. As a coach, Sister Linda meets one-on-one with adults on the same topics that she covers at APC. Eden also has a unique savings program that offers an incentive for residents to save money on a monthly basis and receive matching funds from the organization.

In addition to her teaching and coaching ministries, Sister Linda continues to work with three religious communities, the Oakford Dominicans, Sisters of the Holy Family and our own SNJM community. This combination of ministries provides her with a range of opportunities to share her financial background and experiences. Her work allows her to reach out and respond to people who are impoverished, abandoned or living at the fringes of society, helping them to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. ■

Teaching finance skills to formerly homeless people is a fulfilling way for Sister Linda to use her experience.

Gratitude and blessings for our Jubilarians

This year, five Sisters in the U.S.-Ontario Province are celebrating 50 years as a Holy Names Sister. These women were the first in the Holy Names community to enter at a time when Sisters no longer wore traditional habits, and their experiences have been shaped by the evolution of religious life. We invite you to join us in celebrating them this year, along with Senior Jubilarian Sister Magdalen Basick.

Sister Bea Hall



Sister Bea Hall, Albany, NY, grew up in a Navy family, attending 14 schools by graduation. The Holy Names Sisters who taught CCD in Key West

inspired her to "be good and do good." That theme carried through her ministry. She loved teaching at all levels, knowing that classrooms can be safe harbors for students' "becoming." She is filled with gratitude for the gifts that family, teachers, and community have lavished on her. Read more about Sister Bea on our website: snjmusontario.org/beat-hall

Sister Chris Jordan



Sister Chris Jordan, Portland, OR, has loved EVERYTHING about teaching. She enjoyed being a part of providing a challenging, faith-filled and fun place for children

to learn and become. She earned a master's degree in Learning Disabilities and worked with the Archdiocesan schools using standardized testing. She continues to do so at St. Ignatius where she taught for 32 years. Read more about Sister Chris on our website: snjmusontario.org/chris-jordan

Sister Phyllis Jaszkwiaak



Sister Phyllis Jaszkwiaak, Portland, OR, earned a master of social work and worked for a time in Holy Names schools as a social

worker. However, this was not for her and she went on to accept a position in a parish as Family Life Coordinator. She knew then that her real ministry was in parish work, which she has continued to this day. Read more about Sister Phyllis on our website: snjmusontario.org/phyllis-jaszkwiaak

Sister Daleen Larkin



Sister Daleen Larkin, Altadena, CA, has been involved with formal education throughout her ministry. She served as an elementary

school teacher, director of religion and principal at parish schools, and helped schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles go through the accreditation process. She has returned to her first love, being a classroom teacher, and currently serves as Theology Department Chairperson at Ramona Convent Secondary School in Alhambra, CA. Read more about Sister Daleen on our website: snjmusontario.org/daleen-larkin

Sister Linda Patrick



Sister Linda Patrick, Portland, OR, spent 18 years as an upper-grade teacher. She was invited to join the administration of St. Mary's

Academy as Assistant Principal of Student Life, a challenging and rewarding experience. After 20 years, she left St. Mary's and now, among several activities, volunteers at a downtown parish during their morning hospitality for guests living on the streets and in hotel rooms. Read more about Sister Linda on our website: snjmusontario.org/linda-patrick

Senior Jubilarian

Sister Magdalen Basick



Sister Magdalen Basick, Marylhurst, OR, is celebrating 85 years as a Holy Names Sister, a most rare occurrence in the history of the Sisters.

After a long career in elementary education as a teacher and principal, she volunteered in her local parish office into her 90s. Now living with the community of senior Sisters at Mary's Woods, she prays, keeps up with the latest goings-on in local and global happenings, and participates in activities as she can. Read more about Sister Magdalen on our website: snjmusontario.org/magdalen-basick ■

Rest in Peace

Since the Fall 2019 issue of SNJM Now went to print, 15 Holy Names Sisters in the U.S-Ontario Province have gone to God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Sister Sharon Collver, SNJM

(Sister M. Raphaelann)

February 27, 1939
- October 20, 2019

Sister Sharon passed away in Marylhurst, OR after 60 years as a Holy Names Sister.

