



School Sisters *of* Notre Dame

Central Pacific Province

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION



A circle of peace and love

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Sister Debra Marie Sciano, SSND

“Truly, when the need is greatest, then God’s help is also always nearest! Should we not willingly offer our hands to help where help is still possible?”

*~Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger
Letter #780, 1849*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In this fresh new year, I am focused on our mission to proclaim the good news as School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), directing our entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent. As SSND, we live the mission every day, but what does that really mean?

I’ve been thinking about this quite a bit as we celebrate the 190th anniversary of the founding of the SSND, as a participant in the once every six years General Chapter in Rome, and as the newly elected council continues to learn how to live

and work together for the good of the province and all those we serve.

Living our mission means - directing our entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent. This newsletter features many of the ways SSND strive toward that oneness, including ministries you may not have heard about before, the 2024 Women’s Leadership Luncheons, sisters as peacemakers, our new provincial council, the yearly stewardship report, Celebrate & Connect, season four of our podcast,

and a list of the sisters who have gone to God in the last year.

We could not do any of it without you, our family, friends and supporters. You are a constant inspiration to us. You are in our daily prayers and thoughts. We thank God for you and pray for many blessings in this coming year.

With peace, blessings and gratitude,

Debra Sciano, SSND

Debra Sciano, SSND
Provincial Leader



ON THE COVER:

(L to R): Dr. Edwin Bogonko, Sisters Patricia Frost, Paulette Pass, Mary Jo Welter and Maris Simon. Photo submitted by Sister Dianne Perry.

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When mission and ministry comes full circle

“We work actively, especially in our local situations, to eliminate the root causes of injustice in order to realize a world of peace, justice, and love. To confront injustice credibly requires that we ourselves act justly. We strive to live simply, to value human labor rightly, and to respect the dignity of every person, witnessing that living these values is a possibility for humanity.”
 ~ *You Are Sent, C 17*

A circle of peace and love

by Heidi Sampson

At Sister Maris Simon’s high school, a visiting priest brought Blue Cloud County - a movie about a congregation’s mission work in China - to her classroom in 1947. From that day forward, Sister Maris knew a foreign mission called to her. She became a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND).

Sister Maris received a bachelor’s degree in music from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, in 1962. Although the music degree placed Sister Maris in many Minnesota schools as a teacher, she continually kept one eye on foreign mission opportunities. Determined to see her calling realized, Sister Maris volunteered for every foreign mission

opening available to sisters. Despite her eagerness, she received numerous rejections, but Sister Maris did not relinquish her dream.

“I think leadership finally let me leave on a foreign mission trip to get the bug out of my system,” said Sister Maris.

On Aug. 28, 1974, Sisters Maris, Martin Colbert and Mara Frundt arrived in Kenya, Africa.

The trio was invited by Bishop Mugendi of Kisii and Mother Stephen of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph

(FSJ) to help with the administration and education of FSJ sisters at the Upgrading Centre in Kisii, Kenya. Sister Maris served in Kenya for three years before returning to the United States. For the next year, she studied theology at Washington Theological Union, Washington, D.C.

Sister Maris returned to teach at Ikot Etuk Udo Secondary School,



(L to R): Sisters Mary Martin Colbert, Maris Simon, Mara Frundt and Mother Georgianne Segner at the Generalate in Rome in August 1974 as they prepare to leave for Kenya. Photo provided by Communications Archive.

Ikot Epkene, in Nigeria, Africa, in 1978. Although Sister Maris came to Nigeria with a fellow SSND, the sister went home six weeks into their stay due to unforeseen circumstances. Typically, an abrupt leave would mean both sisters would come home until two sisters were available to go back to Nigeria. Unsure how it happened, Sister Maris ended up in Nigeria alone for another nine months until she was called home in 1979.

After serving again as liturgist at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota, for one year, Sister Maris spent 1980 to 1985 assisting with the initial and ongoing formation of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph (FSJ), Kisii, Kenya. Called home, she served as a liturgist from 1985 to 1989 at St. Stanislaus, Winona, Minnesota, and in pastoral ministry from 1989 to 1992 at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell, Minnesota.

