

Partners in Ministry

We are delighted to bring you the first edition of our newest publication, *SNJM Now* and look forward to your feedback.

We often hear from former students, and parents of former students, who fondly remember the days when we wore habits and served in schools. While we, too, cherish those memories, we are proud of the broad impact our Sisters are having in so many ways today. Through this new publication, our goal is to connect as we are today with our Partners in Ministry – our benefactors, former students, those currently involved in our sponsored works, and those who care about social justice – and invite you to join us in making a difference.

When Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher founded our community nearly 175 years ago, her focus was serving people on the margins. In 1843, that meant a focus on education, particularly for girls. Today, we are still educators and still focused on serving people on the margins in our local areas. We live that mission through our commitment to helping refugees and immigrants, to increasing awareness of the importance of protecting our earth, particularly its water supply, to ending human trafficking, and, of course, to continuing to facilitate academic learning in a variety of settings. We are a community of women religious following God's call, and we invite you to continue to journey with us.

In this first issue, we've chosen to highlight the work of our Sisters and Associates in serving people on the

margins through education, advocacy, and collaboration. At this time in our country's history, we feel more strongly than ever that our voices must join together on behalf of others, and we invite you to join with us in making a difference. Your financial support of our efforts, your prayers on our behalf, and your partnership in serving those on the margins has such an impact.

We are grateful for you and the many ways you support us.

Sincerely,

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

As we tread the same path, let us extend a hand to one another to surmount the difficulties that present themselves.

*– Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher,
foundress*

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Margaret Kennedy, SNJM



EDUCATING on the Margins

By Kathryn Ondreyco, SNJM

Since the community's foundation in 1843, Sisters of the Holy Names have educated thousands of students. While some Sisters and Associates today educate in "traditional" school settings, others have expanded the definition in response to needs in society.

Following is a glimpse of SNJMs as they continue the passion for and commitment to education.

Lolita Krebsbach, SNJM (top) and Mary Haupt, SNJM (bottom) with St. Patrick's School students.



St. Patrick School San Jose, CA

St. Patrick Elementary School is a collaborative educational ministry shared by three Daughters of Charity, three Sisters of the Holy Names and dedicated lay faculty and staff. The Daughters of Charity financially support ten elementary schools in the

Western United States, including St. Patrick's, as part of their commitment to provide quality Catholic education to children whose families struggle financially to meet every day needs. The underlying values of the school are a reflection of the two religious communities' commitment to providing education and community to students and their families.

This transitional K-8 school in downtown San Jose is "home" to children from that area and beyond. The school reflects the diversity of the Santa Clara Valley: communications are in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Students experience a blend of technology-driven education, faith formation, fine arts classes in music and art, and physical education.

"I want the best education for my daughters," says Marie Roque. "The education they receive develops and strengthens their academic abilities. Being in this Catholic school community provides us with a sense of community and our own faith is deepened because of the faith education and Christian service opportunities they are receiving."

Three Sisters of the Holy Names minister at St. Patrick's: **Sister Mary Haupt** is the Vice-Principal focusing on Admissions, Recruitment, Development, Student Activities and Discipline; **Sister Lolita Krebsbach** (Thomas Michael) teaches religion in seventh grade, social studies in eighth grade and coordinates recess and lunch duty supervision; **Sister Peggy Hurley** volunteers as a tutor on Thursdays.

Sister Mary says: "Reflecting the strong commitment to the Holy Names and Vincentian spirits, fully embracing blended



learning and challenging our students academically, we are transforming their lives and that of their families.”

Head Start Everett, WA

After teaching elementary school for 26 years, **Sister Patti Wasson** felt called to continue her ministry through the Head Start Program. Head Start helps children, especially those from low income families or whose mothers are not high school graduates, be more prepared for school.

In 2007 Sister Patti began ministering in Edmonds, WA, where she serves as Direct Services Manager of the Snohomish County Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. This program includes classrooms for children ages 3 to 5 and Early Head Start for children ages birth to 3.

“Head Start helped my daughter meet other children, learn her alphabet and numbers, and become more independent,” says one parent.

Sister Patti’s primary responsibility is supervising the teaching staff, including four Teacher Family Advocates (TFAs) who are responsible for both the education of the child and the social services part of the family’s development. In addition, there are two assistant teachers and two teacher aides.

“I volunteered in my children’s classrooms when they were in Head Start,” reflects one TFA. “I became a substitute, took college classes and earned my Child Development Associate and Associate of Arts degrees. The encouragement and support of the Head Start Program allowed me to accomplish these goals.”

