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The purpose of Presentation Doorways is to further the mission of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our associates by sharing the news and views of the congregation with our benefactors, families and friends. Through this publication, we hope to share the charism of our congregation and to invite others to become involved in our mission.

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The doorways represented on the cover are snapshots of significant doors in the Presentation history: (left to right) doorway of the current motherhouse at 2360 Carter Road; doorway of St. Vincent's Academy (now St. Columbkille) in Dubuque in 1879; doorway of Sacred Heart Chapel at the current motherhouse; doorway of the former motherhouse at 1229 Mount Loretta Avenue which was built in 1909; and doorway by which Mother Vincent Hennessy left Mooncoin, Ireland, to begin the Dubuque foundation in 1874.

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For the Sisters of the Presentation, the Community Days gathering is a time of coming home and reconnecting with one another; a time of renewed energy and reimagining possibilities; and a time to evoke and nurture the wonderful spirit that binds them together before returning to their varied ministries. Left to right: Sisters Barbara Rastatter, Annette Skyles, Annette Kestel, Lynn Marie Fangman, Michelle Gallagher and Suzanne Gallagher.

A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Openings

by ANN JACKSON, PBVM



Engaging Contemplation ... Nothing Matters More!

Individual and collective contemplation! Nothing matters more. Engaging contemplation is essential to transform ourselves and our world. Do we *really* believe the world's transformation is inextricably bound to our own?

Echoing the Presentation directional statement, keynote speaker of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), Dubuque Franciscan Sister Pat Farrell, in her address, *Leading from the Allure of Holy Mystery*, inquired, "Where does this contemplative impulse lead us? What will it ask of us?"

"Reactivity is at an all-time high," cited co-keynoter, writer and organizational consultant, Margaret Wheatley. "What is your capacity to reflectively sit with a problem rather than fix it – to *be* with people rather than change them?" Devoting *one-third of each year* to personal contemplation, Margaret challenged over 800 attendees of the LCWR *to see* society's codependence with ceaseless "doing."

Contemplative reflecting, seeing and acting focuses on engaging inner work – the work of transforming body, mind and spirit – personally, interpersonally, organizationally and globally.

Contemplating *who* we are, *how* we are and *whose* we are invites us to step into a deeper, more interdependent, global relationship with the world. Each person's shift in consciousness births a new vision of the world. Our sense of the sacred is heightened. Our sense of self connects to the whole. Relationships shift. We learn to listen differently.

As individual consciousness is raised, global consciousness emerges. Individual contemplation accesses a higher, deeper, collective wisdom! From the depths of collective listening, we share the truth of our experience and listen to the experience of others. We become more vulnerable. We discuss risks and fears, expose and examine assumptions and beliefs, ... Expanding our collective awareness empowers us to move through, to re-imagine and re-claim our part in creating a new reality.

"Communal discernment of some kind," Sister Pat shared, "has always been a part of the dynamic of religious life but there is a new urgency now to deepen our capacity to hear and follow the guidance of *collective wisdom*."

Current research suggests that the bulk of the global population is transitioning from reactivity to reflective creativity. Schools, churches, communities, for-profits and nonprofit organizations are learning *together* how to cultivate individual and communal creativity and imagination, equitable distribution of resources, collaboration....

This collective consciousness becomes palpable. We learn to be led by the Spirit, and to listen to the interior collective "we." We question, review, refine, reimagine new structures and processes.

How much trust and faith do we have in contemplation? "Nothing matters more!"

Our MISSION

We, the Sisters of the Presentation, are Catholic women who dedicate our lives to God through evangelization, prayer, service and hospitality. Our way of life is based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share in the vision of our foundress, Venerable Nano Nagle, who dared to dream of a better world for the poor, sick and uneducated of Ireland. We commit ourselves to the empowerment of women and children. We reverence and celebrate all creation as gift. We commit ourselves to confronting injustice and working for peace.

As we continue to keep Nano's dream alive, we are pleased to share our mission with you.

Our DIRECTION

Ignited by the fire of God's love and impelled by the legacy of Nano Nagle, we, the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, participate in the evolving consciousness of the cosmos by

reverencing relationships
celebrating unity
engaging contemplation and
fostering partnerships

to transform ourselves
and our world.

Sisters of the Presentation LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sister Julianne Brockamp

Sister Beth Driscoll

Sister Ann Jackson

Sister Leanne Welch



Left to right: Sister Beth Kress enjoys spending time with her sister, Jeanne, at Sunnycrest Manor family nights and at their family home.

SISTER BETH KRESS

Goes Where the Needs Call

by FRANCINE QUILLIN, PBVM

To say that Sister Beth Kress is a gifted woman is to offer a big understatement! But one wouldn't hear of her many gifts from Sister Beth. You would only know them by observation which allows the gifts to unfold.

Sister Beth and her younger sister, Jeanne, are the two children of Hugh and Betty Kress, now both deceased, but long-time residents of Dubuque and its neighbor, Frenress Lake. During the girls' school years, the family belonged to Sacred Heart Parish and School, where Beth took violin lessons. She excelled, and, with the mentoring of her good teachers throughout school, she also developed her innate talent for writing. She actively uses both skills today.

Holding dear her love of music, and treasuring the years of lessons which her parents provided for her, she is today a member of the Dubuque Community String Orchestra where she plays viola, and on occasion she plays violin for liturgies.

Sister Beth further honed her writing skills by acquiring two master's degrees, one in journalism education from the University of Iowa, and a Master of Journalism degree in public relations from Louisiana State University, where she gained experience in reporting and publicity.

Following in the footsteps of her late Presentation aunts, Sisters Virginia and Victoria Gereau, Sister Beth was a teacher for 20

years, serving at Newman High School in Mason City, Iowa, Columbus High School in Waterloo, Iowa, and St. Mary High School in Storm Lake, Iowa. She was also the director of religious education and the RCIA coordinator at the Church of the Nativity in Dubuque, for seven years. Commenting that she “really enjoyed the parish experience and working with families as we journeyed together in faith,” Sister Beth affirmed that the parish role built on her many wonderful years teaching in Catholic high schools and gave her the rich experience of multi-generational faith formation.