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Delegates to the second African Assembly in 1984 in Monrovia, Liberia. (L to R): Sisters Roxanne Schares, Kenya; Denay Ulrich, (former) Mankato provincial councilor; Dianne Perry, Kenya; and Maris Simon, Kenya. Photo provided by Communications Archive.

When the ask came for Sister Maris to go to Africa again, she readily accepted.

During the later years of her ministry in Africa, Sister Maris served as a vocations director and assisted with initial formation for interprovincial formation, Kisumu, Kenya; pastoral minister at Sacred Heart Dagoretti, Nairobi, Kenya; and a teacher for the novitiate community in Sunyani, Ghana.

“I rode all over Africa in my little Suzuki 4-wheel drive as I went from one location to another, from school to school, talking to girls and following up with those who had written to us, so I was all over Kenya. It was important work,” said Sister Maris.

In 2015, Sister Maris came back to Minnesota. She now resides at



Dr. Edwin Bogonko provides medical care for the sisters in Shakopee, Minnesota. Photo provided by Sister Dianne Perry.

Benedictine Living Community, Shakopee, Minnesota.

Dr. Edwin Bogonko is an Internal Medicine Physician at St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Shakopee, Minnesota. He has been a practicing physician for 30 years, 16 of those years have been in Shakopee. Except he wasn't originally from Shakopee.

In Africa, Dr. Bogonko grew up in Kisii, Kenya, with two brothers and one sister. “When I was 12, my younger brother was in and out of the hospital for congenital heart disease. There were not enough staff to tend to patients, and I told myself I would become a doctor to help all the people who needed attention,” said Dr. Bogonko.

Nyabururu Parish, in the Diocese of Kisii, Kenya, was less than two miles from where Dr.

Bogonko lived as a young child during elementary school. Some of his older cousins went to Nyabururu Boarding School. Dr. Bogonko remembered the SSND as being in his community, but his older cousins had more first-hand knowledge and experience with the sisters at that time.

After high school, Dr. Bogonko attended medical school at the University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Africa. He completed his residency at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota. After residency, he attended the Physician Leadership College at the University of St. Thomas and the Carlson School of Management, where he received an Executive MBA at the University of Minnesota, both of Minneapolis.

Working at St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Shakopee, is a natural fit for Dr. Bogonko. “St. Francis is a Christian-based hospital and coming from a strong faith-based upbringing, it was not hard to settle on serving patients and the Shakopee community,” said Dr. Bogonko.

During the fall of 2022, the SSND began to move to the Benedictine Living Community in Shakopee. Circumstances led a SSND to cross the path of Dr. Bogonko at St. Francis Regional Medical Center. Once Dr. Bogonko realized the SSND was the same congregation as those from Kisii, Kenya, he sought them out more formally, which led to a luncheon with a larger group of sisters at the Benedictine Living Community. “During that luncheon, I was surprised to learn that the place I

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knew all along as a Catholic parish was courtesy of the SSND. Growing up close to the parish brought memories of going to Mass, even though I was not Catholic,” said Dr. Bogonko.

“Having taken care of many sisters as a physician,” said Dr. Bogonko, “I couldn't help but reflect on the impact of the Catholic sisters on my community and especially their focus on education and how that has lifted so many families out of poverty. It was an honor to say thanks on behalf of the community even as I give back differently – taking care of their medical needs at the sunset of their careers. I pray for their continued good health and am thankful for their service. They will always have a special place in my heart.” ●



New Central Pacific Province council provides leadership

The provincial council is the leadership team of the Central Pacific Province, providing governance, planning, spiritual guidance and day-to-day leadership of the sisters who make up the province.

The current provincial council is made up of Sisters Debra Marie Sciano (Provincial Leader), Joan DiProsper (Vicar), Mary Kay Brooks, Sandra Helton, Helen Jane Jaeb and Regina Palacios. The [provincial council](#) was installed June 10, 2023, and will serve until June 2027.

During the installation, Sister Debra Marie Sciano thanked the outgoing council members and welcomed the incoming council. She then shared her vision for the future of the Central Pacific Province.