A real success of the program is the connection between families. In this



world of division and conflict, Sister Patti witnesses groups of parents develop true friendships and support.

Lucinda Peightal, SNJM with one of the many refugees who have enjoyed her support.

Together, Sister Patti, the staff and the parents participate in educating and shaping lives for the future.

Life Skills for Immigrants Portland, OR

After a long career in elementary education, **Sister Lucinda Peightal** (M. Helen Patrice) brought her skills to another classroom.

For over ten years, Sister Lucinda has helped African refugee families transition to life in Portland. In addition to teaching them English, she has been there for baby showers, school programs and graduations, accompanying them through academic endeavors and the transition of the children to adulthood with families and children of their own.

One of her first families from Liberia had four children. Sister worked with Christian, the oldest son, as he navigated his way through Franklin High School.

He is now the father of three children, supporting his family as a carpenter. His youngest sister, Numo, was traumatized when she arrived, hiding under desks in the classroom. Her teacher and Sister Lucinda helped her overcome this fear. Sister continues to support and encourage sixteen year-old Numo to continue her education.

When Maria and her seven children, ages 2 – 17, arrived from the Congo eight years ago, adjustment to life in Portland meant overcoming many obstacles. Sister Lucinda helped Maria learn everyday skills such as how to use a washing machine. When Maria was diagnosed with diabetes, Sister educated her about nutrition, meal planning, shopping, and cooking.

Sister Lucinda assisted the children in their academic endeavors. The oldest, Matumaini, now 25, continued his education beyond high school and now provides translation services to Catholic Charities. Sister completed a letter of recommendation so that he and his wife

could move into low-income housing with their year-old son, Alembe.

Education takes many forms and Sister continues to find creative ways to teach.

ESL & Financial Skills for Immigrants Largo, FL

Helping immigrants increase their independence and reduce their isolation is a key goal for **Sister Mary Haskins** (William Joseph). “ESL and Finance Education are needs within the immigrant community here in Largo. With my experience, I knew that I could teach English and basic Finance principles.”

Sister Mary teaches financial literacy in collaboration with Project Prosper, a nonprofit providing financial education, mentoring, loans and savings.

For the last two years, Sister Mary has been teaching three Sisters of Our Lady of Kilimanjaro from Tanzania whose native language is Swahili. The Sisters were college educated in Tanzania and are working under a master nurse at a nursing facility in the Tampa area. English is still very difficult for them and they work on phonics, comprehension and conversation.

The Sisters plan to return to Tanzania someday so Sister Mary motivates them with “someday you will be able to teach English to your Sisters.” She says the Sisters are marvelous to teach and so appreciative of the opportunity to learn English. “I truly feel honored to have Sisters as students.” ■

Mary Haskins, SNJM (center) with two graduates of her ESL classes.



ADVOCATING for People on the Margins

By Mary Ann Farley, SNJM

Sisters of the Holy Names have historically been advocates for women and children, for people on the margins, those with no voice or knowledge of how and where to use their voice. In our earliest days, it may have

been supplying pencils, a uniform, a safe place for their human development. Today we have morphed into much broader areas of advocacy. Sisters have offered liberating action in many areas, infiltrating unjust systems, forming supportive relationships, speaking out for and with marginalized groups or individuals. The Sisters still spend their considerable time, energy and expertise in providing safe places for the human development of their neighbors, in the broadest sense of “who is my neighbor?”

Advocacy Against Human Trafficking San Jose, CA

When she first began teaching at Marin Catholic in Kentfield, CA, Sister Rosemary Everett (M. Charles Kevin) resonated with a Pablo Casals quote on a poster: *The capacity to care is that which gives life its greatest significance.* Sister Rosemary’s caring heart has prompted her to take action through calls, letters and signing petitions to federal, state and local officials on legislation for justice issues. Rosemary has an alert group of Sisters, Associates and others to whom



she forwards petitions, letters and requests for calls.

A particular passion is her support of the SNJM Corporate Stand against Human Trafficking, and she actively participates in San Jose and South Bay groups

Rosemary Everett, SNJM is tireless in her outreach to legislators, hotel managers, and bus companies on behalf of human trafficking victims.

focused on ending the exploitation of human beings for sex or forced labor. When Super Bowl 2016 came to San Francisco, she participated in the creation of the No Traffick Ahead coalition. This group works with bus drivers and hotel managers to make information available to trafficking victims and to train employees to recognize and report trafficking at their doors.

