

#### Leadership Meeting Minutes: October 11-12, 2018

- On October 5, the leadership team met with the facilitator, Carol Crepeau, CSJ, to develop a plan to further the four promises made at Chapter. It was decided to continue working with Carol, who will also be present for Community Days.
- **Prayer:** It was decided to increase contemplative prayer time at leadership meetings.
- Donations: Donations were allocated to various groups.
- **Community Policy Book:** It was decided to update the policy book at a later date.
- **Employee Evaluations:** An updated evaluation process was discussed. It will be approved after rewrite at a later date.
- Plans for Presentation Day and Foundation Day: Details were finalized for the events.
- Evaluation of 5 Chair meeting and LCWR discussions: LCWR talk discussions were not as successful
  as desired, therefore, the zoom meeting and table tents used with the first talk will be discontinued.
  Positive comments were received on the 5 Chair presentation at Mount Loretto and by Zoom. The first
  attempt with a large group Zoom went well.
- **Survey for future calendaring:** Dates for Chapter and future Community Days will be set after a survey is done with the community. The details of the process will be further discussed.
- Employee Christmas Party: Details of the party were discussed.
- **Corporate meeting:** A corporation meeting took place on the morning of October 12. Minutes were approved and information on the budgeting process, wages and liability discussed.
- Administration Professional Day April 24: Details to show appreciation to our administrators were discussed.
- **Employee Handbook:** Steps to update the handbook and clarify inconsistencies were discussed. A process was outlined, so that a final copy can be put online in read-only form to prevent outdated copies from being used in the future.

- Occasional Papers: See notice on News & Information page.
- **LSSAWR:** It was decided to promote the completion of the LSSAWR (Life Satisfaction Scale for Apostolic Women Religious).
- Letter from union of USIG: USIG (Union International of Superior Generals) is requesting testimonies about abuse of sisters by priests due December 14. More information about the process will be requested at the Region X.
- **Compassion Course Update:** Inquiries about the course showed that most have not kept up with the online course. An article about the course will be written for future Community Notes.
- **5 Wishes:** Requests will be made for sisters to update the information if needed.
- Sister's Monthly Budgets: Budget requests were reviewed and approved.
- Library: The library was discussed. Sister Suzanne Gallagher has agreed to assist in the library.
- **Personnel:** Individual needs and requests were discussed.

#### Next Meeting November 12 and 13, maybe 14, 2018

Sister Cormer Alemandez Sister Rita Menant Sester Joy Peterson Sister Marilyn Breen





Sister Mary Ann Zollman, BVM, facilitated an Intercongregational Day at Sinsinawa Mound for sisters and associates of the religious congregations of the Upper Mississippi River Valley on Thursday, October 18. Associate Jean Lange, Mount Loretto house coordinator, and Sisters Dolores Moes, Dolores Zieser, Donna Determan, Kay Cota and Annette Kestel attended the day.

"Spirituality for Our Time: Going Deeper and Shining from the Soul" was the theme of the day of reflection and sharing. Sister Mary Ann invited all to reflect on the image of a branch of leaves ablaze with fall color and stated, "That branch is all of us here today. Authentic spirituality for us in these times means reverently gathering the experiences of our lives through all their seasons and letting them shine forth from the soul of our being in radiant integrity."

Sister Mary Ann also noted, "If God does God's ongoing creative work in us through our life experiences, then the

most radical spiritual practice is that of spending time with our experiences. Attending to our experience, we see God's grace active in our lives; we trace the sacred process of becoming completely ourselves. Accordingly, dwelling with our experience is the activity of integrity necessary at this phase of our individual and communal lives. It is the activity essential to the mission of shining forth our soul."

Sister Mary Ann shared a beautiful reflection on God's flaring forth in love from the beginning of creation and breathing forth the fire of holy love into each person in an original way, and then led us in a process of deepening through four contemplative movements. We each recorded our reflections around a picture of a candle flame, symbolizing God's unique flaring forth in each of us. Moments of contemplative sharing were included within the process.

#### Four Contemplative Movements:

1. Paying attention to our experiences.

Here we reflected back on our life experiences and became aware of five particular experiences seeking our attention. We allowed the experiences to name themselves with a word, phrase, image or symbol.

