

CROSSROADS



FALL 2020



DEAR FRIENDS,

In this Crossroads insert, we celebrate our Jubilarians as well as remember our Sisters who have died this past year.

Even though this year has created many challenges and limitations to our celebrations and memorial services, we are grateful for the time we have had to share closely with one another through virtual services.

The Sisters continue to be a strong presence in our Toledo area and our regional office remains at 3912 Sunforest Court, Suite B, Toledo, Ohio 43623. We thank you for your unwavering support during this time. We look forward to sharing in this new journey with all of you.

JUBILARIANS 2020

Toledo Region

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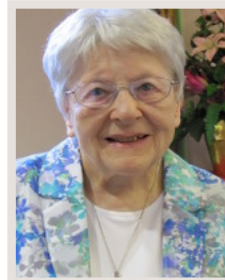
Jubilee of Joy

AUGUST 13, 1945

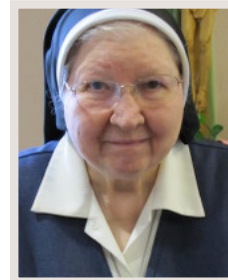
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Jubilee of Grace

AUGUST 16, 1950



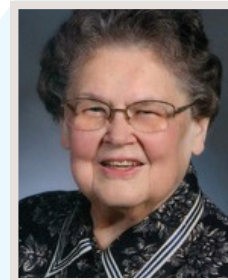
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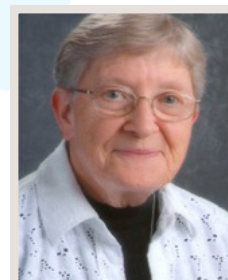
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Sister Ethel Mary Camp



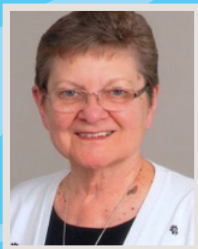
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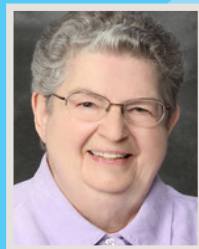
Sister Mary Frances Theresa Dorsey

60 *Diamond Jubilee*

AUGUST 16, 1960



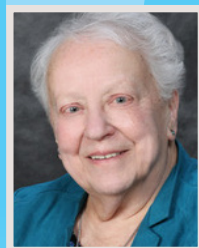
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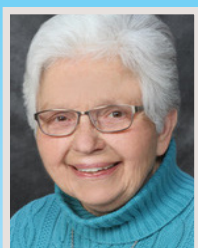
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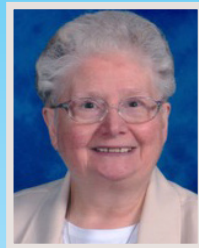
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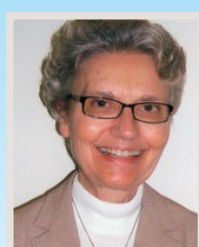
Sister Joanne Mary Frania



Sister Barbara Marie Sloan



Sister Julie Marie Bosch



Sister Joan Marie Recker

50 *Golden Jubilee*

AUGUST 9, 1970



Sister Mary Cheryl Darr



Sister Mary Delores Gatliff



Sister Mary Valerie Schneider



Sister Mary Brenda Haynes



Sister Mary Jo Szpila



Sister Mary Joselyn Weeman

JANUARY 15, 1971



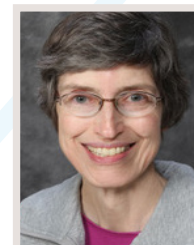
Sister Marilyn Ann Angel



Sister Mary Doretta Peter

JUNE 24, 1980

40 *Ruby Jubilee*



Sister Sally Marie Bohnett

MEMORIALS | *Celebrating Life*



Sister Marie Bernadette Serao
May 6, 1955 - July 11, 2020

Sister Marie Bernadette was born in Tsak Pumakos in the Yangel Village in the Enga Province of Papua New Guinea. She attended St. Thomas School in Tsak Pumakos and Notre Dame High School in Kumdi. She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1974. She attended Holy Trinity

Teachers' College in Mt. Hagen earning her teaching degree which allowed her to minister at various primary schools in the Western and Eastern Highlands for 27 years as an excellent teacher.