Rosemary is inspired and motivated by the phrase: Gospel women in solidarity for liberating action.

Supporting Farmworkers Tacoma, WA

Since entering the SNJM community in 2000, Sister Susan Wells has put her passion for advocacy and her love of immigrant communities to good use in a variety of ministries. For example, she has served the Farmworker community in the Yakima Valley at Marie Rose House and as a Pastoral Associate in a primarily Latino parish in the Diocese of San Bernardino, CA.

A participant in the Farmworker Center's Leadership Toltec Class is congratulated by Susan Wells, SNJM (right) upon receiving her certificate.



For the past four years, Sister Susan has ministered as a social worker in Tacoma, WA, working with unaccompanied refugee minors and as the Director of the Farmworker Center sponsored by Catholic Community Services in Mount Vernon, WA.

Sister Susan works to help members of the farmworker community become stronger advocates for the needs of their own community. She encourages their participation in Catholic Advocacy and Latino Advocacy Days in Olympia, WA, where Farmworker community members share their experiences with state legislators and help them to better understand the unique needs and important contributions of Farmworkers. At the local level, Farmworkers advocate for affordable housing with city and county officials.

“My passion is to share with immigrant communities our warm SNJM hospitality; to demonstrate to them that their voices are critically needed as policies are being made at all levels of government. This is how I try to bring to life our Chapter Acts and Corporate Stand on Immigrants and Refugees.”

Advocating for the At Risk Portland, OR

When Mary Hansen, Associate, was growing up in Portland, her parents modelled the value of ministering with marginalized people. She says advocacy is “in her genes.”

Her call to become a court-appointed advocate on behalf of at-risk individuals started with an attorney's request that she become a guardian for a young woman. After taking classes in elder law, Mary is now a Professional

Fiduciary, working with the courts for the protection of people who are at risk for abuse and neglect. In this role, she may be a guardian, administer a trust, or supervise housing and medication needs for persons suffering from mental health challenges. She finds a balance between intervention and respect for autonomy, between compromising life style habits and human dignity, between her heart and what is possible. Mary has a picture before her of a small woman with a little bundle walking away. The title is Invisible. No one is invisible on Mary's watch!

A strong advocate of education, Mary teaches in an organization called Guardian Partners, a program to train representatives of the court as support persons for at-risk clients. There are more than 5000 guardianships in Oregon.

While Mary was working with **Sister Clare Roy** (Mary Leonarda, RIP) at St. Francis of Assisi in Portland, Sr. Clare saw the SNJM charism alive in Mary and invited her to become an Associate. Her connection is frequently affirmed as the flow of SNJM mirrors the flow of her own life. Mary finds congruity in our emphasis on education and collaboration and the power of community.

Advocacy on Behalf of Immigrants Tampa, FL

Sister Elizabeth Crean (M. Jerome Michael) was a teacher and student of history. She became interested in law and in those who lack representation, especially immigrants who are overwhelmed by the complexity of law and the expenses involved. Her reaction became a call: Who can I help? There are people who come to the United States for a better life, and now

are trying very hard to manage, to prosper. **Sister Rose Gallagher** (Rose Immaculata, RIP) was her patron saint in this work, having devoted much of her life and heart to the Haitian people.

The process to acquire legal status is a lengthy one. There are many documents to gather and a government application to complete costing hundreds of dollars. To better assist the immigrants, Sister Elizabeth became a paralegal, and ultimately pursued an online jurist doctor degree. With financial support from the SNJM community, she formed Paralegal Immigration Advocacy.

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— Sister Susan Wells

Ready for action, she found two attorneys with hearts for immigrant people. They accepted her proposal that if people could not afford their services, she would do the work to prepare the clients for legal status, and the attorneys would review and approve. The lawyers refer clients who come with horror stories of abuse, gangs, physical danger. One woman crossed the Rio Grande with her child on her shoulders. Sister listens, she loves, and she does the work.

Sister Elizabeth finds strength and support for her advocacy in SNJM documents emphasizing dedication to women and children, to justice, to liberating action especially for low-income and marginalized persons. She says: “With God's grace and Mother Mary Rose pushing me along, I hope I can do this for a long time.” ■

COLLABORATION to Serve Those on the Margins

By Carole Strawn, SNJM

Collaboration is key to Holy Names ministry. In the words of our foundress, Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher: “As we tread the same path, let us extend a hand to one another to surmount the difficulties that present themselves.” Today Sisters and Associates all around the U.S.-Ontario Province live these words as active participants in collaborative actions for the marginalized.