(Excerpted from Sister Debra Marie Sciano's [Installation Reflection](#))

“As we now begin a new chapter in the life of the Central Pacific Province, I hope that each of us can be team players and grow deeper in our relationships with one another, leading to greater trust.

I hope that we can have a fresh

start, building on what has been done in the past, but not holding preconceived ideas of how we should function. That we will determine together, with input from those most affected, how best to function moving

mission.

I hope we will be global and universal in vision, ready to meet urgent needs and to adapt, be flexible and be creative when something unforeseen happens.

I hope we can share and delegate responsibilities across the province and become a strong faith community that is supportive and caring, which will be a positive example for others with whom we interact and who seek our counsel.

I hope we can accept one another in our vulnerability and with all our limitations, in patience, with openness to diverse opinions and choices, with compassion, forgiveness, trust, honesty and respect for one another.

May we experience Eucharist as the liturgical expression of the living river of love that streamed out at the beginning of time and now flows everywhere.

Thank you and know of my prayers, support and love always. Peace be with you.”

To learn more visit:

www.ssndcp.org/council-2023

To view a video of the installation: www.ssndcp.org/council-2023#Installation ●



Back Row (L to R): Sisters Regina Palacios, Helen Jane Jaeb, Sandra Helton and Mary Kay Brooks. Front Row (L to R): Sisters Debra Marie Sciano (Provincial Leader) and Joan DiProsper (Vicar).

Photo provided by Communications Department.

forward.

I hope that each one of us will have compassionate hearts, called to love, to serve, to share our gifts, and to be the face of SSND, the face of Christ, bringing all to that oneness we long for, as emphasized in our



A lifelong commitment to peace and nonviolence

The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) were founded during a time of social upheaval. At that time, educating girls and women was a revolutionary idea and yet, Blessed Theresa, SSND foundress, believed that education was essential to the foundation of a stable society. In later years, Mother Caroline Friess furthered Blessed Theresa’s legacy of peace and unity by insisting that, “what cannot be achieved by kindness is unattainable.”

A unique aspect of SSND culture is the way each sister chooses to broaden Blessed Theresa’s legacy through her chosen ministries by reaching wider and wider groups of individuals throughout time. While Blessed Theresa started with girls and women in Bavaria, Germany, and Mother Caroline worked with German immigrants in the United States, each successive SSND identified a new need thereby extending the SSND reach. Sisters led extraordinary lives fostering communities of peace and nonviolence throughout their lifelong commitment to SSND. Here are some of their stories:

Sister Paul-Mary Draxler

Sister Paul-Mary Draxler’s interest in nonviolent solutions stemmed from 10 years of living in the Marshall Islands, officially known as the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The territory consists of 29 coral atolls and five islands, divided across two island chains: Ratak in the east and Ralik in the west. Decades before her arrival, from 1946 to 1958 the U.S. military conducted 67 nuclear tests on and over the atolls of Bikini and Eniwetok. This bombing was effectively stopped by the adverse publicity of the ‘Golden Rule’s’ attempt to stop the testing in the Marshall Islands. The Golden Rule was the very first of the environmental and peace vessels to go to sea. In 1958, a crew of anti-nuclear weapons activists set sail aboard her in an attempt to interpose themselves and the boat between the U.S. Government and its atmospheric testing of nuclear



Sister Paul-Mary Draxler.

weapons in the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean. Years later, the Veterans for Peace Organization continued the effort to eliminate nuclear weapons. Sister Paul-Mary’s story can be heard on Season 2, episode eight, www.ssndcp.org/podcast of the SSND podcast Called to Action. ●

Sister Cynthia Brinkman

In 2004, Sister Cynthia Brinkman spent six months in the federal prison in Pekin, Illinois, because of her act of peaceful, civil disobedience when she crossed onto the military base at Fort Benning, Georgia. This U.S. military base is one of others around the world, funded by U.S. taxpayers’ money, where military from other countries are trained in methods of violence, torture, repression and war-training which has been documented to be used on civilians in their own countries. During her time in prison, Sister Cynthia wrote weekly reflections

that were circulated, as she requested, to a number of people around the world.

