



COMMUNITY NOTES

SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION

SEPTEMBER 2018

Radical Hospitality in Kinship with Earth and All People

Sisters Carmen, Rita, Joy and Marilyn met from August 20-24, 2018, to plan, play and ponder the work of the next five years. Joy led us in a reflection on leadership using a bookmark with advice from nature.

Our hopes for these days included: getting to know one another better, setting some goals for our work together, reviewing the work of the summer and taking steps toward community involvement in living the direction and commitments of the chapter.



We believe that open communication is important and we are committed to do our best to model openness and non-judgment as we work together. We will publish information from our meetings, and our hope is that members will engage in conversation with us if there are questions. Our work is the community's work.

We will be working with the associate process to listen to the recommendations and continue to strengthen the partnerships that exist now. There seems to be a call for more involvement and new ways to connect with our associates. We want our relationships to be mutual and we encourage leadership from associates.

Structures – For this year, we will offer a fall gathering via technology, and an area meeting in the spring and summer schedule as usual. We will be asking for further input from the community as we move forward. There were several who asked for two meetings per year and for a change in what we know as Caritas meetings. Some wisdom from those who work on Commitment 4 may also be helpful as we consider how we organize ourselves. Community Days will begin on the morning of Thursday, July 18, 2019, and close in the evening of Saturday, July 20, 2019.

Contact Persons – Using the information from Community Days and your preferences, we have assigned a contact person for each member. By now you should have heard from your contact person.

Upcoming leadership meeting dates for 2018:

October 10-12, 2018

November 12-14, 2018

December 3-7, 2018

GOALS for Leadership

- To facilitate/engage the community to live the direction statement and commitments.
- To foster mutuality in communication.

Our response to the commitment statements is included below. We invite you to consider how you will respond to each commitment.

Commitment 1: We promise to live radical hospitality in all relationships, especially with people made poor, through our commitment to contemplation, service, advocacy, dialogue, communication and education.

- Be open and expand the invitation to those of other cultures and other ways of thinking.
- Include stories in Community Notes which are ordinary examples of living the commitments.
- Continue weekly updates.

Commitment 2: We promise to practice non-violence of mind and heart, speech and action as we address injustice directly and systemically.

- Personally invite people to workshops etc. on non-violence.
- Model non-violent communication.
- Make the “Day of Peace” talk available to the community.

Commitment 3: We promise to form partnerships and utilize resources for the purpose of mission.

- Continue the salary study and make appropriate changes.
- Budget for development of a plan for the future use of the property.
- Continue to study the use of the Cead Mile Failte house.

Commitment 4: We promise to implement governance practices that foster dialogue and communication in decision-making.

- Model mutual communication.
- Use Zoom calls to communicate to the community.
- Publish meeting notes in Community Notes.

Next Steps

Non-violent Communication – We would like to present the information which we skipped at the summer meeting via technology in October. You will receive more information on this soon.

We will need more time to develop the groups who will work on each commitment and to define the parameters of the work that they will do. Thank you to all who signed up for a particular area.

LCWR Talks – We will develop some questions for the talks at LCWR and encourage all to study and discuss these talks. At Mount Loretto, table tents will be placed on the tables with a quote and a question, which can be a dinner table discussion. We encourage all to be creative about this sharing. We will have two Zoom sessions for anyone who wishes to join.

There will be regional meetings in the spring to further engage the community in the commitments. Dates will be sent in October.

The information gleaned from discussions and evaluations from Community Days 2018 is available on the [internal website](#) and will offer first steps as we begin to work on the commitments. We believe the work on supports and resistances is valuable as we move forward.

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

Our Journey in Formation



Since September 2016, I have been participating in the three-year Spiritual Direction Preparation Program (SDPP) at the Franciscan Spirituality Center in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. My third and final year in the program began with the Directed Retreat Practicum this past July 20 through August 4 at the spirituality center.