Sister Beth began her career in communications as a high school teacher of English, journalism, mass media and publications. Subsequently, she worked for 30 years with nonprofits including for Catholic schools and for women religious on regional, national and international levels. She served as a systems coordinator of public relations and telecommunications for the Dubuque Catholic school system; as the first coordinator for the International Presentation Association (1989-1995); and as the first coordinator of Communicators for Women Religious (CWR), a professional organization for enhancing the image and advancing the mission of women religious. A member of CWR since its founding in 1995, Sister Beth has served as a regional liaison and chair of the marketing committee and is presently treasurer and board member, as well as a member of the executive committee and the chair of the finance committee.

In 1993 she was a founding member of Sisters United News (SUN), a colloquium of professional communicators dedicated to publicizing the ministries and missions of Catholic sisters of the Upper Mississippi River Valley. Still active in this organization, Sister Beth states, “For me, SUN has been a school of collaboration, camaraderie and professional growth.”

Currently Sister Beth is communications specialist for the Sisters of the Presentation, coordinating publicity and marketing for the Presentation Lantern Center. In this position she writes, edits and designs three newsletters per year; manages the website and social media accounts; writes publicity stories for various publications and markets; manages the Presentation Lantern section of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque website, “Giving Center,” and assists the executive director and board with all external communications, public relations, advertising and fundraising pieces. She also writes and proofreads for the Presentation community publication, *Presentation Doorways*, and submits publicity pieces for the congregation, particularly the yearly jubilee stories for diocesan publications and “home-town” newspapers of the jubilarians.

Additionally, she is the communication specialist for Hotel Hope in New Orleans, Louisiana, a ministry served by Sisters Mary Lou Specha and Julie Marsh that empowers those made homeless after Hurricane Katrina.

Of her writing, Sister Beth comments, “I have always loved to write. My grade school teachers gave me wonderful skill development and appreciation for good literature. In high school, I had really fine teachers, who gave me a taste for possible future careers in journalism. So much has mushroomed since the days of mostly



Sisters Beth Kress and Corine Murray have worked together for many years at the Presentation Lantern Center in Dubuque, Iowa.

print journalism, but my desire to always learn which began in high school has continued, and today I find myself in a ‘reverse mentoring’ relationship with many fine young communicators who also want to learn from those of us who are their elders.”

But Sister Beth is not all about work! With her ready laugh, she is a great conversationalist, and loves spending time with extended family and friends, the sisters in her sacred circle group and with associates and sisters within her committee working on issues surrounding women, children and the indigenous. She also loves to swim and to bowl, and she especially enjoys being able to spend quiet time by the river or any body of water.

However, the last several years have not provided as much time for all those pleasures because Sister Beth added still another ministry to her résumé. She became a full-time family caregiver in 2000 when her mother began showing signs of dementia, eventually diagnosed as Alzheimer’s. This ministry involved not only the actual caregiving, but also making placement decisions for her mother, managing the family finances, including the eventual sale of their home, and overseeing a trust for her sister, Jeanne. “I am so grateful that I have had this privilege to walk with my mother and sister, and to have the tremendous support of the Presentation family to do so,” Sister Beth declares.

This latest ministry reveals another side of Sister Beth, one of empathy, of respectful care, of judicious decision-making, and of great love. Yet, as she reflects on this time, she comments not on herself, but on her “growing respect and appreciation for all those involved in the care of another,” and she is “always grateful for their generous giving of their lives to this work.”

Most of us can hardly imagine crowding all of that activity into one entire lifetime, and yet Sister Beth remains “hard at it,” continuing all of these activities with zest and excellence, all as if it were part of a normal day for anyone! Sister Beth sets the goal high, but she does it without fanfare or self-seeking. She remains dedicated to family and community, and she brings honor to both.



Participating in the Evolving Cosmos **Community Gathering**

by MAURA MCCARTHY, PBVM

The deep beat of the African drum intermingled with the sound of raindrops from the Australian rain stick, and then Sister Ann Jackson's voice beckoned the Presentation assembly to "Listen, listen to the evolving cosmos." Instants later the haunting melodic refrain probed the Presentation Sisters and associates, "What have we done for the poor ones, the cold ones, the ones who seek shelter among us, beside us?" Thus began the Community Days gathering on Wednesday morning, July 13, after the 60th jubilee celebration of six Presentation Sisters. All associates and sisters in unity concluded morning prayer by giving thanks together for the "awesome narrative of which we are a part ... and committing ourselves to creativity in cooperation with the energies of life." Sister Rita Menart's graceful and prayerful dance movements along with the outstanding musical selections graced the opening prayer of this and the following days.

Sister Leanne Welch communicated a heartwarming report prepared by Sister Julianne Brockamp, who was called to South Dakota to attend the funeral of her brother, Jim. This amazing testament related that over 121 donations had been made in the past year by the Presentation Sisters to nonprofit organizations as varied as cancer, heart and diabetes, to scholarships, far-flung religious and secular entities, needy churches, food pantries, ministry donations and low-cost loans. The report also included hospitality and guest room provisions for some 66 groups and organizations needing space for sleeping or for effectuating their undertakings.

Sister Ann introduced Facilitators Sister Pat Kozak, a sister of the Congregation of St. Joseph of Cleveland, and Sister Kathy McCluskey, a sister of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, who

immediately gave all a vast sense of the magnitude of the imaging process for the future of the Presentation mission. Who are we becoming? How will we ride and critique the present current into the future? What is the quality of our engagement as we proceed with contemplative inquiry and kindness in our search for clarity and discernment?

Timelines were placed strategically on the walls of Presentation Center displaying the years from 2013 to 2021, accompanied by the activities already realized and perspective activities for the next five years. The timelines were created by groups or "circles" of sisters, associates and employees committed to active participation in conversation and advocacy around specific important issues. The circles include broad-based topics of collaborative leadership, 100,000 welcomes (partnering in mission and membership) and stewarding property and sustainability, as well as issue-based topics of immigration, women and children, global warming, human trafficking and care of Earth.