What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the Divine takes place unceasingly but does not take place within myself? And, what good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to a Son if I do not also give birth to this divine life in my time and my culture? This, then, is the fullness of time: When a Child of God is begotten in us.

— Meister Eckhart



Sister Irene Piche, SNJM

(Sister Rose Alberta)

January 31, 1919 – November 2, 2019

Sister Irene passed away in Windsor, ON after 78 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Lord, make me a channel of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

— St. Francis



Sister Patricia Larson, SNJM

(Sister Campion Mary)

January 18, 1929 –
October 28, 2019

Sister Pat passed away in Spokane, WA after 70 years as a Holy Names Sister.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



Sister Jean Zadorian, SNJM

(Sister M. Charles Patrick)

February 15, 1932 - November 10, 2019

Sister Jean passed away in Windsor, ON after 64 years as a Holy Names Sister.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art there; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalms 23



Sister Sylvia Bartheld, SNJM
(Sister M. Catherine Elizabeth)

November 25, 1931 –
November 13, 2019

Sister Sylvia passed away in
Oakland, CA after 68 years as
a Holy Names Sister.

**Give me the grace and
generosity to make Jesus
and Mary the delight
of my mind, heart and
imagination.**

— Sister Sylvia Bartheld, 1951



Sister Annette Covatta, SNJM
(Eleanor Rose)

August 30, 1928 –
January 13, 2020

Sister Annette passed away in
Marylhurst, OR and will be buried
in Glenmont, NY after 71 years as
a Holy Names Sister.

**I have come that you
may have life and have
it to the full!**

John 10:10



Sister Colleen Kern, SNJM
(Sister Miriam Patrice)

January 30, 1929 –
December 29, 2019

Sister Colleen passed away in
San Rafael, CA after 71 years
as a Holy Names Sister.

**... and until we meet
again may God hold you
in the palm of God's hand.**

— Irish Blessing



Sister Mary Richard, SNJM
(Sister Marian Arthur)

July 10, 1928 –
January 16, 2020

Sister Mary passed away in
Marylhurst, OR after 70 years as a
Holy Names Sister.

**Remember that nothing is
small in the eyes of God.
Do all that you do with
love.**

— St. Thérèse de Lisieux



Sister Janice Jackson, SNJM
(Sister M. Stephen James)

March 12, 1933 –
January 13, 2020

Sister Janice passed away in
Marylhurst, OR after 65 years
as a Holy Names Sister.

**Let us be the always
hopeful
Gardeners of the spirit
Who know that without
darkness
Nothing comes to life
As without light
Nothing flowers.**

— May Sarton



Sister Collette Carroll, SNJM
(Sister M. Eulalie Rose)

October 6, 1928 –
January 19, 2020

Sister Collette passed away in
Saratoga, CA after 71 years as a
Holy Names Sister.

**Let our charity be a bright
and burning light, pointing
out the path of virtue to all
who surround us.**

—Marie Rose Durocher



Sister Mae Cruikshank, SNJM
(Sister Mary Lawrence)

May 16, 1925 –
February 1, 2020

Sister Mae passed away in
Marylhurst, OR after 74 years as
a Holy Names Sister.

**See! I will not forget you...
I have carved you into the
palm of my hand.**
Isaiah 49: 15-16



Sister Donna Maynard, SNJM
(Sister Anne Regina)

June 9, 1929 – April 18, 2020

Sister Donna passed away in
Oakland, CA after 68 years as a
Holy Names Sister.

**And can it be that in a
world so full and busy,
the loss of one creature
makes a void in any heart,
so wide and deep that
nothing but the width and
depth of eternity can fill it up!**
—Charles Dickens



Sister Helena Gleeson, SNJM
(Sister Mary Christopher)

March 16, 1924 –
February 7, 2020

Sister Helena passed away in
Arcadia, CA after 75 years as a
Holy Names Sister.