Ministering to the Imprisoned Eugene, OR



Carol Lee, SNJM with her Lane County Jail supervisor Sergeant Dave Bones (left) and Lieutenant Steve French (right).

After years as a pastoral associate, Sister Carol Lee (Thomas James) became a certified Catholic chaplain and worked in a local hospital. When she retired, she still wished to use her chaplain skills. Another Holy Names

Sister in the area, Sister Margaret Graziano (Vincent Mary, RIP), was a long-time volunteer organizer at the Lane County Jail, and Sister Carol found that her chaplain skills would be much appreciated there.

Working mostly with female inmates, Sister responds to requests in the form of small papers called “kytes.” They can ask

for anything from art paper, stationery, Bibles, prayer, a visit due to death in the family, or counseling.

There is a sense of care. One compassionate captain has been concerned about persons with mental illness or little education. Opportunities for classes range from socialization skills to yoga and through Lane Community College, inmates have access to GED programs. Chaplains assist by proctoring GED tests at the jail. Sister Carol described the pleasure she felt at the joy of a 58-year-old man when he received his GED certificate.

In Community Court, a collaboration of law enforcement, the judicial system and various non-profit agencies, Sister Carol represents Catholic Community Services. The program offers options to those arrested for low-level misdemeanor crimes, which may mean no jail time and no record. After successfully completing the program, there is a courtroom meeting. The Judge issues a “Key to Success” and lawyers, social workers, and friends of the court praise the person’s achievement.

Recently Sister Carol has been accompanying the only woman on death row in Oregon. While at Lane County, the woman connected with her spirituality and Catholic faith, which

are sustaining her now. Building on their relationship, Sister Carol visits her at the women's prison in Wilsonville and writes to her regularly in support of her personal and spiritual well-being.

Collaboration on Behalf of Detained Immigrants Chicago, IL

Having just moved to Chicago, a flier caught Sister Cathy Leamy's (James of the Eucharist) eye. It advertised Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants (SBI), a group of religious congregations in support of immigrant rights. Looking to become involved in her new city, Sister Cathy filled out the attached postcard and within a couple of days received an invitation to the next meeting.

SBI's mission is to exercise the power of their collective voice to seek justice for immigrants by advocacy, prayer, public witness, and education. A recent SBI offshoot is assistance to young people aging out of the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program. As they reach 18, they are vulnerable to being snatched by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and placed into adult detention awaiting deportation. The Clerics of St. Viator opened a house so young men have some place to go as they leave URM. Sisters in the area are coming together to provide a similar resource for young women.

Through SBI, Sister Cathy came to know the Interfaith Coalition for Detained Immigrants (ICDI). Initially ICDI members came together over the denial of pastoral visitation to immigrant detainees. Authorities deemed them ineligible for this right because of



their undocumented status. With the persistent efforts of some undaunted individuals lobbying state legislators, a bill was passed allowing pastoral visitation to non-citizen detainees.

Sister Cathy and other volunteers make weekly visits. The ICDI pastoral visitation program has gained positive acceptance and ICE has even requested they start programs at other facilities.

Cathy Leamy, SNJM and a team of volunteers from the Interfaith Coalition for Detained Immigrants visit detainees in a jail in Kankakee, IL.

Collaboration on Behalf of Women and Children Albany, NY

Mary's Corner, a ministry of the Ladies of Charity, operates with an all-volunteer staff including Sister Joyce Houle (Isabel Veronica). Mary's Corner provides necessities such as baby food, diapers, bath supplies, bedding, strollers and playpens to low-income single parents for their children, mostly newborns to 4-years-old. Collaborative relationships with area-Catholic parishes and congregations of other religious traditions help to keep the shelves stocked. Sister Joyce said a wish list in a parish bulletin always results in a generous flood of items for restocking shelves.

Another project close to Sister's heart is the Coalition to End Human Trafficking of Albany. They are a diverse, faith-based



(top) Barbara Spears, SNJM provides an update on UNANIMA to a group of Sisters of the Holy Names.

(bottom) Joyce Houle, SNJM helps a Mary's Corner client select baby clothes.

rejoices in the friendship of the volunteers and being present to the moms and dads they serve.

An International Collaboration

The Sisters of the Holy Names are members of UNANIMA International, a non-governmental organization (NGO) founded by Holy Names Sister Catherine Ferguson in 2002.

