

COMMUNITY NOTES SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION

MAY 2018

With Awe and Humility - In Times of Deep Gratitude ...

Mysterious God, with awe and humility
I observe the colossal dynamics of the reality evolving around me: the indescribable and sacred events of the past and the numinous unfolding of the future of which I am forever a part.
I am privileged and blessed to exist, blessed to possess knowledge of where I came from, blessed to have solid hopes for a future of meaning and the community of those I love.
See in my heart my gratitude for all your mysterious gifts of energy and blessing.
Amen. (William Cleary, Prayers to an Evolutionary God, 130)

On June 2, I will be re-locating to Rapid City, South Dakota, a new venture, as I have never lived there before. There are several opportunities for future ministry in the city which I will further explore in the months to come. In keeping with my stage in life, I have responded to the "Invitation" and will offer to be of service where "need calls loudly in the winding lanes." Thank you for the great opportunity to journey with you through the service of community leadership. Thank you for your inspiration and accompaniment on the journey these five years. Peace to all. *Sister Julianne Brockamp*

Very grateful for the privilege of serving in leadership ministry for the past 10 years, I look forward to the next path on the journey. I will be moving to Omaha, Nebraska, in June. I find great life and energy in a parish setting, so I plan to join St. John Parish, which is on the campus of Creighton University. I look forward to meeting people and searching out needs and possibilities in the city of Omaha. My hope is that a ministry will emerge by the first of the new year. I am grateful for the time and space of the next few months to reflect on what has been and to listen to the stirrings of God in my heart. You will be remembered in my prayer. Thank you! *Sister Beth Driscoll*

Graced with many gifts from these years, I am honored and humbled to have served in this ministry of elected leadership with you, sisters, associates and staff. The learnings are infinite and call for more reflection! This summer I look forward to taking in reads, sun, sleep, friend-family-sister visits... New possibilities in retreat and facilitation ministry call come fall. Cedar Rapids will be my touchstone. Mount Loretto will be a satellite as we continue to walk Mom home. Thanks for your love and prayer. Be assured of mine. *Sister Ann Jackson*

As the next phase of my ministry I have accepted "The Invitation" and will continue as an adjunct professor at Loras College in the fall. In addition, I will also be looking into volunteer opportunities around the city. My residence will continue to be at St. Mary Apartments (across the street from Mount Loretto) but I will keep 2360 Carter Road as my mailing address. I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service in leadership these past 10 years and have been humbled by your trust and support. Blessings to each of you. *Sister Leanne Welch*

Hennessy Charitable Trust News

Sisters Mary Dennis Lentsch and Joy Peterson have submitted their resignations as trustees of the Hennessy Charitable Trust. We thank them for their years of service and stewardship in assuring that we are taken care of in our retirement years. We welcome as new trustees: Sisters Marge Healy, Elena Hoye, Ann Jackson and Joetta Venneman. They join current trustees: Sisters Francine Quillin, Jeanine Kuhn, Joan Lickteig, Gina Foletta and Lynn Marie Fangman. We know the Trust will continue to be in good hands as we move forward.

New Ministries!

Sister Joellen Price will assume her role as Coordinator of Liturgy/Music for the Sisters of the Presentation this June. In addition to this ministry, Sister Joellen will continue to be involved in retreat work; serve as a supervisor for the Spiritual Direction Preparation Program in LaCrosse, Wisconsin; and meet with people for spiritual direction.

For liturgy purposes, Sister Joellen's e-mail address is: <u>liturgy@dubuquepresentations.org</u>. We are grateful for the ways Sister Joellen shares her spirit and many gifts within the community and beyond.

Sister Suzanne Gallagher will transition by September 4, 2018, to Community Prayer and Service. Our prayers for her are appreciated as she transitions and as we welcome her to share her gifts and talents in community life at Mount Loretto.

Céad Míle Fáilte

For the last five months, Céad Míle Fáilte – house of a "Hundred Thousand Welcomes" – has empowered college students, mainly women, to gather for quiet, prayer and reflection. Loras students gratefully used the space for a few Thursday evening prayer and dinner gatherings at the house following Mass. Mount Loretto interns: Anna Nielsen, Allegra Johnson and Nicole Connelly, also developed and facilitated a few overnight retreats. Each hosted six to eight women to reflect on a theme from scripture, engage individual and communal prayer and share faith. Some sisters at Mount Loretto offered listening ears and spiritual accompaniment to students as they discerned God's movement in their lives. "We are grateful for the opportunities to use this space and be creative in our endeavors. Thank you," echoed the interns and students.