**Deep peace of the running
wave to you...
Deep peace of the flowing
air to you...
Deep peace of the quiet earth
to you...
Deep peace of the shining stars to
you...
Deep peace of the gentle night to you...
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you...
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.**
—Gaelic Blessing



Sister Jeanenne Weis, SNJM
(Sister Paula Jean)

May 19, 1931 –
May 13, 2020

Sister Jeanenne passed away in
Saratoga, CA after 64 years
as a Holy Names Sister



Sister Elizabeth (Betty) Bentler, SNJM
(Sister Marion Benedict)

August 6, 1929 –
March 30, 2020

Sister Betty passed away in
Spokane, WA after 70 years as a
Holy Names Sister.

**“Ring out your joy to the
Lord...”**
Psalm 33:1




HOPE

*Hope that is seen
is no hope at all.
Who hopes for
what they already
have? But if we
hope for what we
do not yet have, we
wait for it patiently. In
the same way, the Spirit
helps us in our weakness. We do not know
what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit
intercedes for us through wordless groans.*

Romans 8: 24-26

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WHY THEY GIVE: Care of the Elderly and Migrants

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by Anne Johnson

Growing up the third child of six, my siblings and I received a strong Catholic education, thanks to the insistence of my parents, Evelyn and Bob Johnson. I graduated from Sacred Heart Elementary School in Saratoga, CA, where there was a dedication to learning within the blessings of Jesus. In fact, my love of science was sparked by a wonderful 7th grade science teacher. I earned bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry, never doubting that I could achieve whatever I was inspired to do. This confidence was a combination of the unwavering support of my parents and my strong Catholic educational foundation.

Evelyn and Bob Johnson shared their love of the Sisters with their daughter Anne, and she continues their legacy of support.



During much of my working life, I lived outside the Bay Area. In my 40s, I returned to Saratoga, blessed to spend time with my younger sister, Catherine, during the final year of her life.



During Catherine's final days I became aware of the Holy Names Sisters and the tremendous peace and strength they brought to our family, especially Catherine and my parents. During this difficult time, Sisters Kate Ondreyco, Marion Patrick Connors and Emily Marie McKernan provided quiet strength and hope.

After Catherine's death, I saw how my parents gained renewed joy and strength through continuing their work with the Sisters. They were involved with preparations for the Strawberry Luncheon and the Benefit Dinner, and they included the Sisters in their estate plan.

It was especially difficult when my dad, a Distinguished Engineer at Lockheed, developed severe dementia. He never lost his gentle personality, constantly supported by my mom in such a loving and caring manner. I moved in with them to help and experienced the wonderful love that had grown between them for so many years.

Following their example, I put the Holy Names Sisters in my estate plan and contribute to various fundraising drives throughout the year.

While caring for the elderly Sisters was the reason I began to donate to the Holy Names Sisters, their work in prayerful support of the migrants at the U.S.-Mexican border also touched me deeply. Hopefully my ongoing support of the Sisters, including the eventual support through my estate plan, will continue to assist them in their very important work with both the elderly and the migrants. I know that my parents are pleased! ■

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.

A GIFT OF PRAYER is a thoughtful and special way to honor someone, remember the deceased, give thanks for God's many blessings, or celebrate a special occasion.



A GIFT OF PRAYER shows compassion and 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, safe return, comfort, strength, healing and peace.

Recipients and their intentions are held in the prayers of the Holy Names Sisters and Associates. A beautiful, personalized card acknowledging your gift of prayer is sent to the person or family you indicate; donation amounts are kept confidential. All contributions help support the Sisters and our ministries.

We hope you find our GIFT OF PRAYER a helpful way for you to make meaningful remembrances.

Send a gift of prayer online (www.snjmusontario.org/prayergift) or send this form in the enclosed envelope.

Prayers for _____
Name of person/persons

In Memoriam (recently deceased? Yes No)

Special Intention _____

healing, strength, peace, gratitude, speedy recovery, safe trip, etc.

To honor/celebrate _____

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

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Sign card from _____

Personal note (optional) _____

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