A coalition of 19 congregations of Catholic Sisters advocating at the United Nations in New York for the improvement of the economic and social conditions of all peoples, it strives to educate and influence policy-makers at the global level. UNANIMA is active in a number of committees and working groups including Committees on Migration and to Stop Trafficking in Persons.

The Holy Names liaison to UNANIMA is Sister Barbara Spears (Mary Joelle) who serves on the board, participates in advocacy, and conducts workshops on UNANIMA issues. An important dimension of her work is updating Sisters and Associates on current UNANIMA programs, including workshop and internship opportunities with UNANIMA at the U.N.

group who educate and advocate to end human trafficking and serve those adversely affected. They sponsor an annual interfaith vigil and offer education days to raise awareness about human trafficking and the Academy of the Holy Names – Albany has

hosted past workshops. In June 2015 the Interfaith Alliance of New York State honored the Albany Coalition including Sister Mary Elizabeth Lagoy (John Gilbert) and Sister Joyce. Sister remarked that their awareness-raising activities, including education outreach to law enforcement, have been well received.

Sister Joyce finds her experiences in both of these ministries “life giving”. She looks forward to the Coalition meetings because it is “such a gift to belong. It is alive and makes things happen.” As for Mary’s Corner, she

These are fruits of collaboration fostered by “lending a hand to surmount the difficulties which present themselves.” Holy Names Sisters and Associates participate in this every day. This theme was recently reiterated for today: “The Spirit prompts us to be in dialogue with the emerging questions; to act with audacity and freedom; to widen our circles of collaboration; and to imagine the SNJM mission in new ways.” ■

Alum News Fall 2017

The following updates were received between February 2, 2017 and August 29, 2017. Any information received after this date will appear in the spring newsletter. Due to space limitations, some messages from alums who appeared in the previous issue may not appear. All messages, however, are warmly welcome. Enjoy!

1940's

N. Jane Kelly Healy, IHS, '42 is 92 years old. She lives in her own home with a caregiver and is a member of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Her six children live close by and visit often.

Rosemary Ann Branigan, HNASea, '44 turned 90 years old in October 2016. She had fun getting together with four other 90-year-olds from the class of '44.

Theresa O'Brien O'Neill, HNASpo, '48 is married to Pat O'Brien. Together, they have seven children, 22 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Theresa thanks the Sisters for 12 years of education.

1950's

Martha Torlai MacKenzie, IHS, '51 is doing fine. She is thankful for many years of happiness with her husband, Joe, and their five sons and one daughter. They have 11 grandchildren. She stays in touch with several classmates.

Kathleen Meeds Cunningham, SMAPor, '54 is a wife, mother, grandmother, teacher and RN. She is living in a continuing care community in Seattle, WA.

Darlene Tremblay Lang, HNASpo, '56 plays tennis and keeps up her home. She feels blessed to have a husband who keeps her on her toes and watches over her closely.

Mary Margaret Mclean Bouchard, HNASea, '57 is teaching and getting older. She says both are to be desired.

Madeline Doyle Pinsoneault, HNASpo, '58 has lived in Edmonds, WA, for 52 years and loves it. She and her husband have four children and 10 grandchildren. Her husband, James, spent 43 years at Blanchet High School in Seattle and still stays connected with the school. She spent several years working as an RN.

Mary Frances Buzard Coupe, HNASea, '58 writes "It's hard to believe that next year, 2018, will be 60 years since I graduated. My husband, Tom, and I were married one year later." They raised six children in the house they bought in 1961 and still reside there.

Kathryn Krueger Brown, HNASea, '58 married in 1962 and raised three girls and one boy in Seattle. She and her husband owned an aluminum boat building business in Ballard, WA, and then retired. They spent winters in Yuma, AZ, for 10 years until she moved to an adult care home.

Carole Buckley Furness, FWC, '58 met another HNASpo alum in church, Charlotte Nelson. Charlotte attended HNA two years behind her. They serve on many committees together as well as act as Lay Eucharist Ministers at the Church of the Ascension, Episcopal, Seattle, WA.

1960's

Melita Balzan Townsend, HNASea, '60 is retired from nursing. She has one son and two grandchildren. Her interests are travel, horsemanship, island living and her grandchildren.

Jessie Niles Overman, HNASpo, '60 is riding horses and has been bucked off once this year. She quilts every Wednesday at church and enjoys the social time. Her husband had cataract surgery and sees a little better now. She's looking forward to 75.

