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One Heart. One Hope. One Mission.

MESSAGE FROM MISSION ADVANCEMENT

...celebrating 25 years of SND Associates



Dear Friends,

On Saturday, August 16, approximately 85 SNDs, Associates and guests celebrated 25 years of Association in California. We welcomed five new Associates and honored the pioneers, both living and deceased. The festivities brought a distinct feeling of prayer and fellowship through a liturgy, reception, memorabilia display and a commemorative slide show.

The Sisters of Notre Dame are privileged to be able to share our spirituality with more than 100 individuals who have become Associates over the years. When the SNDs realize the depth of Associates' spirituality and the magnitude of their pastoral outreach, we are humbled that they have heard God's call and that they have chosen to become vital members of our SND family. Their inspirational reflections, included in the liturgical program and linked below, are a testament to their own commitment and to the spiritual power of our community.



We invite you to experience the joy and hope of this occasion through these links.

Livestream of the Liturgy.	Commemorative Slideshow	Pioneers' Reflections
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And thank you for all of your encouragement and support for the legacy that is ours, as we together proclaim God's goodness and provident care to those entrusted to our care. Whether you are an Associate or an associate, we deeply appreciate your presence in our lives and pray for you as our partners in mission.

Gratefully,
Sr. Lisa Megaffin, S.N.D.
Director of Mission Advancement Services



FROM THE CALIFORNIA GRAPEVINE

SND USA gathers in Columbus

...fellowship, friendship and the future

More than 200 sisters from SND USA gathered in Columbus, Ohio, in July for prayer, learning, conversation, celebration, and recommitment to mission, ministry, and community. Sisters unable to travel participated via live stream and through discussions in local communities. Staff members and Associates from the four regions also attended.



Through a video presentation by Franciscan Sr. Nancy Schreck, participants took a loving look at the power of women religious to live their mission in a time of seismic change. SND Superior General Sr. Mary Ann Culpert offered an overview of the worldwide SND community and the contributions SND USA is making to the life and health of the congregation.

Prayer rituals of gratitude and hope invited the sisters to reflect on possible responses to God's call in today's world. Great energy was created during table conversations about the burning social issues and SND responses. Overall, the gathering was a celebration of being of one heart, one hope, one mission.

"NO ONE IS IN IT FOR HERSELF..."

...thoughts some 50 years after graduation

The most recent edition of *Beyond the Academy* (published by Notre Dame Academy in Los Angeles) included reflections from members of the Class of '74 as they celebrated their 50th reunion. In her comments, Marti Ruble, now an SND Associate, noted: "Every single woman at our 50th reunion was in service to others. There were teachers, nurses, authors of children's books...it goes on and on. Not one person is in it for herself. We did as the Sisters of Notre Dame did--they say yes to the Lord just like Mary, and we say yes, we are with you. We will practice these virtues to the best of our ability." To read more, [follow this link](#).



Care for Creation Corner

Climate change--it's real, it's serious and it's up to us to solve it! As school begins, and reports and projects will be assigned, how powerful it would be if students researched some aspect of climate change. As a starter, [follow this link](#) for a motivating video, courtesy of National Geographic! [And here](#) is a great webpage with resources for students and educators!



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

...living with one heart, one hope, one mission

Tuesday, Sept. 3 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Notre Dame Center

Life is changed, not ended

The Sisters of Notre Dame will offer a practical conversation about planning a Mass of Christian Burial (for oneself or a loved one) and other related topics. Seating is limited and an RSVP is required to guarantee sufficient materials; a free will offering will be appreciated. Kindly RSVP names of those attending to infoca@sndusa.org by Friday, August 29.



Friday, Sept. 12 - 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time)
Online

Young Adult Faith Sharing

Join young adults from across the country to reflect and share on the Sunday Gospel on the second Friday of each month. All young adults are welcome. And feel free to share this invitation with any young adult in your life seeking meaningful connections rooted in prayer. To

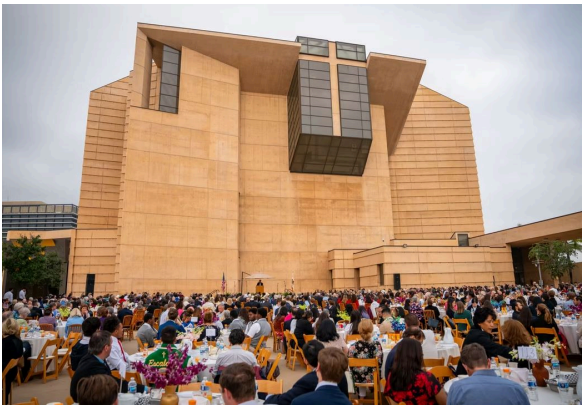


register, contact Sr. Val Roxburgh via [email](#) or text to 805-452-9699.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 - 6:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
Los Angeles

**2025 Los Angeles Catholic Prayer
Breakfast**

Please be the guest of the Sisters of Notre Dame for this experience of faith and community. It includes Rosary, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jose Gomez, breakfast on the Cathedral plaza and a keynote address by the Most Rev. Joseph Espallat, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of New York.



Reservations will be taken until our table is filled. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

Friday - Sunday, Oct. 3 - 5
Serra Retreat House
Malibu

"From Surviving to Thriving"

Sr. Antoinette Moon, SND, and Fr. Larry Gosselin, OFM, will be the presenters for this Men's Retreat. Participants will be invited to be genuinely renewed on the spiritual journey, moving beyond simply enduring life's challenges to embracing God's grace in a way that leads to the flourishing of souls. [Consult the Serra Retreat website](#) for further information.



Sunday, Oct. 12 - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Momentum
2400 Willow Lane, Thousand Oaks

Many Mansions 21st Annual Bowls of Hope

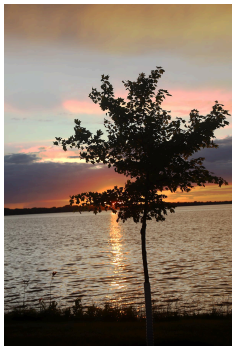
Bowls of Hope raises awareness of the need for affordable housing, and raises funds for Many Mansions' programs that serve the formerly homeless, veterans, seniors, and families of very low income. Many Mansions' communities can be found in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, and in the future, in Riverside County.

All proceeds from this event support Many Mansions continued work to provide affordable housing and life-changing services to families that call Many Mansions, home. [Follow this link](#) to purchase tickets and for more information.

Saturday, Oct. 18 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Notre Dame Center

**Embracing the graces of the twilight years ~
a retreat for "senior" citizens**

Participants will reflect on the challenges and graces of the twilight years (beginning around age 60) and opportunities to grow closer to the Divine. Senior citizens' care givers are also invited. [Follow this link](#) for complete information and please note that the RSVP deadline is Oct. 10.



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