Her faithfulness and great love for our international congregation were evident by her participation in congregational events. Sister Marie Bernadette participated in the International Congress on the Apostolate held in the USA in 1983, where she presented a paper on Papua New Guinea. She also traveled to Rome for the Formation Course and participated as an elected delegate for PNG in the General Chapter of 1992. In 1997 she participated in the Spirituality Symposium in Brazil and then in 2009 joined the Sisters of the Toledo Province for their Provincial Chapter.

Sister ministered as Deputy Manager of Maria Kwin Vocational Center in Banz for seven years, before becoming involved in the Better World Movement in the Hagen Diocese from 2008-2014. As an Animator in the Better World Movement, she traveled to various dioceses training the leaders.

With great love and respect for the young women discerning their religious vocation, Sister was the formation directress of candidates and junior professed. In 2017 she eagerly accepted the invitation to be part of the SND Formation Team in Bataan, Philippines for young women from Asia. She will be deeply missed by the Sisters and the people of Papua New Guinea. Sister was in her 44th year of religious profession.



Sister Mary Ruth Boes
November 11, 1956 - July 3, 2020

Born in Tiffin, Ohio, Sister attended St. Mary Elementary School, Kirby, Ohio, and Notre Dame Academy. She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1975 and professed vows in 1979. She received a Bachelor Degree in Education from Bowling Green State University and a Master Degree in Education

specializing in school counseling from the University of Dayton. From 1980-1995 Sister enjoyed her years as an elementary teacher for students in grades 2 to 8 in the Toledo Diocese and in Michigan. She spent eight years as a receptionist at Maria Early Learning Center before becoming a nanny.

In 2005 Sister Ruth became a Supportive Employment Specialist at Sunshine Children's Home in Maumee, Ohio, where she loved the clients and staff. Eventually she became a Senior Support Professional and then a caregiver for clients. Over the years, Sister Mary Ruth gave generously of her time and talents, including playing guitar in parishes, participating in an immersion experience in India, and serving on various committees as needed by the Sunshine Inc. ministry.

Sister's deep faith in God manifested itself in the contemplative reflections she composed in her writings and drawings. Sister Mary Ruth had a special devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary that began in her childhood and continued throughout her life. May she enjoy the embrace and compassion of her loving God.



Sister Pamela Marie Buganski
October 29, 1956 - June 9, 2020

Sr. Pamela Marie was born in St. Louis, Missouri. After her family moved to Toledo, Sister attended St. Pius X Elementary School and Notre Dame Academy. Sister entered the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1975 and professed vows in 1978. She received a Master in Education at the University

of Dayton and a Master in Administration for Non-Profit Organizations at the University of Notre Dame. Sister spent 12 years teaching junior high students, and ten years teaching computer science and math in high schools of the Toledo Diocese. She was known for her excellence, intense preparation, and friendliness toward her students and colleagues. Sister was the treasurer for the Sisters of Notre Dame from 2003-2013 when she was best known for her expertise and passion for socially responsible investments. Embraced by ministries that emerged from her heart, she chose difficult tasks to assist those experiencing poverty and oppression, and gave herself totally in charity while working on systemic change.

In 2012 she was named the American Project Manager of SewHope in Guatemala. Sister volunteered her time and talent by serving on the SND International Investment Committee, Interprovince Collaborative Taskforce, Peace and Justice Committee, and at Cherry Street Mission, and the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union. Sister's missionary spirit led her to three immersion experiences, one in Papua New Guinea and two in Guatemala.

After studying Spanish, Sister began social justice and immigration work in Texas in 2014. Then began years of volunteer ministry at ARISE and Annunciation House, as well as assisting in Dallas after Hurricane Harvey. While in Texas Sister led many groups on immersion experiences at the border. Sister was recently accredited by CLINIC as an advocate for those seeking citizenship. She also had an outstanding gift of networking with people who had the same passion for the marginalized. May she continue to intercede for those in need.



Sister Mary Paulissa Klausing
 May 15, 1926 - April 19, 2020

Sister attended Delphos St. John Elementary School before becoming an aspirant at Notre Dame Academy in Toledo. She began her novitiate with the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo in 1944. After attending Mary Manse College, Sister received a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame.