On Thursday evening, Sister Elena Hoye and the justice promoters team introduced strategies of "How to Change the World in Just One Hour." Their thesis statement was straightforward – Letters to newspaper editors and phone contacts to lawmakers have the greatest impact and best likelihood of making a difference. The participants employed cell phones to make real calls, identified themselves with name and residence and asked virtual legislators to support or oppose a specific legislation using the bill name and number and why it should be supported or opposed. The hour was dynamic, humorous and effective. Finally, the justice team began enthusiastically recruiting new justice advocates.



Community Days is an opportunity for the Presentation community to come together to share ideas, visions and time with one another. Left to right: Sisters Dolores Moes and Julia Wingert commission each other during the closing ritual; Associates Colleen Venter and Laurie Noel with Sister Marge Healy; Sister Jean Ann Meyer and Associate Sandy Kahle; Sister Mary Dennis Lentsch looks over the timelines; Facilitators, Sisters Pat Kozak and Kathy McCluskey.

On Friday morning, the Presentation associates gathered for prayer, inspiration and recommitment. Three associates shared their stories of keeping the spirit of Nano Nagle alive in their lives and works. All were challenged by a video called, “Shells,” a reflection on “the one thing” that makes one’s life significant. Its message was that if our hands and our life are too filled with multiple, albeit beautiful shells, we may miss the central purpose of our life. As Jesus took time to pray, so also Nano, and so does a Presentation associate. The gathering ended with each associate blessing one another in renewed commitment.

“Formation is a lifelong process of transformation with many gossamers creating a web of life,” according to Sisters Beth Driscoll, Mary Therese Krueger, Annette Kestel and Ann Jackson. “Every strand is essential and interconnected to the whole of the cosmos as we emphasize prayer, community, vows, listening, sharing, learning and ministry.”

Sister Mary Therese, novice, announced her plan to visit her sisters during this canonical year with such relevant questions as: “Why are you here? What keeps you here? Why do you stay? How does Nano continue to inspire you?” The formation input concluded with a stimulating prayer ritual from the Zambian International Presentation Association formation assembly.

Sister Carmen Hernandez gave a stirring reflection on the final full day of the event. She was motivated by the TED talk, Taking Imagination Seriously by Janet Echelman, “... which emphasized the rediscovery of wonder and imagination ... As we look toward our future we know it will be different, but we don’t know specific solutions nor the outcome. I was especially impressed by the woman in the video who was willing to say ‘yes’ before she even had a plan. Isn’t that what we are being called to as we share our wisdom, weave our dreams and evolve our vision, not only these four days we’ve gathered, but every day?”

With a deeper sense of oneness and interconnectedness, the group’s vision for the future continues to unfold, working together to embrace those in need, igniting each individual’s spark into a common fire.

Sister Sheila Ann Dougherty’s profound reflection was also stimulated by the TED talk. She spoke about the shift within herself and her imagining of the “wonderful possibilities ... for us as a congregation.” She continued by naming the Presentation qualities which make that vision possible:

- being risk-takers, women of courage, bridge-builders,
- being in solidarity with others,
- uniting people and
- presence in any or all situations.

She continued, “This is who we are and who we want to be! It’s in our DNA – from Nano Nagle to the present! May each of us leave this gathering energized and engaged personally, communally and societally!”

As community days concluded, there was a shift from wonder to action, fear to trust, and a knowledge of the great wisdom in every chair. With a deeper sense of oneness and interconnectedness, the group’s vision for the future continues to unfold, working together to embrace those in need, igniting each individual’s spark into a common fire.



Associates participate in large group discussion during the associate break-out session during Community Days 2016.

COMMUNITY DAYS 2016

Associate Face of Mission

by JOAN BRINCKS, PBVM, ASSOCIATE PARTNERSHIP CO-DIRECTOR

Reverencing! Bonding! Strengthening! Engaging! All are descriptors of the 2016 Community Days gathering of Dubuque Presentation associates as they shared in prayer, community building and exploration of the associate mission. Associate Linda Dolphin describes the morning: “The associate meeting was a sacred time of renewal – renewal of relationships, focus on mission and recommitment.”

Expressing her appreciation for this experience of community, Associate Colleen Venter shares, “Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there!” (*Matthew 18:20*) I definitely felt connected to the other associates and the Lord’s presence. It’s like the names and photos in the community directory and in the monthly community notes came to life!”

The tone for the morning was set as associates shared experiences of God’s presence followed by a time of contemplation. Sister Corine Murray’s poem, “Keepers of the Flame,” and a passage from Sister Raphael Consedine’s “One Pace Beyond” placed a spotlight on mission as all were reminded of Nano Nagle’s heart-felt transformation and awareness that led her to give herself totally to Christ in his poor.

Mission was further explored as Associates Donna Ewy, Dianne McDermott and Becky Searcy shared their stories of embracing the mission of Jesus through the charism of Nano Nagle. Their witness illustrated how each associate’s unique gifts enable them to embody the Presentation mission in their daily lives, in their families, parishes, ministries, communities and the world. In their sacred call, associates tenderly touch places of brokenness with God’s presence and hospitality.

In the second part of the gathering, the video “Shells” by Rob Bell, invited the group to consider the source of mission as they pondered the questions, “What is the ‘one thing’ you want to be the central focus of your life?” and “What role does contemplative silence play in helping you to live out of a central life focus?” Associate Ann Cooper summarizes her reflections, “The film ‘Shells’ and the resulting small group sharing was timely for me as I have been feeling my way into retirement the past two years. The message, encouraging us to discern the ‘one thing’ and avoid scattering our energies, reminded me that trying to do too much can result in a lack of the energy needed to accomplish the ‘one thing’ that is my life purpose! Discern and act!”



Clockwise: Left to right: Associate Janet Leonard shares her experience of God's presence in her life; Associate Linda Dolphin enjoys spending some time with her sister, Sister Kathleen Dolphin; Associate Betty Spehar, Sister Lou Cota and Associate Colleen Vlasisavljevich share stories during a break.