2. <u>Dwelling with the experience as the gift of the Spirit.</u>

Going deeper we spent time with each experience and let it tell its story, reveal and name the gift of the Spirit given through the experience.

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- Living the gifts of the Spirit.
   In this movement we reflected on how each gift influenced our lives.
- 4. Claiming the original shape of my flame.

We held each of our experiences, their gifts and influence, and saw them as the glow of the same light revealing who we are and the light of God that we each share.

We returned from this day of reflection and sharing grateful for the gift of life and the many experiences that have helped shape us as persons and members of our congregation.

#### Mount Loretto Winter Retreat

You are invited to take part in any or all of the retreat as your schedule allows:

Dates:Sunday, January 6, 7 p.m. through<br/>Friday, January 11, evening mealTheme:Bring Forth the Realm of GodFacilitator:Father Anthony Gittins, CSSp

Father Gittins is a religious Spiritan (Congregation of the Holy Spirit) who has authored many articles and books on culture, theology, mission, spirituality and discipleship. He offers workshops, seminars and

retreats nationally and internationally. This retreat will include a number of sub-themes such as:

- The nature of *Conversion* 
  - The need for **Prophets**
- Belief in the *Holy Spirit*
- The grace of *Age*
- The importance of *Hope* 
  - The power of *Imagination*

Conferences: Sunday, January 6, 7 p.m. Monday, January 7 through Thursday, January 10, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, January 11, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**Celebration of Eucharist:** Monday, January 6 through Thursday, January 10, 4:50 p.m. Friday, January 11, 11:20 a.m.

Sisters not living at Mount Loretto and associates, if you wish to attend the entire retreat and reserve a guest room at Mount Loretto, please contact Sister Annette Kestel (formation@dubuquepresentations.org or 563-588-2008) to register for the retreat and Jean Lange (jean@dubuquepresentations.org) for housing. If you wish to attend some of the conferences but not the entire retreat, there is no need to register.

Sister Annette Kestel





• The meaning of *Spirituality* 

• Religious Life as *Adventure* 



#### Thank You! Vocation Awareness Week

Many thanks to any and all who participated in National Vocation Awareness Week activities! Thank you for your intentional efforts to encounter, accompany and invite people to discern their vocation. Special thank you to Jane Buse-Miller and Brooke Broddicker for their excellent work on our #NationalVocationAwarenessWeek social media campaign and to Sisters Marilou Irons, Brigid Stanley and Rita Menart for sharing their reflections on camera. It's not too late to check out our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages and share the good news of discovering one's vocation.

#### Shout Outs!

**Sister Anne McCormick** traveled to Northwest Iowa to speak about vocations with students at St. Patrick School in Sheldon and Sacred Heart School in Spencer.

**Sisters Annette Kestel and Rita Menart** connected with vocation promotion supporters by attending the Serra Club annual banquet on behalf of our community.

**Sister Mary Therese Krueger** and I represented us at the *Called By Name: Vocations and Discipleship Conference* for 7th and 8th grade students hosted by the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. Have I miss recognizing your vocation efforts? Please let me know.

#### Worth a Watch

The NRVC (National Religious Vocation Conference) held it's 2018 Convocation in Buffalo, New York, on November 1-5. This was an excellent opportunity to connect with 300 vocation colleagues and listen to speakers highlighting critical conversations in vocation ministry and religious life. This month I encourage you to listen to Dr. Hosffmann

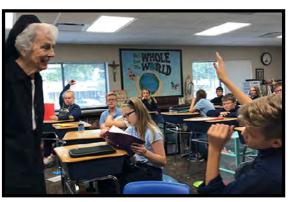
Ospino. His talk highlights paradigmatic, cultural, and demographics shifts within the Catholic Church. He calls religious communities to reflect on how we can inclusively accompany all of God's people and challenges us to meet the needs of men and women from diverse backgrounds in today's reality. Click on the word <u>Podcast</u> or <u>Video</u> to listen or watch Dr. Hosffmann Ospino's *Call to Accompany God's People in a Time of Paradigm Change*.

#### **Upcoming Events**

\*Is there anyone you could invite to Save the Date for these events? March 7-10, 2019 Deep Encounter: Listening with an Open Heart

A National Vocation Discernment Retreat for Hispanic Women March 16-23, 2019 <u>New Orleans Service and Discernment Trip</u>

An experience of prayer, community and service with sisters for women discerning God's call in their life.