Peggy Thomson Greenwood, a longtime friend of Sister Cynthia’s, has publicized Cynthia’s journey to activism and her letters of reflection in a book, *Into the Fire*, now available on Amazon.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/into-the-fire>. ●



(L to R): Sisters Joyce Engle, Lois Martens, Cynthia Brinkman, Carol Ann Prenger and Rosanne Marie Mock marching at Fort Benning in Georgia. Photo provided by Communications Archives.

Sisters Judith Kamada, Christine Hata and Ruth Mori

Sister Judith Kamada and Sister Christine Hata are strong advocates supporting the creation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons and in working against amending Article Nine of the Constitution of Japan, which would allow the Japanese government to massively expand the military of Japan. Many of our Japanese SSND, such as Sister Ruth Mori, were children during and after World War II. Sister Ruth Mori shared how the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki changed her family and her country. Her story can be heard in Season 2, episode six of www.ssndcp.org/podcast the SSND podcast, Called to Action.



Sister Judith Kamada.



Sister Christine Hata.



Sister Ruth Mori.

These sisters now share their experiences and the lessons learned with younger people. Learn, Pray and Share are actions they continue in their aging. Supporting and learning from the Japanese NGO, Peace Boat, which is a very active part of ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish nuclear weapons), is a strong focus. ●

Sister Alice Zachmann

Sister Alice Zachmann founded and directed the Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA for 20 years and then for 10 years joined the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Center, a center for victims of torture from around the world who come to the United States seeking asylum and escaping violence in their countries. She supported the victims in overcoming their trauma, finding housing and procuring legal help. For her work, Sister Alice was recognized nationally as one of the "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence" by the National Women's History Project and the National Women's History Alliance. Sister Alice's story can be heard on Season 2, episode seven, www.ssndcp.org/podcast of the SSND podcast, Called to Action. ●

75th Anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights

On International Human Rights Day (12/10/23), the world celebrated the 75th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Adopted by the UN General Assembly in Paris on December 10, 1948. The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. Borrowing from Catholic Social Teaching principles, the Declaration sets out a broad range of fundamental rights and freedoms for all.

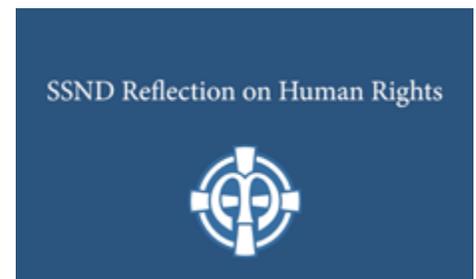
In light of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) commitment to human rights and dignity, the SSND and SSND Shalom have created an approximately 15-minute video



Sister Alice Zachmann a devoted protester for peace and nonviolence. Photo provided by Communications Archives.

featuring 30 different SSND voices—each reading one of the 30 articles that make up this historic document: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>.

To view the video: <https://vimeo.com/ssndcp/reflection-on-human-rights>. ●





From the director of resource development

By Mary Kay Murray, Resource Development

When I reflect on my high school years, 40+ years after graduation, what I think of first is the people: my teachers, my coaches, my classmates and my friends. Those memories immediately fill me with warm, happy thoughts of secure, shared belonging.

In resource development, we continually seek ways to connect with you, our friends and supporters - the people the sisters have taught, still pray for and continue to work with and for in their ministry.

We recently had the opportunity to connect face-to-face at the Masses of Appreciation (MOA). They were wonderful opportunities to share our connections and appreciation for the sisters. Yet, we know

that it isn't always possible for everyone to attend. To continue creating opportunities to connect, in 2023 we hosted our new event, "Celebrate and Connect," in three areas. The events brought opportunities to reminisce and celebrate our shared connections. You can read more about this event on page 9 of this newsletter. We also incorporated technology to transcend distance and location by sending individual videos from sisters to our supporters.

Please reach out to me if you would like a call, letter or a video message from one of our beloved sisters.