In addition, Stacia McDermott and the Loras Student Life staff enjoyed the space and grounds for a day of reflection at the house.

Our continued partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque also posed opportunity to house three Masters students from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). For two weeks in late March, these students lodged at Céad Míle Fáilte as they traveled daily to research the impact of early childhood care and education on rural Iowa. Astounded by the peace and quiet of the grounds as well as the hospitality of sisters and staff, Katherine (native of Boston), Ilena (native of the Phillipines residing in San Francisco) and Sonja (from India), thoroughly enjoyed their first experience of Iowa.

These opportunities have enriched all who have been served as well as us as a community. Future plans for Céad Míle Fáilte will continue to be discerned as the transition of elected leadership occurs. Thank you for hosting the possibilities.

Please register NO LATER than May 22 to Jean Lange at 563-588-2008 or jean@dubuquepresentations.org.

_ Friday Prayer _ Friday Supper _ Friday Housing Needed Saturday Installation Saturday Dinner Saturday Housing Needed

With Grateful Hearts

You are invited to participate in An Evening of Thanksgiving Friday, June 1, 2018 5:00 p.m. Sisters of the Presentation Sacred Heart Chapel



We pray in gratitude for the generous service and leadership of

Sister Julianne Brockamp Sister Beth Driscoll Sister Ann Jackson Sister Leanne Welch

Tasty delights will be shared in the dining room following prayer.

With Great Joy

You are invited to attend the Installation of the Congregational Leadership Team

Saturday, June 2, 2018 11:30 a.m. Sisters of the Presentation Sacred Heart Chapel

We celebrate the call of these Presentation women as our leaders

Sister Carmen Hernandez Sister Rita Menart Sister Joy Peterson Sister Marilyn Breen

Dinner to follow.



Since June of 2016, I have participated in the Religious Formation Conference (RFC) ForMission Program. This two-year program is for formation ministers and those in elected and informal leadership who support and oversee the quality and effectiveness of their initial formation programs.

The components of the ForMission program include:

- Four week long residential sessions
- Reflection and writing
- Peer supervision
- A reading study group
- A final integrative project

As noted in my previous writing for Community Notes, my reading study group has included Sisters Joan Lickteig, Beth Driscoll, Corine Murray, Dolores Zieser and Lynn Marie Fangman. The purpose of this group is to be a forum for discussion of the content in relationship to the ministry of formation, as well as provide a base of support for the formator and the formative process. For the past two years these sisters have generously engaged in reading, reflection and sharing of articles on the four program themes of *Mission and Religious Life in the 21st Century, Communion and Community, Spirituality for Apostolic Religious Life, and Formation for Religious Life*.

We met our final time on May 9, 2018, to celebrate our time together and the benefits that this opportunity has provided. I am so grateful to these sisters for their time and wisdom shared and to our congregation for the gift of being able to participate in the ForMission Program.



Sisters Beth Driscoll, Corine Murray, Dolores Zieser, Lynn Fangman, Joan Lickteig and Annette Kestel

Below is a complete listing by theme of the articles we read and discussed. If you are interested in reading any of these articles or using them with your Sacred Circle or Associate Group, please contact me at <u>formation@dubuquepresentations.org</u>. I also have access to other articles on the four themes from the ForMission Program reading lists.

Mission and Religious Life in the 21st Century:

- The Future of Religious Life, by Timothy Radcliffe
- An Earthy Christology, by Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ
- Spirituality and Mission: Body, World, and Experience of God, by Anthony Gittins, CSSp
- The Holy Spirit and Mission in Some Contemporary Theologies of Mission, by Susan Smith, RNDM
- Don't be indifferent to difference, by Gary Riebe-Estrella, SVD
- Conversation: A Brave New Way of Mission, by James McCloskey CSSp
- A Short History of the Church's Mission, by Stephen Bevans, SVD
- Religious Life in the Vatican II Era: "State of Perfection" or Living Charism? by Maryanne Confoy, RSC
- Revisiting Religious Identity, by William P. Clark, OMI
- Vowed to Mission, by Timothy Radcliffe, OP

Communion and Community:

- Insights for Living Authentically in Middle Time, by Lynn Levo, CSJ
- Interconnections: Seeing the World in a New Dimension, by Elaine Prevallet, SL
- Togetherness, from Compassion-A Reflection on the Christian Life, by Henri Nouwen, Donald P. McNeill, and Douglas A. Morrison
- No Strangers in God's Family, from Called to Be Sent, by Anthony Gittins, CSSp
- Community, from Compassion-A Reflection on the Christian Life, by Nouwen, McNeill, and Morrison
- Passion for God: Compassion for the Other. The Essence of Religious Life, by Martha Zechmeister, CJ

Spirituality for Apostolic Religious Life:

- Journey of Transformation: Challenges offered by "Younger" Members, by Ted Dunn, PhD
- Courageous Conversations: The Spiritually Intelligent Leader, by Donal O'Leary
- Globalizing Justice: The Contribution of Christian Spirituality, by Daniel G. Groody, CSC
- Religious Life and the Young, by Antonio M. Pernia, SVD
- New Language for a New Era, by Janet Malone, CND
- Can We Allow A New Generation to Shape Religious Life? by Laurie Brink, OP
- Toward a Life-Giving Christian Spirituality: Ten Guiding Principles, by Thomas Hart
- The Future Enters Us Long Before It Happens: Opening Space for an Emerging Narrative of Communion, by Mary Pellegrino, CSJ
- Metaphors for the Future (Global Sisters Report), by Janet Gildea, SCC

Formation for Religious Life:

- Formation for Nonviolence, by Marie Beha, OSC
- Eco-Christology: Living in Creation as the Body of Christ, by Ilia Delio, OSF
- Greening the Vows: Laudato Si' and Religious Life, by Margaret Scott, ACI
- Embracing Ambiguity, by Brian J. Pierce, OP



Go Team! Perhaps you remember last summer's sports team themed vocation presentation at Community Days. It introduced a new vision for vocation ministry, which came out of many months of committee work. The new structure includes a vocation director, vocation team, vocation centers and a vocation communication plan, but the basic building block of this vision is the inclusion of the entire community in vocation ministry.

Thank you for your wholehearted response to putting this plan in action! Thank you to the vocation team (Sisters Marge Healy, Carmen Hernandez, Annette Kestel, Marilyn Breen and Julie Marsh)! Thank you to those who guided college Busy Person Retreats (Sisters Annette Kestel and Marilyn Breen), talked to K-12 students (Sisters Paula Schwendinger, Marilou Irons, Beth Driscoll, Benjamin Duschner, Carmen Hernandez, Rita Cameron, St. James Lickteig, Anne McCormick, and all the TEC letter writers), made videos (Sisters Raeleen Sweeney, Mary Therese Krueger, Rita Cameron and Richelle Friedman),



hosted service groups (Sisters Mary Lou Specha and Julie Marsh), and prepped events behind the scenes. Thank you for all those who shared our mission/charism in daily life and via social media or invited women to participate in vocation events. Thank you to those who pray daily for women discerning their vocation. I did my best to remember and name as many of you as I could. If I left your name or action off, please know it was not intentional. I would appreciate if you sent me a note to let me know. Are there other ways you would like to participate? Let me know ⁽²⁾ All of us use our many and varied gifts to live the mission and charism and to invite others to join us!

Communications

An important piece of vocation ministry today is communication! The new vocation structure includes a strategic plan for communications, which I will share more about in future updates. For now, check out the <u>vocation pages on our</u> <u>website</u>. They have a fresh new look! Special thank you to Jane Buse-Miller and Sister Mary Therese Krueger for their hours of work on this project. Our hope is that updated content,



visually appealing graphics and common language will help women seeking to discern their vocation learn about religious life and get to know us as Presentation Sisters. Who might you share <u>the link to these</u> <u>pages with</u>? *Sister Jessi Beck*



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Embracing Hope in Challenging Times

By Sister Joan Brincks

On April 14, sisters and associates gathered at Mount Loretto to share in the retreat "Embracing Hope in Challenging Times." Associate Cindy Pfiffner, Sister Joan Brincks, Sister Theresa Marie Tran, SCC and Associate Billie Greenwood were presenters for the day. With the light of the lantern shining brightly on each table, the hope of Nano Nagle burned brightly. Through prayer and song, we were called by the God of Hope to be light bearers of hope to all who suffer pain or injustice.