Carol Witry, co-director of the Associate Partnership, speaks of Nano Nagle willing the 'one thing.' "As Presentation associates, we have a wonderful model in Nano of one who lived her life willing the one thing. Nano followed in the footsteps of Jesus with single-hearted focus, bestowing love and compassion on those made poor and powerless."

Bringing the gathering to a close, associates participated in a recommitment ritual by blessing each other for living out Jesus' mission. Energized by this recommitment, associates move forward with faithfulness to the Spirit and in communion with Presentation Sisters, to bring healing, love and compassion to transform themselves and the world.

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Left to right: Associates Deb Pic-Deutmeyer and Sherry Giesemann

Celebrating Associate Partnerships

by CAROL WITRY,
ASSOCIATE PARTNERSHIP CO-DIRECTOR

On June 27, gathered with sisters, associates, family and friends, Sherry Giesemann and Deb Pic-Deutmeyer made their initial commitment to the Presentation Associate Partnership as they proclaimed their commitment to the Presentation mission of being "called to evangelize, offering hope and love to a broken world by incarnating the hospitality of God, confronting injustice and working for peace."

Over the past year and a half, Sherry and Deb have been gathering regularly to pray, study, share and reflect on Presentation heritage, charism, mission and community. Sister Donna Demmer, Associate Barb Klein and the members of the Presentation Partners associate group guided Sherry and Deb through the orientation process.

Reflecting on their commitment as Presentation associates both Sherry and Deb expressed their desire to share in the Presentation mission. "By becoming an associate, I want to share with others the Presentation values that I've experienced in so many sisters and associates," notes Deb.

Sherry echoes this sentiment. "As I was growing up, the Presentation Sisters played a significant role in my faith life and that of my family. I want to be an associate because I feel it's my time to give back."

Welcome, Sherry and Deb! May your lives and ministries be enriched and supported through your participation in the Presentation Associate Partnership!



Sisters celebrate their 60th Jubilee. Left to right: Sisters Donna Determan, Emilie Bormann, Hermann Platt, Sheila Ann Dougherty, Raeleen Sweeny and Jeanine Kuhn.

Called by Spirit, Inspired by Nano Nagle **Sisters Celebrate Jubilee**

by BETH KRESS, PBVM

60-Year Jubilarians

“We proclaim a year of jubilee!” Mass and the celebration of 60 years of religious life for six Presentation Sisters began on July 13, as Sister Mary Louise Scieszinski, on behalf of Sister Julianne Brockamp and all Presentation Sisters and associates, called all to worship announcing:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon you. You bring love, joy and hospitality to the winding lanes where you bind up the broken hearted, counsel the doubtful, instruct the needy, advocate for the trafficked, welcome the refugee, liberate captives and release prisoners from bondage. Because of what you have done for the poor ones in your midst’ for 60 years, we proclaim a year of jubilee!”

The symbol of Nano Nagle’s lantern and the theme of “Joy, Love and Gratitude” set the tone for jubilee day as sisters and associates honored Sisters Mary Emilie Bormann, Donna Determan, Sheila Ann Dougherty, Jeanine Kuhn, Hermann Platt and Raeleen Sweeney.

The jubilarians entered the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1956 and 1957 and professed first vows

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Sister Sheila Ann Dougherty

in 1959 and final vows in 1964. Each has served as teachers and individually they have given generously in other ministries or service such as chaplaincy to prisoners; advocacy for the unborn; volunteering for those made hungry, homeless and veterans of war; spiritual companionship; promoting the dignity of immigrants; and mentoring future and new teachers.

SISTER MARY EMILIE BORMANN

Sister Emilie Bormann, daughter of the late Charles and Anna (Hartmann) Bormann of Whittemore, Iowa, is currently in community prayer and service at Mount Loretto, the Presentation motherhouse.

Formerly Sister Emilie served as an elementary teacher and principal in Catholic schools in Monona and Algona, Iowa; and in Oak Lawn, Illinois; in parish ministry in Monticello, Minnesota; and as a chaplain in a federal correctional facility in Marianna, Florida; and the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota.

Helping to beautify the Mount Loretto grounds, Sister Emilie assists in keeping the property weed free and tends the roses that are shared throughout the house. "It's a blessing in these retirement years to have the time to care for God's creation on our spacious Mount Loretto grounds," she comments. "I get energized by reverencing and celebrating all creation as gift."

Sister Emilie also accompanies senior sisters to appointments and assists in the Mission Room packing and sending clothing to those in need. "I enjoy crocheting afghans for gifts, for fundraisers and for donations and purchases in our gift shop," she comments.

"As I celebrate jubilee I reflect on the past 60 years and am most grateful for my call to our Presentation community. My heart is filled with joy for the opportunities I have to serve God, God's people and all of creation."

SISTER MARY DONNA DETERMAN

Sister Donna Determan, daughter of the late Raymond and Bonita (Shire) Determan of Mason City, Iowa, is currently in community prayer and service at Mount Loretto. She also gives support to the Dubuque County Right to Life and spends time visiting the sick and elderly.

Formerly Sister Donna served as an elementary teacher in Catholic schools in Dubuque, Whittemore, Storm Lake and Mason City, Iowa, and in Chicago, Illinois.

"The inspiration and zeal of Nano, our Presentation foundress, and the example of Presentation Sisters in education and service to others and praying daily in community energizes me," states Sister Donna. "This jubilee celebration is a special way of thanking God for His grace and blessings the past 60 years. I'm also grateful to my family and friends for their loving support."

SISTER MARY SHEILA ANN DOUGHERTY

Sister Sheila Ann Dougherty is the daughter of the late Everett and Mayme (Hall) Dougherty of Mason City, Iowa. Currently Sister Sheila Ann is in community prayer and service at Mount Loretto.

In retirement, Sister is also involved in ministry to the veterans at James A. Lovell Federal Veterans' Hospital in North Chicago, Illinois. In the Dubuque area, Sister volunteers regularly at the Dubuque Food Pantry and Dubuque Rescue Mission. She is an active member of the Coalition Against Human Trafficking in the tri-state area. Sister Sheila Ann continues to use her musical talent by accompanying regularly for liturgical celebrations.