Cheryll Gatter Sampson, HNASea, '61 is semi-retired in Florida. She has lived there since 1982. She is lucky to have married a good guy. She works part-time for Florida Atlantic University. She works in the library on weekends. She attends HNA get togethers in Seattle almost every year.

Alana Rogers Fitzgerald, FWC, '64 is still using her music education from Sr. Marietta and Sr. Flavia to teach piano and direct her church choir at Santa Maria del Mar in Flagler Beach, FL. She also plays in a harp ensemble for charitable work.

Karen Kasper, FWC, '64 moved into a retirement apartment in July 2016 after 22 years in the Wedgewood area of Seattle. Her health issues require her to be less active as an Associate. She enjoyed visiting with classmates from Fort Wright

College at the 50-year Jubilee Celebration in Seattle last May.

Diane Fujiwara O'Neill, HNASea, '64 is a retired teacher and lives in Everett, WA. She attended the HNA 50th reunion three years ago. She has two grandsons that live in Colorado.

Margaret O'Brien Shute, HNASpo, '65 just completed her 26th year of volunteering at Eastside Baby Corner. She was blessed to have a new grandson on her 70th birthday.

Carol Diluzio Holmgren, HNASpo, '65 is looking forward to her second retirement after working with a doctor for more than 10 years. Prior to that, she retired from the Seattle Police Department after 20 years.

Beverly Duarte Laudermilk, IHS, '65 has had many wonderful trips to Hawaii and Palm Springs with her sisters, Cindy and Donna.

Kathleen Pautler Laubach, FWC, '66 and her husband welcomed their seventh grandchild in 2016 so now they have seven grandchildren all under the age of seven. They divide their time between visits to their homes in Southern California and Reno, NV; they also take trips in their motor home.

Ann Haley Olson, FWC, '66 is living in Spokane, WA, and each month she meets with HNA graduates of '62 for lunch.

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Rest in Peace

Alum News,

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Betty Pauly Hively, HNASpo, '69 and her husband are enjoying retirement. They travel to places they once only read about. They are in awe of how fast their granddaughters are growing up.

Nora Wood Mena, HNASpo, '69 is retired after 33 years with the State of Washington. The last 20 years she spent in water quality, forestry and agriculture. She spends winters in Green Valley, AZ.

Nancy Gorshe, HNASpo, '69 enjoys being an elected commissioner of her local public hospital and serving on the Washington State Hospital Association Board of Directors.

Ruthie McLean Moore, HNASpo, '69 is a retired nurse and volunteers at St. Vincent De Paul.

1970's

Terri Goeden Killeen, HNASpo, '75 just became a grandmother for the first time. She and her husband raised four children in Seattle. One of her children was married in August and one will be married in November. All of their children graduated from universities: Gonzaga University, Seattle University, University of Oregon and the University of Washington. They are looking forward to what the next chapter will bring.

Rebecca Riener, FWC, '76 has taught in northern Alberta for 34 years. She teaches kindergarten and loves it.

Margaret Cunningham White, HNASea, '76 lives in Snohomish, WA, with her husband, Steve. They have four daughters. Margaret has taught in the Seattle Archdiocese for 25 years. ■



Sister Pat Daly, SNJM (Isabel Mary)

Sister Pat was an alum HNA, Seattle '45 and of Marylhurst College, Marylhurst, OR '58.

She died March 18, 2017 in Spokane, Washington.

At the age of 90, she was in her 69th year of religious service.

The Sisters of the Holy Names prayerfully remember the following alums, family and friends who have died.

We received these notifications between February 4, 2017 – August 31, 2017.

Please contact the Sisters if you know of any alum, family member or friend who is missing from this list. The Sisters wish to remember them and their families in prayer.