Cindy began the day by inviting everyone to ponder the Road to Emmaus story by reflecting on the disciples' hope which was moved beyond their immediate circumstances to possibilities and transformation. Sister Joan continued the theme by reading the children's book, Hope is an Open Heart, acknowledging that hope is always within each of us waiting to unfold. Sister Theresa Marie opened the afternoon by reflectively taking us on her sacred journey of leaving Vietnam after the war, and told the story of the late Vietnamese Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan who was a political prisoner spreading hope, love and forgiveness. Billie concluded the day by focusing on healing, kinship and living hope with a non-violent mind and heart by sharing the inspiring story of Greg Boyle, SJ, who embodies hope for gang members. Billie's presentation is available online.



Sister Diana Blong, Sister Marilou Irons, Associate Rose Rauch and Sister Carla Popes



Associates Billie Greenwood, Sue Murphy and Dianne McDermott

In spite of winter-like weather outside, great hope was experienced inside during times of quiet and much conversation. Sisters and associates left energized to live hope believing that love is stronger than hatred or fear and knowing that God is ever present. Completing the day in gratitude, love and joy-filled hope, associates were acknowledged and blessed in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Associate Partnership.

Associate Partnership Advisory Committee Meeting Highlights

By Associate Becky Searcy

This year we are marking 20 years that the associates have been an active part of the Dubuque Presentation community! I was in the first group that began our orientation in 1998, and we made our initial commitment as associates in 2000.

Since the beginning, we have been blessed with these co-directors: Associates Char McCoy, Billie Greenwood, Karla Berns, Carol Witry and currently Cindy Pfiffner and Sisters Mary Lou Specha, Lynn Mary Wagner and currently Joan Brincks. At present the members of the Associate Partnership Advisory Committee are: Associates Cindy Pfiffner, Janet Leonard, Sue Murphy, Rose Rauch, Barb Ressler and Becky Searcy and Sisters Joan Brincks, Beth Driscoll (Leadership Liaison), Janet Stelken and Raeleen Sweeney.

To date there are 126 associates, 114 women and 12 men. There are seven in orientation and 30 deceased. There are 18 associate groups, each including sisters and associates. The recent spring retreat was attended by 23 associates and 33 sisters, building connection and relationships.

The Associate Partnership Advisory Committee meets three times a year focusing on these current goals: to revisit and revise the orientation process and materials, to foster and engender relationships through technology and to foster a deepening understanding and engagement in our mission and directional statements. Committee members contact group leaders to enhance communication about group activities and group participation at community events such as Community Days, wakes and funerals, Retreat Days and Mount Loretto visits! At our last meeting on April 13, we discussed the possibility of the associates taking the Non-Violence Pledge as the sisters did during Chapter and sharing ideas on how we are or plan to live out the pledge.

Many of our meetings went into revising the Orientation Manual. We have made the manual more userfriendly with the intention that is be used and made to fit the needs of each particular orientation group. This new manual is being used with the newest groups and will be in print soon!

It is a joy to serve on the Advisory Committee and to aid in the open communication between associates and sisters! If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the committee members!

> Associate Partnership Advisory Committee **Associate Members**



Cindy Pfiffner



Janet Leonard



Joan Brincks



Sue Murphy

Beth Driscoll



Janet Stelken



Barb Ressler



Becky Searcy



Raeleen Sweeney



Welcome to our Newest Associates

On May 6, four new associates made their commitment to the Presentation Associate Partnership. Thalia Cutsforth, Jen Hayes, Judy Kalb and Carol Wyatt, all from Dubuque, look forward to being part of the Presentation community and supporting the mission.



Judy Kalb, Carol Wyatt, Thalia Cutsforth and Jen Hayes

Come to Community Days! July 18-21, 2018

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Associate Partnership! Celebrate YOU!

Experience unity, learning and fun as we renew existing relationships and build new connections among sisters and associates, and be energized in our mission as Presentation people. To enhance associate relationships, there will be a special time for associates to gather together for reflection and sharing. Lodging will be available, at no cost to associates, at the St. Columbkille Convent Suites. We hope you'll be able to come to all of Community Days, but if you can't come for the entire time, come for as much as you can! More information will be coming soon.



Sisters Lou Cota, Joellen Price, Diana Blong, Maura McCarthy and Cecelia Marie Auterman



HISTORY HAS SHAPED US. TODAY WILL BE TOMORROW'S LEGACY.