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Sister Jeanine Kuhn

"As a woman religious today, I am most passionate about direct ministry to the homeless and those in poverty, as well as facilitating education and advocacy on behalf of victims of human trafficking."

Formerly Sister Sheila Ann served as an instrumental and classroom music teacher in Catholic elementary schools in Monona, Osage, Algona and Dubuque (elementary and high school) in Iowa; in congregational leadership as councilor; in pastoral ministry in Oak Lawn, Illinois; and as director of parish liturgy and music in Dubuque and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"As I celebrate 60 years as a Presentation Sister, I am grateful to God for the many opportunities I've had over the years through ministry to God's people in parishes, schools and volunteer ministries. I thank God for the gift of music, which has been such a part of me since my childhood years. I live with joy and gratitude for all that has been and all that is yet to be."

SISTER MARY JEANINE KUHN

Sister Jeanine Kuhn, is the daughter of the late Sylvester and Elizabeth (Sullivan) Kuhn of Osage, Iowa. Currently Sister Jeanine offers spiritual direction in the Dubuque and Waterloo area. This fall she became a member of the formation community in Dubuque.

Formerly Sister Jeanine served as an elementary teacher and principal in Catholic schools in Dubuque and Farley, Iowa, and in St. Paul, Minnesota; in congregational leadership as president and councilor; in congregational formation and vocation ministries; as a pastoral minister in Charles City, Iowa; and as administrator, spiritual director and retreat director at American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls, Iowa. For six years she worked at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, and guided students on their spiritual journey. She also volunteered at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo, Iowa.

"With a grateful heart I celebrate these 60 years living in community with the Sisters of the Presentation. I am so grateful to all who supported me along the way with their love, joy and friendship. God gifted me with a call to follow in faith and has given me many blessings to serve in a variety of ministries," reflects Sister Jeanine. "The mission call from our foundress Nano Nagle described by Raphael Consedine, PBVM, in her book 'One Pace Beyond,' is still my call: 'Go out! For need calls loudly in the winding lanes, and you must see Christ there.'"

SISTER MARY HERMANN PLATT

Sister Hermann Platt, daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Marking) Platt of Algona, Iowa, is archivist for the Presentation community.

Formerly Sister Hermann served as an elementary teacher and principal in Catholic schools in Osage, Storm Lake, Ryan, Dubuque, Whittemore and Algona, all in Iowa, and Oak Lawn, Illinois; as educational associate for the Dubuque Archdiocesan Office of Education and Presentation community education consultant; and as editor of the former Mount Loretto Bulletin.

“Jubilee is a time of rededication of my life to God and to the work of the community,” states Sister Hermann. “I see it as a celebration of what God has brought about in my life and a time to look ahead to the years to come and discern what God has planned for my future.”

“My passion at this time is to keep before us the history of the Dubuque Presentation Sisters. We stand on the shoulders of so many brave women who have built the community and have left us Nano Nagle’s legacy. The more we know about them the better we can carry on her work in the world today. Part of the work also is to help people connect to their family roots, providing stability in their lives and informing them of the mission carried out by their ancestors.”

SISTER MARY RAELEEN SWEENEY

Sister Raeleen Sweeney is the daughter of the late Ralph and Ileen (Birdsell) Sweeney of Waukon, Iowa. Currently she is consultant to the CEO of the Golden Apple Foundation in Chicago, Illinois, while continuing to mentor Golden Apple scholars.

Formerly Sister Raeleen served as an elementary teacher in Catholic schools in Dubuque, Elkader, Farley and Mason City, Iowa, and Oak Lawn, Illinois; and as director of Golden Apple Scholars Core Professional Development for the Golden Apple Foundation.

“I continue to reverence relationships with Golden Apple teaching scholars as they meet their daily challenges and successes in life,” remarks Sister Raeleen. “I am energized by daily contemplation for myself and others.”

Reflecting on this jubilee time, Sister Raeleen states, “This jubilee celebration reminds me of the ever-constant loving support I receive from my Presentation community, my family and friends and my colleagues at Golden Apple without whom I would not be the individual I am today. My life has been and continues to be shaped by blessings in abundance; I am deeply grateful for all the joy, love and the light of Nano Nagle’s lantern. I am excited about all the possibilities in life today. I am blessed by the past and graced by the present to live with hope for the future.”

My life as a Presentation Sister has consistently been energized by the sisters with whom I have lived. Their faithfulness to prayer, service to the poor and willingness to reach out to others through our Presentation charism of hospitality has been an example and source of strength to me.

Sister Anne McCormick

50-Year Jubilarians

“Blessed by God’s Gift, Strengthened by Grace, Received with Gratitude” summarizes the sentiments of golden jubilarians Sisters Marjorie Loughren and Mary Anne McCormick when they celebrated 50 years of religious life sharing a Mass and dinner with Presentation Sisters, family and friends on September 24, 2016.

Entering the Sisters of the Presentation on September 8, 1966, Sister Anne professed final vows in 1974 and Sister Marjorie in 1975. The life and spirit of Venerable Nano Nagle has inspired the personal faith journeys of Sisters Anne and Marjorie as exemplified in their reading from John 15: 9-17, “Remain in my love. ... This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” Nano saw all goodness within that one great commandment.

SISTER MARJORIE LOUGHREN

Sister Marjorie Loughren, daughter of the late Bernard and Loretta (McDowell) Loughren of Monti, Iowa, graduated from St. Patrick High School in Ryan, Iowa, and Clarke University (formerly Clarke College), Dubuque, Iowa.

Currently Sister Marjorie is a substitute teacher in Catholic schools in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. She also volunteers in visiting elderly persons, tutoring, child care and various parish activities.

Formerly Sister Marjorie served as an elementary teacher in Catholic schools at Farley-Bankston, Key West, Osage and Epworth, all in Iowa; Oak Lawn, Illinois; and St. Paul, Minnesota.

“I am energized knowing that I have been blessed by God’s gifts of life, faith, love, family and community. Each day as I teach children I see the love and many faces of Jesus alive before my eyes.”