Sister Jessi Beck

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Presentation Associates are Thankful for Many Blessings

by Associate Janet Leonard

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, Presentation associates are thankful for God's many blessings in their lives.

**Carol Kane** (*Minnesota group*): I am ever grateful for health, the wonders of nature and the gift of life. This Thanksgiving, I especially lift thanks for my family, our Presentation family and friendships.

**Mary Lou Mauss** (*Dubuque*): This year I am especially thankful that our son, Mike, is safely back from Afghanistan; and he and his kids are doing well in Cedar Falls, Iowa. I am thankful for all our family blessings!

**Billie Greenwood** (*Zoom group*): I am grateful for the opportunity in the coming months to give direct service to migrants who are far from family and support, and vulnerable to danger in Nogales, Sonora, on the northern Mexico border. So many "stars" have to align for this to happen that it almost feels miraculous to work in a place I love and make a difference, however small.

**Carol Witry** (*Zoom group*): I am especially grateful for the gift of the relationships in my life. Each one – whether it be with my husband, children, granddaughter, other family members, friends, colleagues, acquaintances or nature – enriches my life with meaning. All are unique expressions of the sacred.

**Darla Budden** (Nano's Nine, Dubuque area): This year, as an associate, I am especially thankful for having the opportunity to be the president of La Luz Hispana board of directors in Hampton, Iowa. I have had the humbling learning experience of working with an amazing staff and board. Going through the transition of hiring a new executive director and associate director has been an eye-opening experience. La Luz Hispana is a blessing for so many. I am very thankful for everyone who has been associated with it for the past five years. Muchas gracias!

**Lois Loughren** (Northern Lights, Cedar Falls): I am so thankful for many things – among them my family, friends, my faith and for my education from the Presentation Sisters. I am truly blessed by God!







Mary Lou Mauss



Billie Greenwood



Carol Witry



Darla Budden



Lois Loughren

**Maureen Utter** (*Lantern Flames, Charles City area*): Albert Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." I am thankful for all the miracles in my life.

**Linda Dolphin** (Lantern Lights, Dubuque): I will always be grateful for my associate connection with the Presentations Sisters. I am thankful for the senior classes I attend at the Roberta Kuhn Center. The gift of life and nature's beauty keeps me in a continual state of awe.

**Bernie Graves** (Kansas City group and Zoom group): I am thankful for all of the women religious who educated me, showed me how to truly live Gospel values and enriched my faith by sharing theirs. I am thankful for the ministry of spiritual direction; I am so blessed listening to the stories of others who seek God in daily life. As my mom continues to decline with dementia, I am grateful for her long, well-lived life and the bonds of family love.

**Barb Klein** (*Presentation Partners, Dubuque*): I am thankful for many blessings this year, especially my faith, family, friends, my good health and my kindergartners. I am happy to have so many good friendships with the Sisters of the Presentation, especially my associate group. But most of all, I am thankful for the blessing of my daughter. God is good all the time!

**Sandy Kahle** (Servant Seekers, Dubuque): I am thankful that God has blessed me with wonderful children and grandchildren. I am also very thankful for my relationship with the Presentation Sisters. I really enjoy visiting the senior sisters in Nagle Center and hearing their stories. They are all beautiful ladies and bring joy to my heart. Thank you, God, for all the blessings you have given me.

**Barb Ressler** (*Circle of Faith, Dubuque*): Thanksgiving provides us with an opportunity to recognize our many blessings. One I hold dear is the life story of Presentation foundress, Nano Nagle, who continues to serve as a source of inspiration even 300 years after her birth. The manner in which she led and served continues to encourage and challenge us today.

Janet Leonard (Luminaries, Strawberry Point area): As editor of this article, I thank those who contributed their prayerful thoughts on the many blessings God has bestowed on our Presentation family this year. Since God has a sense of humor, I will end with a humorous thought. I am thankful the midterm elections are over and the political ads have disappeared. Thanks be to God!

Blessings on your holiday.