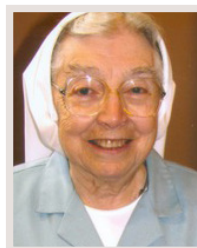
Sister taught every grade from first through twelfth in her 50 year teaching career. Sister taught elementary school for 22 years in the Toledo Diocese from 1945-1968. In 1968 Sister began teaching high school English and religion. She is well known as the English teacher at Notre Dame Academy, Toledo—her alma mater— for 22 years. Her dedication to education equaled her enthusiasm for other acts of kindness; physical work, visiting the nursing homes as the Red Cross moderator, collecting money for the Missions, playing a game of Bingo, or sitting quietly by the bedside of a sick Sister. In community she was aware of the needs at the time and showed up with her apron. One could find Sister prayerfully present before the Blessed Sacrament lifting up the intentions of her students and their parents, and the needs of the congregation, her family, and the world. Sister died at the age 93 and in her 74th year of religious profession.



Sister Virginia Marie Myers
 November 2, 1949 - March 7, 2020

Sister attended Notre Dame Academy and entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1968. Sister's life was characterized by service. She ministered in domestic services at our various convents in the Toledo Diocese and at Notre Dame Academy. Baking was her specialty and she

was well known for her delicious pecan rolls and delightful trays of breads and other baked goods. She also greatly appreciated her few months in Rome cooking for the sisters during the General Chapter in 1998. From 1989 to 2001, Sister also assisted in the maintenance of Lial Campus where she discovered her love of taking care of the property. She made mowing the lawn a contemplative experience, as she enjoyed God's creation. Sister could see the bright side of situations and spent her life with a light heart, happy to make the holidays special for the Sisters and for her family. Sister will be greatly missed by her family and religious community.

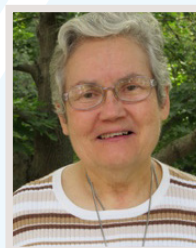


Sister Mary Vernon Bick
 August 19, 1926 - January 27, 2020

Sister attended Gesu School and Notre Dame Academy in Toledo. She was an aspirant for two years before entering the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1944.

Sister had a genuine love for little children and an understanding of them. A teacher of children in the primary grades for 48 years and a principal for two years in elementary schools of the Toledo Diocese, Sister Vernon embodied the highest qualities of outstanding teaching. The motto "For God Alone and the Child" characterizes Sister Mary Vernon's life. Treasuring the uniqueness of each child, she helped form children's strengths and encouraged their creativity. Throughout her career in education, Sister mentored many teachers. As a teacher and also as an aide at Lial Catholic School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Sister Vernon brought the love of nature and the outdoors to the classroom.

Her beautiful smile, gentle manner, and listening heart drew sisters, family, students, faculty and parents to love and cherish her dearly. Lial Catholic School has a great intercessor. Sister died in her 74th year of religious life.



Sister Mary Rebeca Moser
 April 30, 1942- October 4, 2019

Sister attended school at St. Michael's Ridge, Defiance, Ohio, where she was taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame. Attending Notre Dame Academy and entering the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo in 1960, she followed in the footsteps of her two aunts, Sister Mary Carmel and Sister Rose Maria. In addition,

her younger sister, Mary Rose, followed in her footsteps by entering Notre Dame in 1967. Sister Rebeca's philosophy was to "take each day as it comes." And so she did. She loved being a school aide and as such she helped Sister Mary Corneille in Lial's cottage, which was the first Lial Montessori School in 1972.

Throughout her 58 years of religious life, Sister ministered as a seamstress, dietitian and Director of Housekeeping at the Provincial Center. Her work was marked by attention to details and gentle kindness towards others. As a seamstress, she was a perfectionist and produced masterpieces.

Her missionary heart encouraged her to frequently pray for our Sisters in Papua New Guinea and write them letters. Photos found in her room of the underprivileged and disadvantaged reminded her to pray for those experiencing poverty. Sister's tender love was appreciated by all. She will be dearly missed.

*Thank you for your
 service, dedication, and commitment
 to the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame.*