This practicum guided the 26 members of my cohort through the process of offering a directed retreat. Our group was divided into two groups; one group became the directors and the other became the retreatants. Each director was then partnered with a retreatant. During the first three days, I directed one of the other participants in retreat, and then during the last three days, I moved into the retreatant role and met with another participant who was my director.

The three days as a retreat director included:

- A morning and an afternoon meeting with a retreatant.
- A director meeting in which all the directors met with two supervisors for prayer and guidance in retreat direction.
- A one-on-one meeting with a supervisor to personally process the experience.

The three days as retreatant offered:

- A gathering with the other retreatants for a variety of prayer forms (Lectio and Visio Divina, Gospel meditation and contemplation, awareness exercise, centering prayer and additional options for use of poetry, prayer, and movement).
- A morning and an afternoon meeting with a director.
- A wonderful time and space for prayer and quiet.

As I reflect back over the week, I am so grateful for this challenging opportunity. The group director meetings and individual supervisor meetings were helpful in guiding me through the retreat direction experience. As a retreatant, I enjoyed my visits with my director in training, the retreatant group meetings and the excellent prayer resources that we received.

I will complete SDPP in July 2019 and will receive a certificate in spiritual direction from the Franciscan Spirituality Center. Having completed the Directed Retreat Practicum this summer, I also have the option to receive an additional certification in retreat direction. I hope to facilitate a directed retreat in the near future to put into practice what I learned through this practicum.

I am grateful to the community for the opportunity to participate in the Spiritual Direction Preparation Program! It has been an affirming, growth-filled learning experience for me.

Sister Annette Kestel

From the Office of... VOCATIONS

“Listening to the Young”

In her [LCWR Presidential address](#), Tere Maya encouraged sisters to actively seek out young people in society with the intention of listening to “their search, their questions and their quest for meaning.” Maya says young people can offer several gifts:

- The view of diversity as sacred gift.
- Boldness in social justice movements.
- Ability to move past discouragement about poor results.
- New vibrancy.

Sisters can offer authentic conversation about “the meaning of our lives, the story of our faith in Jesus Christ!”

Check out the “Nuns and Nones” movement via their [website](#) or this [video](#)!

Upcoming Events

Is there anyone you can invite to the following events?

September 13 in Chicago

September 14 in Dubuque

[Author Panel](#): In Our Own Words: Religious Life in a Changing World

September 28-29

[Chicago’s Got Sisters](#)

October 2018

[Synod on Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment](#)

Find out what is happening in your parish, school or organization!



Volunteers Needed

National Vocation Awareness Week is November 4-10, 2018. Is your parish, school or organization interested in getting involved? Consider homilies, Masses, prayer services, social media posts, newsletter reflections or open houses. Let me know what your parish plans to do and if I can assist in any way.

National Catholic Sisters Week [mini-grant applications](#) are available starting September 15! Encourage your parish, school or organization to apply for a mini-grant and host an event. It is a very simple application. The website even has ideas to get you started!

I am looking for two sisters to participate in each of these activities in your area. Can you help? Many thanks! 😊

Sister Jessi Beck



From the... *Associate Partnership Office*

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Celebrate Jubilee by Janet Stelken, PBVM

Eighty years of love and service are certainly something to celebrate. We offer congratulations to Sister Damian O'Brien and the late Sister Matthew Cunningham as they celebrate 80 years of commitment as Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sister Damian and Sister Matthew both entered the Sisters of the Presentation immediately after their high school graduation. Sisters Damian and Matthew both studied music, and after acquiring the necessary certification for teaching, went on to spend much of their religious life as music teachers.

These great women ministered not only through school and parish music, but later in life through many different avenues, including pastoral care in parishes, leadership in our Presentation Community, playing the organ at Mount Loretto for prayer or in Nagle Center for our retired sisters.