A History of Community Leadership: 1874-1955

1874-1880 Mother Vincent Hennessy

1880-1895 (Appointed by the Bishop) Mother M. Patricia Reide (Superioress) Mother M. Aloysius Waring (Assistant)

1895-1898 (First Election by the sisters) Mother M. Josephine Howley (Superioress) Mother M. Aloysius Waring (Assistant)

1898-1901

Mother M. Aloysius Waring (Superioress) Mother M. Francis Bannon (Assistant)

1901-1904

Mother M. Angela Crowley (Superioress) Mother M. Agatha Murphy (Assistant)

1904-1907

Mother M. Angela Crowley (Superioress) Mother M. Presentation Griffin (Assistant)

1907-1910

Mother M. Benedict Murphy (Superioress) Mother M. Columba O'Callaghan (Assistant)

1910-1913

Mother M. Benedict Murphy (Superioress) Mother M. Francis Bannon (Assistant)

1913-1916

Mother M. Columba O'Callaghan (Superioress) Mother M. de Pazzi Curtin (Assistant)

1916-1919

Mother M. Benedict Murphy (Mother Superior) Mother M. Scholastica Murray (Assistant)

1919-1922

Mother M. Benedict Murphy (Mother Superior) Mother M. Aquin Walsh (Assistant)

1922-1925

Mother M. Aquin Walsh (Mother Superior) Mother M. Clementina Mackey (Assistant)

1925-1931 (Introduction of councilors)

Mother M. Aquin Walsh (Mother General) Mother M. Clementina Mackey (Vicaress) Mother M. Francis Bannon (2nd Councilor) Mother M. Rosalia Plamondon (3rd C.) Mother M. Bernadette O'Donoghue (4th C.)

1931-1937

Mother M. Perpetua Ryan (Mother General) Mother M. Paul Drea (Vicaress) Mother M. Rosalia Plamondon (2nd C.) Mother M. de Pazzi Curtin (3rd C.) Mother M. James O'Brien (4th C.)

1937-1943

Mother M. Perpetua Ryan (Mother General) Mother M. Paul Drea (Vicaress) Mother M. Rosalia Plamondon (2nd C.) Mother M. James O'Brien (3rd C.) Mother M. Ursula Farrell (4th C.)

1943-1949

Mother M. Camilla Keefe (Mother General) Mother M. Perpetua Ryan (Vicaress) Mother M. Irene Collins (2nd C.) Mother M. Aquin Walsh (4th C.)

1949-1955

Mother M. Camilla Keefe (Mother General) Mother M. Robert Reidy (Vicaress) Mother M. Ellavene Dolan (2nd C.) Mother M. Estelle Pillard (3rd C.) Mother M. Inviolata Crowley (4th C.)

(To be continued in June)

Sister Hermann Platt

NEWS & INFORMATION

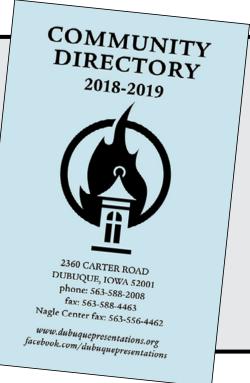


DIRECTORY UPDATES

It is time to update the Community Directory. If you have a new address, phone number or email, please send the updated information to Carol Heim at <u>carol@dubuquepresentations.org</u> by June 15.

If you would like a new photo taken, please let Jane Buse-Miller at jane@dubuquepresentations.org know and she will set up a time for you to get your photo taken. If you have a new one you want to submit, please send it to Jane.

Thank you for keeping your information current.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

- Please have any requests for the Ministry Donation Committee submitted no later than Thursday, May 31, 2018.
- Quarterly car reports are due June 1, 2018.

Be sure to check out the NEW Women of Wisdom series!

Trailer: <u>Women of Wisdom</u> How-To #1: <u>How to be a Welcoming Presence</u>



As we commemorate the anniversary of Nano Nagle's death, we offer congratulations to the recipients of the following scholarships and awards:



Andrew Bacha: Nano Nagle College Scholarship Bishop Garrigan High School, Algona, Iowa

The Nano Nagle Scholarship is a scholarship that travels among the high schools our sisters taught. Since 2010 scholarship recipients have represented the following lowa schools: Wahlert High School (Dubuque); Bishop Garrigan High School (Algona); Newman High School (Mason City); St. Mary High School (Storm Lake); St. Edmond High School (Ft. Dodge); Beckman High School (Dyersville); and Columbus High School (Waterloo).