Committed deeply to the ministry of teaching, Sister Marjorie comments, “I am passionate about education because it is the root and means for all the good that is possible in our world. I believe that God’s grace is always available to bring about peace in every situation if only we remain determined and faithful.”

The gift of jubilee carries with it the grace of gratitude as reflected in Sister Marjorie’s remarks, “As I celebrate 50 years of religious commitment, I live in gratitude for my parents, family, friends and the Presentation Sisters founded on Nano Nagle’s deep faith. I celebrate in gratitude for all those who have made a difference in my life and those whose lives I was fortunate enough to touch in some small way. Because of all these people, I am constantly being changed and becoming my true self.”

SISTER MARY ANNE MCCORMICK

Sister Anne McCormick, daughter of the late Leslie and Bernice (Ryan) McCormick of Waukon, Iowa, graduated from St. Patrick School in Waukon, Iowa, and Clarke University (formerly Clarke College) in Dubuque, Iowa. Currently she serves in various ministry roles at Mount Loretto such as companion, driver, transportation scheduler and various liturgical roles at celebration of the Eucharist.



Formerly Sister Anne served as an elementary teacher in Catholic schools in Charles City, Cedar Falls, Farley-Bankston and Sheldon, all in Iowa; Timber Lake, South Dakota; and Globe, Arizona.

“I returned to our motherhouse after 37 years of teaching. It was hard to leave the education scene. I missed my students and their families,” shares Sister Anne. “I have been blessed with many learning opportunities, time for prayer and service especially to our senior sisters. I have also had the opportunity for service by volunteering in different ways in Dubuque. In addition, I am currently a member of a group working on ways to increase awareness of human trafficking.”

Reflecting on her vocation, she adds, “My life as a Presentation Sister has consistently been energized by the sisters with whom I have lived. Their faithfulness to prayer, service to the poor and willingness to reach out to others through our Presentation charism of hospitality has been an example and source of strength to me. The support and encouragement I have received from my Presentation family have been signs of God’s presence in my life.”

Jubilee is a special time of gratitude. Thus, Sister Anne states, “Celebrating my 50th jubilee allows me the opportunity to thank God, my Presentation community, my family and friends for their love and support as I continue to live as a Sister of the Presentation following the direction given to us by our foundress, Venerable Nano Nagle.”

A Benefit to Support Charitable Ministries

Arts & Crafts Boutique *and Bake Sale*

**Saturday, October 15
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Sisters of the Presentation
2360 Carter Road
Dubuque, Iowa
Lakeside Door Entrance**

**All proceeds will help support
Presentation Bolivian Mission,
where Sisters Mery Cari Paz,
Therese Corkery, Marge Healy and
Suzanne Takes minister,
and Habitat for Humanity
in Dubuque, Iowa.**

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**Call Sister Dolores Zieser at 563-588-2008
for more information.**



Sister Ellen Mary Garrett, community librarian, surrounds herself with one of the great loves of her life ... books!

SISTER ELLEN MARY GARRETT A Model of Mission & Service

by LOUISE SCIESZINSKI, PBVM

The question of where Sister Ellen Mary Garrett is may actually be easier to answer than an inquiry regarding what she has been doing.

Sister Ellen Mary graduated from St. Mary High School in Storm Lake, Iowa, and entered the Sisters of the Presentation in 1961. She graduated from Clarke University (formerly Clarke College) with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, and minors in math and religion. Later she would earn a master's degree in education from Clarke with reading emphasis, including reading specialist and reading clinician. This background grounded her well to serve in elementary education as teacher and principal over a span of 44 years.

Not surprisingly, Sister Ellen Mary traces her professional career and sites by a mathematical equation. The equation explains her years spent in eight missions: Timber Lake, South Dakota, and St. Odilia in Shoreview, Minnesota, were interspersed among Iowa

schools at St. Columbkille and Resurrection in Dubuque, Osage, Charles City, Key West and Danbury. A favorite part of teaching was the time spent in actual instruction of students and the time used to plan and create hands-on learning activities for each subject. Reading was a favorite subject, both teaching students to read and reading children's classics to them. Strong favorites extend to math and science, both land mines for creative learning projects. She especially liked teaching liturgical seasons in religion class and designing the learning activities that made each season real and interesting to students.

Since the summer of 2010, Sister Ellen Mary has been engaged at Mount Loretto, dividing her work hours between assisting in the Partners in Mission office and serving as librarian. She says, "In the course of helping in the Partners for Mission office, I have learned many computer techniques new to me; learning keeps my mind operating and I have enjoyed being a part of furthering our mission."



Daily, Sister Ellen Mary is active in processing gifts, data entry and other operations in the Partners in Mission Office with Karen Tuecke.

Sister Ellen Mary especially enjoys her library work. She attributes this to her love of books since childhood. She particularly enjoys doing research on book reviews and selecting books for new purchase or retention, and ordering books requested by the sisters. “Organizational skills used in the classroom have been of benefit in my library work with assigning Dewey decimal numbers to books, shelving and alphabetizing in the card catalog,” states Sister. “Displaying new books and life summaries of saints daily, and delivering books to sisters in the infirmary are ways to make the library more inviting and personalize hospitality.”

Sister Ellen Mary recalls that as a young child, her favorite dreams were of being in a candy store or being a teacher or working in a library. Not only has she lived her dreams, but it is no wonder that she keeps a candy dish filled in the library.

Sister Ellen Mary is a woman of assorted interests and hobbies. In fact, her free time seems as full and varied as her work schedule. She has long enjoyed gardening, cooking and especially baking, crafts and particularly needlework, listening to classical music, playing card games of all varieties, word games and word puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, and board games. “Balancing the time available for all the books I’d like to read, craft activities and contemplative prayer is still a challenge,” shares Sister Ellen Mary. “In addition, I find it important to advocate on behalf of people without many options by making phone calls, and reading and signing on-line petitions to be sent to civic leaders.”