HNA, Seattle

Nancy Criez Bell, '49
Donna Crum Boggs, '52
Ruth Friedman Bolding, '57
Jane Ellen Burns, SNJM, '41
Rita Geis Caputo, '40
Lynn Johnson Conrad, '67
Mary Eagen Coughlin, '46
Karrie Kerola Crotty, '62
Suzyann Agnes Gazarek, '71
Ruth Gibbons Hammack, '40
Vivian Morin Holdorf, '37
Kathleen McHugh Hurson, '42
Elizabeth Clark Layman, '41
Mary Moriarty Lee, '58
Edna Sifferman Lemeshko, '41
Sally Gagner McGlynn, '51
Karen Jonientz McMahan, '70
Janet Ryan Pasha, '57
JoAnne Piergrossi, '72
Patricia Fleury Renas, '55
Eileen C. Riley, '64
Linda M. Rollin, '47
Marilyn Gibbons Sherry, '49
Mary Henrichs Shorett, '38
Rosemary Barrett Siderius, '45
Cecelia Hyatt Smersh, '46
Anne Sigel Steele, '54
Shirley O'Dowd Wilson, '47
Zora Hoyt Woszczak, '54

HNA, Spokane

Helen Ann Bibler, '63
Karen Brincken Bickford, '64
Mary Bertsch Caya, '45
Shirley Haener Chillquist, '53
Marie McFarland Cone, '50
Joan La Fontaine DiJulio, '50
Gloria Edstrom Duggan, '59
Jane Hasfurther Harvey, '51
Esther Conrad Keevy, '56
Katherine M. Kestell, '66
Connie Stone Koentopp, '55
Laura Fitzpatrick Lowell, '63
Judith Sjostrom Lynn-Perez, '57
Rosa Geiss Massengale, '62
Elaine Savage Moser, '66
Mary Toepel Nuxoll, '53
Paula Conlin Osadjan, '57
Claudia Blue Ramsey, '63
Jeanne Tierney Ryan, '55
Rita McCanna Slawter, '58
Mary Brady Tappe, '63
Kathryn Bartroff Yanak, '55

Holy Names/Fort Wright College, Spokane

Evelyn Jankowski Becker, '53
Madeline Maguire Dellwo, '40
Madeleine Cochrane Durkin, '47

Joyce Worth Feuersinger, '68
Antonetta Rosati Fioretti, '44
Elsa Anderson Flynn, '76
Catherine Grams, SNJM, '72
Debra Steward Jacobson, '67
Kathleen Thaden Judge, '53
Frances McGreevy Keller, '48
Eileen Close Lyall, '47
Laverne Vance Manderscheid, '56
Adeline Spinelli Moulton, '46
Rev. Ward B. Oakshott, '73
Virginia Boisen Rantala, '56
Muriel Row Rossing, '56
Mildred Kundel Smith, '38
Marie Van Doren Thornton, '56

Immaculate High School, Seattle

Shirley Work Craft, '60
Teresa Mary Haigh, '50
Gaile MacDonald Higdon, '46
Rita Urquhart Kerner, '65
Ann Howe Pachal, '57
Anne O'Brien Robinson, '40
Luann Carl Willingham, '45

Grade schools, other high schools, colleges

Lorraine Peltier Alden, St. Patrick, Spo. *

Edwin David Anderson Jr.,
Sacred Heart, Spo. '49
Lillian Dahmen Bauer,
St. Boniface, Uniontown,*
Mary Ellen Beyer
St. Anne, Sea. *
Robert John Carroll,
St. Aloysius, Spo. *
Frank W. Corkery,
St. Aloysius, Spo. *
Clare Bernard Delaney,
Immaculate G.S., Everett,
'46
John David Imhoff,
St. Aloysius, Spo. *
Patrick Francis King,
St. Aloysius, Spo. *
Rita O'Hara Leers,
Immaculate G.S., Sea. *
Ralph Edward Little,
St. Aloysius, Spo. *
Carol Diedrick Magnuson,
St. Aloysius, Spo. *
Matthew Marion Murray,
St. Anne, Sea. *
Sharon Burrow Rudd,
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Jack Stockton,
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Immaculate High School Class of 1967 50th Anniversary

The annual IHS luncheon on April 1 2017 brought together 20 graduates from the class of 1967 to celebrate their golden anniversary - 50 years since they received their diploma.

The luncheon for all IHS graduates was held in the Brockey Conference Center at the South Seattle College. It was a time for all classes to share memories and enjoy each other's company. Through a silent auction, raffle and ticket sales, alumnae also raised almost \$9000 to support Sisters and their ministries. Designated programs included the Sisters' Retirement Fund (\$4000), the IHS Scholarship Endowment (\$1400), Jonestown Family Center and Durocher Services Program in Mississippi (\$1700 each).