Sister Damian still goes to the Archdiocesan office to help in the archives each week. She takes pride in regularly watering and caring for the many plants that adorn our motherhouse, inside and out. Among other things, Sister Damian uses her perfect penmanship to help the development office write thank you notes. She still takes her turn playing the piano for morning and evening prayer.

Sister Matthew kept that quick wit up to the end. A wit that could take anyone off-guard and break the monotony of any situation. Not long ago, Sister Matthew still played the piano on 3rd floor, entertaining all in ear-range.

We rejoice and give thanks for the spirit of hospitality these women shared over these 80 years. At this special time of recognition and celebration, some of the Presentation Associates who came to know Sisters Damian and Matthew share these reflections:

Carol Kane

"Sister Damian, you bring your welcoming heart to everyone. I treasure your energy and commitment all these years. Privileged to be your cousin, too. May the melodies continue. Sister Matthew, you have been a spark of joy and great humor in your generous service. Thanks for all you have given us all these years! Keep the music in your heart."



- Sue Murphy** "Sister Matthew has a great sense of humor. During trivia in Nagle Center, she would often say out loud, 'How the heck do I know', and follow it with her hearty laugh. She always gets the music questions correct."
- Sarah Gieseke** "Sister Damian is wonderful, she is so gracious and non-judgmental, so abled physically and mentally, I want to be her if I live to be her age. The first day we met, she walked up the main steps with me so I wasn't alone and at the top, told me she was in her 90s and how she worked part-time. She demonstrates the love of God, and I love her."
- Sue Brimmer** "Sister Matthew's favorite TV shows are Lawrence Welk and Wheel of Fortune. She is usually found praying in her room. Sister Matthew speaks very lovingly about her family, especially her mother and how close and loving her sister, Joan, and her brother were to her."
- Cindy Pfiffner** "Sister Damian inspires me and exemplifies radical hospitality. When I first met Sister Damian, I couldn't help but be impressed that at age 96 she had such a sharp mind, polished appearance, and physical strength. Over time, I have come to know her gracious spirit, loving heart, strong character and gentle nature. Sister Damian has carried Nano's light into the world for 80 years, and still she continues to go one pace beyond and touch the lives of all she meets with loving kindness and humble service."



Sisters and Associate Prayer Partners

In honor of the 20th Anniversary of the Presentation Associate Partnership, and in an effort to invite sisters and associates to become better acquainted, we have chosen prayer partners for the coming year. The name(s) of the individuals for whom you are asked to pray is on the back of the Nano Nagle card in the packet you received at Community Days.

Remember one another in prayer each day. If you wish, you may make a personal contact with your prayer partner, but the primary expectation is to pray for one another. Contact information and birthdays for sisters and associates can be found in the directory.

Community Days 2018 Summary

During Community Days 2018, associates looked back at the challenges and next steps discussed at last year's 2017 associate gathering. The following summary of that discussion will be used to provide direction for the future of the Associate Partnership around the areas of service, expanding the use of Zoom, deepening associates' connection to the mission, building relationships among sisters and associates and offering additional opportunities for associates to gather.

Service

- Find service that is consistent.
- Service should be in response to a need.
- Serve at Hotel Hope or places where there is already ongoing ministry.
- Service is important, as it is life-changing and community-building.
- Offer a trip to Ireland, not for service, but to connect to our Presentation heritage.
- Serve immigrants both locally and at a distance.
- Find a way to include associates who cannot actively "go" or "do" service.
- Find what is needed locally (in Dubuque or local to other associates) and come together to serve.
- Take short trips to Chicago, New Orleans, Washington, DC.
- Travel to the border to see the struggles first-hand of immigrants.
- Take a trip to Davenport.
- Help locally with learning English.
- Tie the garage sale into the spring retreat, and invite more associates to take part.
- Visit or send cards to sisters in Nagle Center.
- Set up penpals and send cards of support to sisters out on mission or living away from Mount Loretto.
- Better follow-up on Time and Talent Forms.
- Invite other associates or associate groups to participate in service activities that other groups are doing.
- "Buddy up" associate groups for service opportunities.