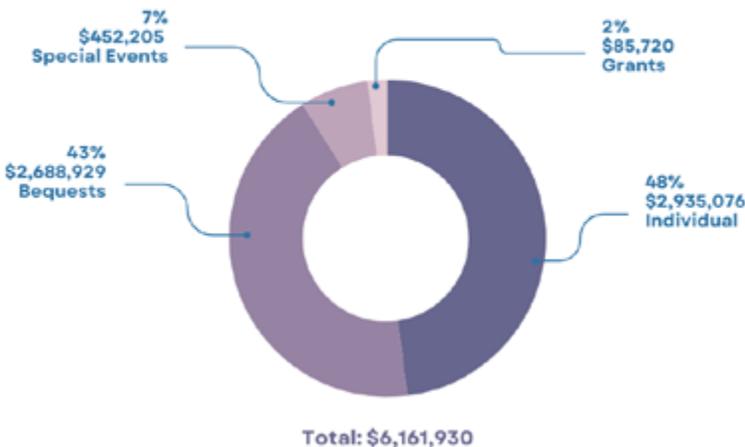
The work continues and the mission is alive. Although the sisters are aging, as we all are, they remain committed to their work and mission. When asked,

the sisters will tell you that even though they are long past retirement age, there is still much to do. I think all of you join me in thanking the sisters for living this thought. The sisters' work and dedication created the community and shared connections we all cherish. We are grateful for your continued and constant support with your financial gifts and prayers.

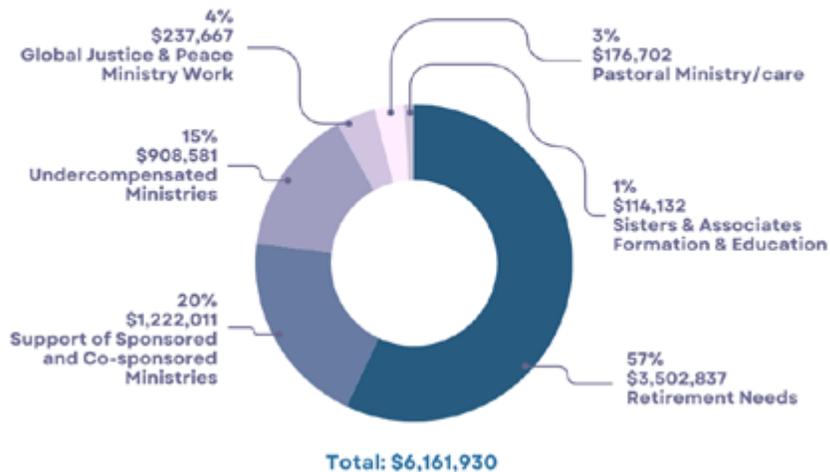
The financial picture outlining how we used your gifts this past fiscal year is provided below. Please contact Mary Kay Murray, resource development director, 262-787-1037 or mmurray@ssndcp.org if you have any questions. ●

2022-2023 Stewardship Report

Sources of Income



How Gifts Were Used





Celebrate & Connect with sisters, alumni and friends

Celebrate & Connect events are an opportunity for alumni, friends and supporters to reconnect with the sisters where School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) have lived and served. The celebrations feature reminiscing and sharing stories in an intimate, casual settings.

“The entire event was fun,” said Sister Joan Andert, Director of the Ministry Office, one of the sisters who assisted in planning the first Celebrate & Connect in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in June 2023.

“Guests at Celebrate & Connect in Cape Girardeau included students, teachers and parents of students when I was missioned at Notre Dame High School,” said Sister Joan. It was great to celebrate with multiple generations. The video of SSND teachers unable to attend was a big hit! The very best part was friends sharing memories of sisters and a few of their classroom antics.”

“We had more than 50 people in attendance, including several SSND,” said Debbie Rohrich-Tyler, Manager of Donor Relations and Events, School Sisters of Notre Dame.” Former students, family and colleagues, and even some people who were

new to SSND enjoyed reconnecting with the sisters and sharing stories.”

Another Celebrate & Connect event was held in Burlington, Wisconsin, in November of 2023. The sisters started St. Mary’s grade school in 1860 and the high school in 1923; over 325 sisters served in that community during those years. “As we have been reaching out to alumni and schools, people are excited to learn we are coming to them,” said Mary Kay Murray, SSND Resource Development Director. The event was held on a Sunday with 10 sisters attending the mass and visiting with people afterward. Another video was played with recorded history and special messages.