Both the fun and the work in Sister Ellen Mary’s days are managed by her well-honed qualities of observation and patience, accuracy and precision, skill as a champion of detail and a giant sense of humor, all bolstered by strong memory.

So the question: Where in the world is Sister Ellen Mary?
The answer: In a candy store, a classroom, a library or hobby land.



All Souls Day

Remember Your Loved Ones on November 2, 2016

From the earliest times, Christians prayed for the dead. Scriptures declares it is good and pious to pray for the dead. Tradition tells us we have a role to play interceding for each other, including those who have died.

*I give you this one thought to keep.
I am with you still. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on the snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning’s hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not think of me as gone.
I am with you still in each new dawn.*

Native American Poem

Throughout the month of November, the Sisters of the Presentation commemorate the faithful departed. Remembrance cards are mailed in early October. The sisters encourage you to return the card with dates of those you mourn, and the sisters will remember them in daily prayer.

You can also submit your intentions to Karen Tuecke at partnersinmission@dubuquepresentations.org with the following information for each loved one:

Name of Loved One _____

Relationship _____

Date of Death _____

REMEMBERING Charles City, Iowa *1952-Present*

by MARY HERMANN PLATT, PBVM, ARCHIVIST

“In 1854, as prairie schooners moved westward, a small band of pioneers settled along the Cedar River in a village which was to become Charles City. Missionary priests from the Diocese of Dubuque ... were assigned to visit the area a few times each year. In 1867 a pastor was assigned to the community, and Mass was celebrated in Taylor Hall, the Court House, as well as in private homes.” *Open House booklet, June 10, 1973*

After some years of fundraising, a Gothic brick structure was erected under the direction of Father Clement Lowery, and dedicated as the parish church in 1885. While the building was plagued by fire on two separate occasions, and by a tornado in 1968, the faith of the parishioners was undaunted. In 1972 a new church was constructed which reflected changes in liturgical thinking and serves today as a place of worship and community gathering.

In 1895 the pastor, Father Patrick McGrath, saw to the building of a school for the children of the parish. The Sisters of Mercy from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, welcomed 160 boarding and day students on the first day of school. In 1912 a new wing was added to accommodate increasing enrollment.

Continued changes marked the history of the school. In 1949 enrollment had reached 281, and by 1958 it reached 500. A tornado which destroyed a large section of town damaged the school building also. At that time the high school grades were dropped and students from St. Mary Parish of Roseville were added to the enrollment. Over the years grades seven and eight were dropped, kindergarten and preschool were added, and in 2002, an early childhood wing was added to the building.

Because of lack of personnel, the Sisters of Mercy were unable to continue staffing the school, and in 1952, 14 Sisters of the Presentation from Dubuque came to assure the parishioners that the high quality of education would remain in place. Sister Mary Angela Feeney was principal for grades first-12th from 1952-1958, with an enrollment of 118 in the high school and 286 in the elementary.



Immaculate Conception School in Charles City, Iowa, in 1954.

Over the years, 100 Presentation Sisters have ministered in Immaculate Conception School and Parish, including Sister Mary Diana Blong who presently serves as pastoral associate.

A new convent was constructed in 1960, but was not ready for the sisters to move in before school began that fall. Sister Martha Boland remembered that the move took place the last day of school before Christmas vacation in “the worst snow storm of the year.” In spite of the short notice, everything was in place for the Christmas celebration, “including the tree.”

Immaculate Conception School was cited by the National Catholic Education Association in 1989 for its efforts at fundraising, and for increasing teacher salaries. In 1954, 63 students petitioned Congress to add the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Both the House and the Senate passed a resolution to add the phrase to the pledge.

In addition to teaching in the school, several of the sisters were involved in parish ministry, notably from 1977-79, 1985-97, and 1999 to the present. They also participated in other widespread projects during their work in Charles City. Among the activities in which they were involved were: Habitat for Humanity; catechetical schools in Nashua, Charles City and Roseville; speech and music festivals; and the Child Abuse Prevention Council for Floyd and surrounding counties for which they helped to get a grant established. At the time of the tornado in 1968 many of the sisters were involved with the Red Cross, Salvation Army and other civic organizations in taking care of the needs of the citizens.

According to a newspaper article in *The Witness* in September 1987, “Four young men from the parish entered the priesthood, and two became religious brothers; at least 25 women entered religious life.” Five Presentation Sisters count Charles City as their home.

Vows as a Container for Life

Reflection by JESSI BECK, PBVM

August 2016 is the one-year anniversary of my profession of final vows, my first “vow-iversary” one might say! This month I also attended the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) Assembly as a representative for Giving Voice along with fellow Core Team member, Chero Chuma, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace. Margaret Wheatley set the stage with the opening talk entitled, “Finding Ground in the Age of Groundlessness.” She closed her remarks with some profound insights into the significance of vows. She believes vows “do not give the hope of results” rather “when we live a vowed life we have set an intention, a direction and a container that holds our work and no matter what is happening we know why we’re here. And that’s the power of vows.”

For me trust, love and generous giving are the guideposts for living our current reality of religious life ... As women religious we have an abundance of education, experiences, resources and collaborative connections that the world needs now. *Sister Jessi Beck*

As I think of my own profession of vows, I stand in awe at the way God has worked in my life. I am filled with gratitude for family, friends and sisters who were there to celebrate that joyous day with me and who accompany me on the journey. I continue to reflect on the scripture readings that chose me to mark this vowed life commitment. I believe they will serve me throughout my life, deepening my intention, keeping me pointed in God’s direction and reminding me of the container that gives my life meaning.

First, trust. God promises blessings in abundance so I will always have what I need to do God’s work. How quickly I forget this and rely on my own limited skills and ego. Second, love. The way of Jesus is the way of love. And love is always the way forward. In any situation, I need to pause and ask myself what response will be the most loving and bring more love into the world. Third, give generously. Just as the poor widow gave two small coins that were all she had, I, too, am called to give all that I have, not just when it’s easy or out of my abundance. I’m learning this doesn’t mean saying yes all the time. There is grace in the occasional no and knowing when the time is right to go all in. When I do these three, God will show me the path of life and the fullness of joy in God’s presence.