Audra McMahon: Mother Vincent Hennessy Foundation Scholarship Wahlert Catholic High School, Dubuque, Iowa



Rachel Dunlap: Presentation Mission Service Award Keokuk, Iowa

RECIPIENTS



Anna Nielsen: Presentation Mission Service Award West Des Moines, Iowa

REMINDER: Upcoming June Program - Partners in Mission Coffee and Cookies

The Partners in Mission Office will continue to offer you quarterly updates on what is happening with our partners.

Please mark your calendars and try to attend the **Second Coffee and Cookies 2018 gathering** being held in the Presentation Center on **Wednesday, June 20 from 1 – 2 p.m.**



We will discuss upcoming Doorways stories and come prepared to share your stories! Below is a list of additional dates for the 2018 Partners in Mission Coffee and Cookies gatherings will take place.

Wednesday, September 19 from 1 - 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 19 from 1 - 2 p.m.

We look forward to your presence and participation!

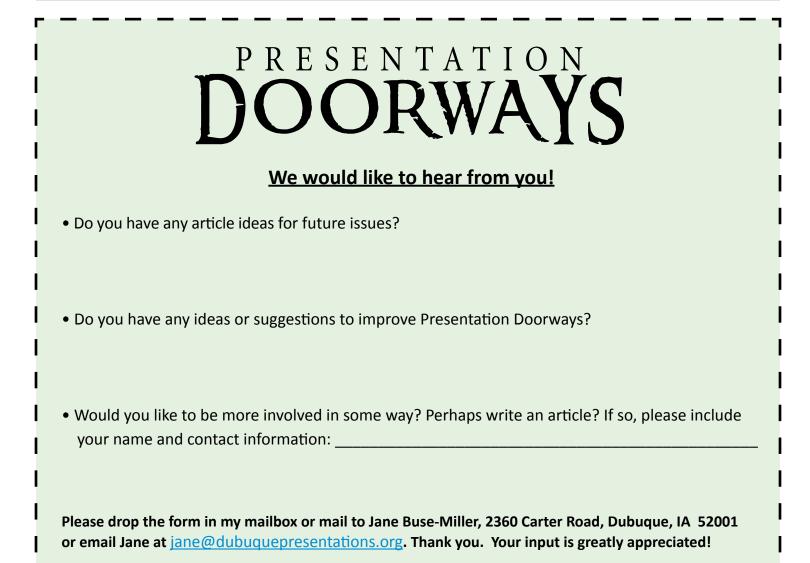
Karen Tuecke, Partners in Mission Coordinator

Thank You

The family of Mary Catherine (Rottinghaus) Clark, children, siblings, etc. wish to extend their thanks for your prayers, cards, presence at wake and funeral and all the times we asked for them during her life. You are certainly a great support and it is realized. Thank you! Sister Rosanne Rottinghaus and the entire family.

Thank you to all for your love and support at the time of Francis Platt's death. Your being therefor us meant so much!Sister Mary Hermann Platt and family

Thank you for your prayer, support, and attendance at the wake and funeral for my nephew, Chad Breen. Your prayer for Chris and their children is appreciated. Sister Marilyn Breen



MONTHLY CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	(B) = birthday (F) = feast day (R) = reception	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	(b) = baptismal
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

1 Sister Rene Laubenthal (B) / Sister Rita Menart (B) / Sister Jennifer Rausch (B)

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- 2 Mary Lockhart
- 4 Sister Marge Healy (B)
- 5 Ann Cooper
- 7 Ann Nicklaus-Schmelzer
- 8 Maureen Utter
- 11 Colleen Venter
- 15 Sister Lou Cota (B)
- 21 Sister Donna Demmer (B)
- 23 Billie Greenwood
- 24 Robert Mace
- 25 Mary Stanton
- 27 Mary Lou Mauss
- 29 Sister Pierre Kollasch (F)

Special Events

- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Father's Day
- 21 Dedication Sacred Heart Chapel (2360 Carter Road) (2001)
- 24 Nano's 1st Vows (1776)

PRAYERS & UPDATES

Address & Email Updates

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Prayers: April 13 - May 16, 2018

4/17Please pray for my brother Larry as he undergoes treatments for AML at University of Iowa
Hospital and Clinics. Thank you!Sherry Giesemann, Associate

Please remember in prayer the soul of Father Cecil Friedmann (92), long-time principal at Bishop Garrigan High School in Algona, Iowa.