Maureen Utter



Linda Dolphin



Bernie Graves



Barb Klein



Sandy Kahle



Barb Ressler



Janet Leonard

#### **Prayer Partners**

The upcoming holidays would be a good time to connect with your prayer partners. Contact information is available in the Community Directory.

#### **Associate Recommitments**

Twenty-three associates are eligible this year to recommit as Presentation associates. Many are participating in recommitment ceremonies this month as we celebrate Presentation Day. Please remember to return your recommitment form to the Associate Office before Christmas at the latest. Thank you to those who have already sent in your recommitment form.

#### **Coming Soon**

Advent Reflection Books are here and ready to be distributed either via mail or through associate group contacts. The daily email reflections will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2. Additionally, a link to a PDF version of the book will be posted on the main page of the website. May these reflections bless you during the days of Advent.





### **SAVE THE DATE**

2019 CARMA CONFERENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019 BEST WESTERN PLUS HOTEL, DUBUQUE, IOWA

Associate, Kathleen Wade, will present Legacy, Love, Leadership: The Unfolding Associate Path

Archives

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

#### Personalities from the Early Days (continued) Sister Mary Leo Roach: 1880 - 1958

Cecelia Magdalene Roach was born on March 13, 1880, in Elkader, Iowa. John and Hannah Markham Roach, both of Irish descent, gave two daughters to the Sisters of the Presentation: Cecelia followed her sister, Mary Hannah (Sister Mary Stanislaus) who had entered the community in 1893.

Sister Mary Leo came to St. Vincent Convent on May 1, 1901, and was received by Mother Mary Angela Crowley and Father Ryan on August 22 of the same year. She made her final profession August 5, 1903, submitting her vows to Mother Angela in the presence of Father Ryan.

Performing the ministry of music teacher, Sister Leo served in the schools in Waukon, Key West, Mason City, Farley, Fairbank, Whittemore and Clare, all in Iowa; and in Madison and Emerson, Nebraska, and in Winner, South Dakota. She filled the positions of local superior in Emerson and first local councilor at Whittemore.

Sister Mary Eunice Kane and Sister Mary Martha Boland remembered Sister Leo as having a beautiful soprano voice, and commented on her willingness to use that talent to make others happy.

Sister Eunice also remembered that Sisters Leo, Paul Drea and Rosalia Plamondon used to go during the summer to Notre Dame University to study music. They would arrive back in Dubuque on Saturday night on the midnight train. In spite of the late arrival, and consequent short time to sleep, they were always on hand for early Sunday morning Mass, harmonizing in three parts.

The archives file contains a detailed description of Sister Leo's last days in Clare, her final illness and her death at Mercy Hospital in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She



Cecelia Magdalene Roach



Sister Mary Leo Roach

was anointed, made her last confession and died peacefully during the prayers for the dying. Sister Mary Ethelrita, RSM, assisted with Sister Leo's care, and Sister Mary Alfreda, RSM, was there to help get her ready for her final trip to Dubuque.

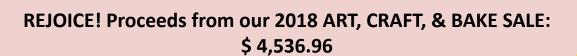
Death came for Sister Mary Leo Roach on February 10, 1958, at 8:45 p.m. Cause of death is listed as acute right heart failure.

Sister Hermann Platt

# **NEWS & INFORMATION**

#### A Force for Good: Activating Compassion

The Winter 2019 issue of LCWR Occasional Papers focuses on the urgent need to activate compassion in the world as a force for good. Orders for this issue of Occasional Papers must be received by Friday, December 7 via <u>https://lcwr.org/item/occasional-papers-winter-2019.</u>



The following charities each received \$2,268.48 from our total funds:

#### **EXCEL PROGRAM**

After school remedial instruction, Okolona, Mississippi, where Sister Jean Ann Meyer ministers

#### **CRESCENT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER of Dubuque**

A big "Thank You" to all who helped with donations of cash, crafts, goodies, time, purchases and prayer to help make this a success.

Sister Dolores Zieser doloresz@dubuquepresentations.org

#### IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

- Please have any requests for the Ministry Donation Committee submitted no later than November 30, 2018.
  - Quarterly car reports are due December 1, 2018.









Friends:

In keeping with the spirit of Nano Nagle and our promise to promote direct ministry to those made poor, we will again host our Christmas dinner with our guests from the Dubuque Rescue Mission and Hope House in Dubuque. The dinner will be served on Saturday, December 15, at noon in the dining room at Mount Loretto.