Left to right: Sister Jessi Beck and Sister Chero Chuma, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, represent Giving Voice at the Leadership Conference for Women Religious Assembly. Giving Voice is a peer-led organization that creates spaces for younger women religious to give voice to their hopes, dreams and challenges in religious life.

In the wanderings of my prayer, the wisdom of these bits of scripture intertwine with the wider context of religious life I glimpsed at the LCWR Assembly, “Embracing Mystery, Living Transformation.” For me, trust, love and generous giving are the guideposts for living our current reality of religious life. They invite us to look around – who are the unseen blessings in our midst that may be who we need to lead our communities now. Look within, find the place of deep love to live out of when the communal transformation process is difficult and painful at times. Go out! As women religious we have an abundance of education, experiences, resources and collaborative connections that the world needs now.

We know why we are here. We have the container for our life. Transformation will happen when we surrender and deeply live each present moment in trust, love and generous giving.

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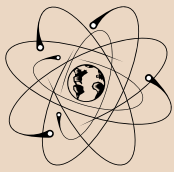
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PRESENTATION QUEST

IMMERSION & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

October 22, 2016: Dubuque, Iowa

Please join Presentation Sisters, associates and friends in assisting senior citizens, handicapped, veterans and others with a helping hand on Saturday, October 22, 2016, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The **Andrew Connolly Make a Difference Day** will include chores around the home, yard work, socializing and playing games with homebound seniors, doing simple repairs and weatherization projects.

For more information please contact:

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DUBUQUE'S got SISTERS

Discernment Weekend October 7-8, 2016

You are invited to quiet, to prayer and to learn how you might experience God's truth within you. Join us for a day, or two, of input and reflection.

Location:

Mount Carmel Motherhouse
1150 Carmel Drive, Dubuque, IA

To register or for information:

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Register by
Monday, September 26



Sponsored by Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dubuque Franciscan Sisters, and Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters.

Ministry Updates



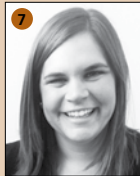
1 **Sister Marilyn Breen, Spiritual Direction, Chicago, Illinois**



2 **Sister Lou Cota, Volunteer, St. Gerard, Markham, Illinois; and St. Dorothy, Chicago, Illinois**



3 **Sister Bonita Determan, Community Prayer and Service, Dubuque, Iowa**



4 **Sister Michelle Gallagher, Community Prayer and Service, Dubuque, Iowa**



5 **Sister Janice Hancock, Community Prayer and Service, Dubuque, Iowa**



6 **Sister Annette Kestel, Formation Coordinator, Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, Iowa**



7 **Sister Mary Therese Krueger, Canonical Novice, Dubuque, Iowa**



8 **Sister Jeanine Kuhn, Spiritual Ministry, Dubuque, Iowa**



9 **Sister Paula Schwendinger, Hispanic Outreach Ministry for Evangelization, Dubuque, Iowa**



10 **Sister Brigid Stanley, Certified Nursing Assistant, Mercy Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa**

Mount Loretto AND BEYOND

Featured below are special times in the lives of Dubuque Presentation Sisters and associates, near and far.



A Long-awaited Trip to Bolivia

On her first trip to Bolivia this past August, Sister Diana Blong (far top right) enjoyed the warmth of the people and the festive spirit in Entre Rios. Before leaving the states, Sister Diana took up a collection of over \$1,400 from her parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, in Charles City, Iowa. This parish outreach collection is to help support the ministry of rural evangelization in Bolivia. Sister Diana serves as the pastoral associate at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Presentation Hall Named

In recognition of Sister Barbara Rastatter's years of service to St. James Parish in Chicago, Illinois, the church hall has been blessed and named Saint James Presentation Hall. A plaque for this honor is being placed in the hall to remember all the time, talent and love Sister Barbara gave to the Saint James community. Sister Barbara attended the dedication on July 24, and was honored by this recognition. Sister Barbara is currently enjoying retirement at Mount Loretto.



An Expression of Appreciation

With the recent acts of violence against law enforcement, the Sisters of the Presentation made cookies and delivered them to the Dubuque Police Department as an expression of their support and gratitude. Left to right: Sisters Cecelia Marie Auterman, Anne McCormick and Annette Skyles.

You are invited to join us.

September 26, 2016

October 24, 2016

Centering Prayer

6:15-7:00 p.m.

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Please pray with us.

November 2, 2016

Feast of All Souls

November 13, 2016

Foundation Day, 1874

Presentation Lantern Center

Established in 2002, Dubuque

November 21, 2016

Presentation Day

21st of each month

Pray for Vocations

25th of each month

Mass for Benefactors

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Relationally SPEAKING

Sisters, Associates, Family, Friends in Brief

Recognizing human trafficking as a form of modern-day slavery that occurs both nationally and internationally, the Coalition Against Human Trafficking in the Dubuque tri-state area was established two years ago. To call local attention to this crime, the coalition sponsored a booth at the 2016 Dubuque County Fair. Sisters Sheila Ann, Dougherty, Anne McCormick and Marie Barth along with Associates Sue Murphy and Sandy Kahle all worked the booth at the fair.



The Sisters of the Presentation were gifted with an abundance of fabric and unfinished fired ceramics from Joan Schmitt, aunt of Employee June Hancock. The sisters have been busy putting these items to good use. Their finished masterpieces will be sold at the Arts & Crafts Boutique on October 15. Left to right: Sister Nuong Bui, LHC, Sisters Cecelia Auterman, Dolores Zieser and Marilou Irons, Sister Huyen Phan, LHC, and Sister Dolores Moes.



Women of Allamakee County

Presentation Sisters originally from Allamakee County of Northeast Iowa gather for a group photo. Left to right: Front row: Sisters Maura McCarthy, Lou Cota and Francine Quillin; Back row: Sisters Kay Cota, Carolyn (Carrie) Link, Anne McCormick, Raeleen Sweeney, Marilou Irons, Leanne Welch and Suzanne Gallagher. Right photo: Sister Therese Marie Hawes who was not present.