4/18 Please pray for my brother, Maurice, who is in the La Grange Hospital with an infection as yet undefined. Gout is one of the possibilities. He may be going to rehab next week. I am staying with Sister Peggy Ryan, OP, and visiting him every day this week. His daughter Maura is taking the day off from teaching this week to accompany him. Thank you.

Sister Maura McCarthy

4/20 Thank you so much for your concern and prayer for Maurice. It was confirmed today that he has gout. This is complicated by his diabetes. He was first given a steroid which sent his blood sugar to the skies. Then he received a cortisone shot. He is feeling much better, sat up yesterday, and walked today. I think that he will be allowed to get back home soon, although they are not excluding the possibility of rehab. I am staying at his house for three nights which is very convenient for going to the La Grange Hospital. Many thanks for your prayers for Maurice. *Sister Maura McCarthy*

Sister Marilyn Breen requests prayers for her nephew Chad who is hospitalized in Iowa City and in critical condition.

- **4/26** Chad Breen died on April 24 at the University Hospital in Iowa City. Chad was 46 years old and is survived by his wife Chris and three children. He is my brother Mike's son. My family and I are grateful for your prayers and support. *Sister Marilyn Breen*
- 4/27 Recently I was three days in the hospital for observation and testing. The reports from the tests were negative. I'm home and doing a lot of sleeping and some therapy to help regain my strength. I am currently using a walker to provide greater stability when moving about. Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers. *Sister Janice Hancock*

Also, please remember in prayer the soul of Janie Reynolds, sister of June Hancock. June is one of our housekeepers. Janie was only 63 but suffered from Alzheimer's for 10 years. May she rest in peace.

- **4/28** Please pray for Francis Platt, brother of Sister Mary Hermann. Francis suffered a stroke on Friday and is in the hospital at Algona. Doctors are not optimistic about his survival. His son and daughter are there to support their mother. Thank you.
- **4/30** Please remember in prayer the soul of Francis Platt, brother of Sister Mary Hermann Platt. Francis died Sunday morning, April 29.

4/30 Please pray for Joan Lawler, wife of Bill Lawler, (nephew of deceased Sister Wilfred Kress). Joan had a successful open heart surgery for a triple by-pass this past Wednesday but after 24 hours had complications resulting in a stroke and blood clotting in her legs and lungs. Joan was air-lifted from Dubuque to the University Iowa Hospitals and is in critical condition.

Please remember Kay Gauthier and her family in your prayer. Kay passed away April 27. She was a faithful friend to Presentation Sisters in Monticello, Minnesota, for over 50 years. Among her many charitable works, she taught Sister Teresita how to drive.

Sister Carrie Link

- **4/30** Sister Janice Hancock is back at Mercy Hospital because of weakness. She appreciates your prayers and support.
- **5/1** Sister Janice Hancock had a second short stay at Mercy Hospital. She is now home at Mount Loretto and is on Nagle 3. Because she is very weak she requests no visitors. She greatly appreciates your care, concern and prayers.
- 5/4 As you know from my earlier message, I have moved to Nagle 3 and am receiving great care from our nursing staff. Due to my continuing health conditions, I will begin Hospice care on Monday, May 7. At this time I continue to move about the building with the help of a walker and enjoy meals and visits with the sisters in the main dining room. Your prayer and care are very much appreciated.
- **5/7** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Joan P. Lawler, wife of Bill Lawler (nephew of deceased Sister Wilfred Kress). Joan passed away on Friday at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Please pray for Dennis Lawler, Durango, Iowa, youngest brother of Bill Lawler and siblings, who had a heart attack a week ago, had surgery for a stent and is following up with cardiac rehab.

- **5/8** Please pray for Janice Zieser Hildebrand, sister of Sisters Dolores and Josita Zieser. Janice has been diagnosed with Hodgekins Lymphoma and will be receiving chemotherapy treatments.
- **5/11** Please remember in prayer Sister Mary Barbara Rastatter's sister, Lo-E Miller. Lo-E died Thursday, May 10.

Please keep Associate Karen Kurtt, 74, who died April 28, 2018 in your prayers. The funeral was May 2 at St. Patrick in Cedar Falls with internment in Washington Chapel Cemetery.