We will provide each attendee with a bag of warm winter items such as gloves, hats, socks, scarves, and if our funds are sufficient, we will purchase jackets or sweatshirts as well. The bag will also include treats such as fruit, candy and nuts.

If you would like to donate to this project, we will be pleased to accept any amount, large or small. Money may be given directly to Sisters Anne McCormick or Jeanine Kuhn, or sent by mail by Saturday, December 8.

If sending a check, please make it out to Sisters of the Presentation, and mail to the address below:

Sisters of the Presentation c/o Sister Anne McCormick – Annual Dinner 2360 Carter Road Dubuque, IA 52001

God bless you for your service to the poor!

Sister Anne McCormick (<u>annemc@dubuquepresentations.org</u>) Sister Jeanine Kuhn (<u>jeanine@dubuquepresentations.org</u>)



#### **REMINDER: Upcoming 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 Final Coffee and Cookies gathering for 2018. When: Wednesday, December 19, from 1 – 2 p.m.

Where: Presentation Center



We will discuss all the winter activities including Doorways (Winter 2018 copy should be out), Prayer Card mailing and the 2018 Annual Appeal.

We look forward to your presence and participation! Karen Tuecke, Partners in Mission Coordinator

P.S. \*\* We will also discuss 2019 dates and topics to cover.\*\*

Jhank You

Dear Sisters, Associates and Mount Loretto Employees,

I am grateful beyond words for the many ways you shared your presence, spirit, love and friendship with me in celebration of my 50th jubilee! My family was especially thrilled to see you and to renew connections. Your cards, meaningful messages, gifts, donations and contributions are appreciated and will certainly make a difference in the lives of many people who are in need of assistance. Be assured of my continued prayer for you and your families! Love and gratitude - Sister Beth Driscoll

Dixie Rottinghaus, her four children, my siblings and I, as well as the younger generations, give you all a heart-felt "thanks" for the prayers and concerns shown after and during the time of the illness, death and funeral of their husband, father and our brother, Jim.

Gratefully - Sister Rosanne Rottinghaus

Dear friends,

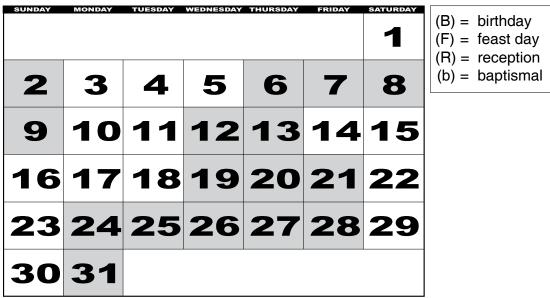
Thank you so much for all the prayers and love you sent to my sister, Rose, who has been recuperating from a bad fall on September 2. Her pain level has become manageable, and she is now using a walker. She is getting stronger every day and she says to tell you THANK YOU! She said she could feel your support and love.

Gratefully - Sister Elena Hoye

# **MONTHLY CALENDAR**



### **DECEMBER 2018**



- 6 Laurie Noel
- 7 Sisters Emilie Bormann (B) Marie Therese Coleman (B)
- 9 Lois Loughren
- 12 Sister Carmen Hernandez (F) Sara Kammer
- 13 Sister Louann Doering (F)
- 19 Florence Jaeger
- 20 Sister Julianne Brockamp (B)
- 21 Sister Jean Ann Meyer (B)
- 26 Sister Stephen Eswine (F) Sister Corine Murray (B) Sister Maura McCarthy (B)
- 27 Sister Jeanine Kuhn (F) Rita Plathe
- 28 Charlotte Danner
- 31 Sister Marilyn Breen (B)

#### **Special Events**

- 2 First Sunday of Advent
- 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception
- 24 Nano Founded Presentation Community (1775)
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve Feast of the Holy Family

### **PRAYERS & UPDATES**



Please make these updates in your directory.