The following week, a Celebrate & Connect event was held in Shakopee, Minnesota, the new home for the sisters from the Mankato area. It was unique to have both people from that community want to come learn about the sisters as well as conversing with our long-time friends and supporters.

2024 events will include a Celebrate & Connect in the south as well as returning to various



(Front L to R) Sister Joan Andert and Carolyn Bohnert. (Back L to R) Michelle and Brad Wittenborn at the Cape Girardeau Celebrate & Connect in 2023. Photo provided by Resource Development.

places in Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. “The plan is to offer several Celebrate & Connect events each year across the province,” said Mary Kay. “All who have been affected by SSND are welcome to attend Celebrate & Connect events.” Invitations are sent to constituents who live around each event. In addition, information is sent to parishes and schools in the area asking them to share the information with their parishioners and alumni.

If you are interested in attending a future Celebrate & Connect in your area, watch the SSNDPCP calendar section of the website: <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/news-events/calendar-of-events>. ●



(L to R) Sister Linda Jansen, Cynthia King, Tony Buehrle and Donna Buehrle, at the Cape Girardeau Celebrate & Connect in 2023. Photo provided by Resource Development.

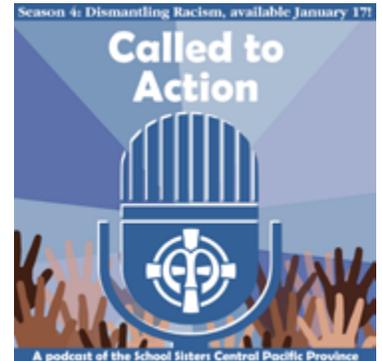


Sisters who attended the Celebrate & Connect in Burlington, Wisconsin. Front Row (L to R): Sisters Mary Beck, Rita Krusell, Mary Ellen Jean Klein, Jane Mary Lorbiecki. Back Row (L to R): Sister Eileen Ennis, Christine Maria Woyach, Elizabeth Ann Uchtyl, Susan Hetebrueg, Mary Caroline Jakubowski and Mary Joan Cook. Photo provided by Resource Development.

Around the Province: Podcasts and videos

Special bonus episode of Called to Action now available!

In preparation for the launch of **Called to Action Season 4: Dismantling Racism** we released a special bonus episode that was recorded after the conclusion of Season 3. We hope you enjoy this episode with special guest Libby Keady who is a theology teacher at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Hampton, Maryland. It is available to listen to on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, SoundCloud and www.ssndcp.org/podcast. ●



Unscripted: Real stories from sisters

Check out Unscripted videos each month to learn fun facts about our sisters. Below is a sampling of recent videos. Find the entire Unscripted showcase at: www.ssndcp.org/unscripted.

In October – Sister Lorraine Soukup shared a story about the mischief young sisters get into.

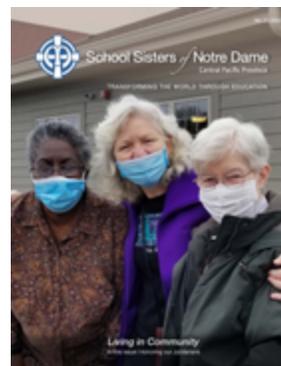
In November – Sister Avila Markiewicz shared why she chose to work with children.

In December – We asked Sister Mary Carla Huebner if she had a high school sweetheart.

In January – Sister Janet Marie Abbacchi shared why volunteering is at the core of the SSND mission. ●

We want to hear from you

Thank you for reading the SSND Newsletter. Do you like what you read? Do you have suggestions on content, photos, design? We want to hear from you! Starting February 1, we will conduct a publication survey. Use the link www.ssndcp.org/survey to participate. Thank you. ●





"Precious and blessed is the death of the faithful before God. . . for they die in union with their dear Jesus, in the grace of God, in peace."

~Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger,
Letter #11, September 10, 1831

January

Nadine Touhey
Shakopee, Minnesota

Mary Eugene Braun
Shakopee, Minnesota

Janet Senderak
Formerly **Mary Ann Peter**
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

February

Laura Jean Spaeth
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Joyce Ann Berkel
Formerly **John de Deo**
St. Louis, Missouri

M. Agnes Claire Krogman
Shakopee, Minnesota

Lawrence Marie Brauer
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March

Mary Gerold Mobley
Bridgeton, Missouri

M. Jacinta Simones
Shakopee, Minnesota

Joan Bartosh
Formerly **M. Raymond Ann**
Shakopee, Minnesota

April

Sylvia Provost
Formerly **Mary Arthur**
Covington, Louisiana

Mary Benilda Dix
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Joan Schaefer
Formerly **Pierre Marie**
Covington, Louisiana

Mary Angeleen Brill
Greenfield, Wisconsin

May

Mary Joseph Ann Quinene
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Valeria Beuke
Formerly **Rose Martin**
Bridgeton, Missouri

Rosemary Schwalbe
Formerly **Ritamary**
Shakopee, Minnesota

Georgeann Krzyzanowski
Greenfield, Wisconsin

Jeannette Glinke
Greenfield, Wisconsin

Cecile Schueller
Formerly **David Marie**
Shakopee, Minnesota

Margaret Ellen Buscher
Formerly **Marie Gerard**
Bridgeton, Missouri

June

Miriam Cecile Ross
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July

M. Paulissa Jirik
Shakopee, Minnesota

Mary Adeline Vokal
Shakopee, Minnesota

August

Helene Marie Robin
Covington, Louisiana

September

Veronica Horvat
Formerly **Anthony Marie**
Shakopee, Minnesota

Marie Russell
Formerly **Magdaleen**
Shakopee, Minnesota

Mary Alene Kuhn
Shakopee, Minnesota

Eleanor Ewertz
Formerly **Therese Lisieux**
Bridgeton, Missouri

Mary Damian Tucker
Covington, Louisiana

October

Mary Edwin Lanners
Shakopee, Minnesota

M. Jonelle Rein
Shakopee, Minnesota

November

Therese Mary Rebstock
Bridgeton, Missouri

Mary Gilda Sturino
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Jean Marie Grefenkamp
Formerly **Miriam Josanne**
St. Louis, Missouri

December

Mary Paul Holdmeyer
St. Louis, Missouri

Beverly Ann Fries
Formerly **Mary Roy**
Shakopee, Minnesota

Mary Tacheny
Formerly **Mary Mark**
Shakopee, Minnesota

Virginia Bieren
Formerly **Bene'**
Shakopee, Minnesota

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is to proclaim the good news as School Sisters of Notre Dame, directing our entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent.

You Are Sent, Constitution of the School Sisters of Notre Dame

Love Gives Everything, Directional Statement of the 24th General Chapter, 2017

Join us for upcoming Resource Development Events!



Learn more at: www.ssndcp.org/wll-24

Monday, March 4, 2024
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

River City Casino &
Hotel Event Center
777 River City Casino Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri

“Radical Nonviolent Peacemaking Strategies – Secrets from the Women of the Torah”

Featured Speaker: Rabbi Susan Talve, Founding Rabbi, Central Reform Congregation, St. Louis, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Ashrei Foundation

Thursday, March 7, 2024
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Italian Community Center
631 E. Chicago St.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

“Reshaping Justice: Restorative, Problem-Solving and Trauma-Informed”

Featured Speaker: Mary E. Triggiano, Director of the Marquette University Andrew Center for Restorative Justice

Thursday, March 14, 2024
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Town and Country Club
300 N. Mississippi River Blvd.
St. Paul, Minnesota

“Peaceful Leadership at All Ranks – Having a Positive Impact from Your Seat”

Featured Speaker: District Chief Stacy Murphy, Saint Paul Police Department, Western District

Tuesday, March 19, 2024
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Brookhaven Country Club
3333 Golfing Green Dr.
Farmers Branch, Texas

“Women of Faith: Forging Friendships and Promoting Peace in a Discorded Nation”

Featured Speaker: Judge Ada Brown, United States District Court Judge, Northern District of Texas