The 1967 graduates in attendance were: Sharon Bradley, Joanne Mastro Pagano, Mary Kay Welch Mastro, Wanda Melonson Nelson, Carol Miori Pilcic, Janette De Santis Steckler, Alice Berger Toupin, Sheila Pitre Holmes, Judy Montgomery Hightower, Cathy Simons McCaffrey, Jodi Ward Jamerson, Loretta Vallejo Johnson, Veronica Fabico Palacios, Margaret Poss Henrikson, Marilyn Wilson Hanseling, Mari Alvau Pavia, Mary Lynch Scharf, Madge Kilbourn, Linda Dukes Lamb, Carol Jones Eberle. ■

**Thank you IHS Alums
SNJM's prayers are with you**

WHY THEY GIVE: Partners in Mission

We know people have many reasons for being our Partners in Mission. We will tell one donor's story in each issue of SNJM News. If you'd like to share your story, contact us at development@snjmuson.org.

Born in California, Joanne Veronica Goheen did not meet her father's Oregon-based sister (and her own namesake), Sister Veronica Mary Goheen, until she was 10 years old. Still, her aunt made a lasting impression.

"I was in awe of her," relates Joanne. "She was quite petite but had a power and authority about her that immediately caught your attention."

Sister Veronica Mary served as principal of eight schools in Washington and Oregon between 1929 and 1957. She often taught a 7th or 8th grade class along with her duties as principal. After nearly 30

years in that role, she answered another call, serving 14 years as Treasurer for Marylhurst College and the Oregon Province. Not one to sit still for long, Sister volunteered until she was 91 years old. Joanne recalls, "There never seemed to be enough time to visit with her as she had to be about her current calling."

Joanne followed Sister Veronica Mary's example and taught primary school for more than 30 years. "At that point in my life, my father had passed, and I saw the need to help my brother and mother in the family refrigeration business, and like Sister Veronica Mary, I began a new career." When her mother began to fail, Joanne cared for her until her mother's death at the age of 100. "I didn't consider it a sacrifice; it's just something you do. You care for family."

Joanne has been a donor to the Sisters of the Holy Names for many years, a tribute to her aunt and the work of her community. During visits to Sister Veronica Mary in Oregon she noticed the same loving, family care given to the Sisters by their community, the family of Sisters. "I wanted to help with this care, knowing that the need was far greater than the resources the Sisters have. I made the decision to include them in my will so that while I am living I have access to my assets, but upon my passing, a portion of those assets will carry on the Sisters' work into the future."

Joanne has truly followed in her aunt's footsteps, both in a career of education and in a commitment to caring for others. If you would like to include the Sisters of the Holy Names in your estate plans, please email Sister Celine Steinberger – csteinberger@snjmuson.org or call (509)328-7470. ■

Joanne Goheen (left), her brother Ed (front) and sister Pat (right) visited their aunt Sister Veronica Mary at the convent in Oregon in 1946.



Completed Sale Ensures SNJM Commitment to Spokane

by Kathleen Hilton, SNJM

The work of the CHN Property Committee came to a successful conclusion with filing of the final legal document this summer. The outcome accomplishes our goal of good financial stewardship while it ensures a continuous expression of our values to benefit the people of Spokane whom we've served since 1888.

Catholic Charities is utilizing the former convent building for Rising Strong, a family centered treatment program for those at risk of separation from their children. The remaining portion of the peninsula purchased by Catholic Charities has become a construction site for affordable, low-income, and senior housing erected by Catholic Housing Services of Eastern Washington. Copper River is currently renting units for the affordable housing portion of this project.

Spokane County purchased the land fronting the Spokane River, about half of the peninsula's acreage, with Conservation Futures Program funds. An easement from Catholic Charities will allow public access to this valuable natural resource. The State of Washington will manage the habitat.

The Spokane Regional offices, including development, remain at CHN. Both in the building and outside, depending on the direction one faces, the view is unchanged, partially familiar, or

totally transformed. We are thankful for your prayers and support during this challenging, but necessary, transition in the life of our Province. Please join us in thanking God for all who contributed to this blessed outcome. ■

Top: New construction is underway for housing on the campus.

Bottom: The former Convent of the Holy Names remains, surrounded by beauty.





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More than 20 Sisters of the Holy Names who entered the community after 1970 spent a long weekend together this summer at the Villa Maria del Mar in Santa Cruz, CA. Since 2004, this group has met every few years. The primary focus "has been to better know one another in an atmosphere of prayer, discussion, relaxation and fun!"

Joan Steadman, CSC, Executive Director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, led the group through two days of reflection, contemplation and discussion about leadership for women religious in North America. The retreat was enlivening and inspiring for all – and everyone looks forward to the next gathering at Santa Cruz in 2019!