Sister Linda Reicks lindareicks@me.com

#### Prayers: October 10 - November 14, 2018

- **10/11** Kindly remember my 30-year-old nephew, Albert, in prayer. He is in serious condition at Mayo Clinic following a bone marrow transplant last Wednesday. He is unable to take food/drink and has no white blood counts with very low platelets at this time resulting in no immune system. He is on day 6, days 5-10 are to be his hardest. This is a young man with a contagious positive attitude and very deep faith. Please help us with our prayer chain for this husband and dad of a 5-year-old. *Gratefully Sister Raeleen Sweeney*
- **10/12** Rachel Evans has been dismissed to Gift of Life House on Wednesday and her brother Chris on Thursday. Rachel has noticeable improvement every day. Tylenol is mostly keeping her pain free. Chris had a couple tough days with pain of incision and digestion issues, but they released him anyway, saying it was normal. He will need to go to the kidney unit of the clinic Friday for tests and procedures all day, then back to Gift of Life House. He is hoping to find more rest and less interruptions there. They are both glad to get away from any possible infections that become so prevalent in long hospital stays. Their plan is to drive home on Sunday. Thank you for your continued prayers as they recover from the kidney transplant.

Associate, Marilynn Jacobs, 90, of Dubuque, was called home peacefully at 12:08 a.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018, at home, surrounded by her loving family.

- **10/15** Please pray for my brother Jim and his family. Jim died Sunday afternoon, October 14. *Sister Rosanne Rottinghaus*
- **10/16** Please pray for our son, Jim, who is experiencing a very severe case of tinnitus right now. *Thank you Mary Lou Mauss, Associate*

**10/19** Please pray for Associate Charlotte Danner's son, Joe Danner, who has a detached retina and bleeding behind his left eye. Because there is no longer an available surgeon in Dubuque who is a provider with Joe's insurance, Joe and his wife Vicki will travel to the University of Madison Wisconsin clinic on Friday to see a specialist and hopefully be able to schedule surgery.

Our family is very grateful for your prayerful support and concern for Albert Andersen. He said he could feel the prayers even when he was in great pain! Though grueling and an extremely painful 10-day process after receiving the bone marrow cell transplant, Albert is doing well this week. However, this is just the beginning. It's a long process ahead. Albert's parents and my niece, Melisa, have rented a temporary apartment in Rochester. Melisa and Albert work at the same business who have been exceptional in allowing Melisa to be with Albert when needed. Albert will be at Mayo one-three months. We so appreciate your prayers; please continue! *Blessings - Sister Raeleen Sweeney* 

**10/26** Sister Janet Goetz, Algona, will have a brain MRI on October 29, and appreciates your prayers.

Please keep Joe Danner in your prayers (son of Associate Charlotte Danner.) Having been diagnosed with chorioretinitis in his left eye 13 years ago, Joe had half of his vision saved at that time. The infection set in two years ago and now caused a detached retina. The specialist whom Joe and his wife Vicki visited in Madison has determined that Joe will have a surgery on October 31. The recovery period includes slow healing – being facedown for one or more weeks and a full recovery time of 6-8 weeks.

- **10/31** The results for my brain MRI came back normal. Thank you for your prayers and concern. *Sister Janet Goetz*
- **11/8** Tomorrow (Friday, November 9) I will have a knee replacement at Finley Hospital. Surgery is scheduled for 10 a.m. I trust in your prayers for a successful outcome. Gratefully - Sister Paula Schwendinger
- **11/9** Associate, Carol Kane, has been diagnosed with a very advanced and aggressive endometrial cancer, which will require a hysterectomy and chemo. She asks for our earnest prayers.

Sister Paula Schwendinger is out of knee surgery and in the recovery room. From what is known at this point, all went well. We continue to pray for her as she continues to heal.

11/12 My niece, Jill, is taking chemo shots three times a week to help alleviate cancer of her kidney and gallbladder. She and her husband have two young girls, ages 13 and 11. Thank you for your prayers and intentions.

My cousin's grandson, Jay, had an accident, fell backwards down the basement steps striking his head. He is now brain dead in Minneapolis Hospital. They will take the final test (Friday) before removing his organs. Jay is only 28 years old. Please pray for Jay and for my cousin, Dave, and their families. *Sister James Marie Gross* 

If I could please ask for prayers for my mother, Dolores Mace, who is almost 90 and has some concerning health issues. Abundant prayers and blessings. *Robert Mace, Associate*