Zoom

- Offer a workshop on how to use Zoom.
- Try House Party app instead as a more reliable option.
- Topics might include Scripture study, saints, calendar, book study, Nano Nagle, education and discussion around various justice issues.
- Use to stay connected by sharing updates on projects.
- Offer day and evening options to Zoom.

Other Options for Associate Gatherings

- Gather the day before or after the CARMA retreat.
- Offer a weekend day in late fall to gather.
- Offer gatherings during nicer weather.
- Consider a different location other than Mount Loretto.
- Have a weekend option to gather, as people work and the Community Days gathering is limited to those who do not work.
- Invite associates to participate in speakers and other activities at Mount Loretto.
- Associates look forward to any chance to be “in community” with the sisters at Mount Loretto.



Taking ownership of groups and mission

- Associates in groups need to share leadership roles.
- Take turns leading group meetings.
- Participating in Community Days is a way to take ownership and to share in discussions that impact the mission.
- Read Community Notes, Presentation Doorways and other communications as a way to understand and to be aware of how the mission is being lived out.
- Affirm the ways associates live the mission in their own setting.
- Stress that associates are being and owning the mission in their own way, not just “helping the sisters.”
- Have an Associate Partnership t-shirt that would promote the mission and spark conversation.

Ideas to stay connected

- Have prayer partners.
- Reach out to associates who are ill or unable to be participative and let them know they are missed and thought of often.
- Pray for one another and for the furthering of the mission by all.
- Have another associate gathering besides Community Days and the retreat.
- Feature associates in Presentation Doorways and other communications like they do the sisters.
- Add associate directory on the webpage (members only section) that tells about associates.
- Offer service opportunities to all associates, not just as an individual associate group.
- Invite associates to be part of a smaller group that stays in contact with inactive associates via email, phone calls or mail.
- Keep updated with one another with a “News of the Month” email similar to the “News of the Week” that the new leadership has started.
- “Buddy up” associate groups as some groups are small and/or do not meet regularly. Connecting with another group could add energy and be beneficial for all parties.

You Are Invited!

Associate Partnership Commitment Ceremony



Janine Idziak has requested to make her initial commitment as a Presentation associate.

Please join us in welcoming our newest associate.

Monday, September 17, 2018
5 p.m. in Sacred Heart Chapel
(in lieu of Evening Prayer)

If you plan to stay for supper, please email Jean Lange at jean@dubuquepresentations.org by September 14.

**Learn about Jail and Prison Ministry
in the Archdiocese of Dubuque**

Also on September 17, the Hearts of Hospitality Associate Group will meet in Presentation Center at 6:30 p.m. to learn about jail and prison ministry in the Archdiocese of Dubuque from Deacon Bill Hickson. Sisters and associates who would like to learn about this ministry are welcome.

The time has been changed from previously stated to accommodate the associate commitment and dinner that evening.

Please contact Sisters Margaret Anne Kramer (dbq060s1@dbqarch.org) or Annette Kestel (formation@dubuquepresentations.org) with questions.

We will also be live streaming this event.

The livestream link to Ustream is: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/sisters-of-the-presentations> and the password is: SOP2018



SAVE THE DATE

2019 CARMA CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

BEST WESTERN PLUS HOTEL, DUBUQUE, IOWA

WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!



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

Personalities from the Early Days *(continued)*
Sister Mary Celestine Tobin: 1857 – 1952

Ellen Tobin was born in Ballina, Co. Clare, Ireland, to John and Ellen Welsh Tobin. As did many young Irish women, she came to America to keep house for her brother, Father John Tobin, who was pastor at Fairbank. She was the first Presentation postulant from Clare, Iowa, having kept house for the pastor, Father Darcy, there until 1902.

Sister Celestine's entrance at St. Vincent Convent on March 25, and subsequent reception in August 22 of the same year were overseen by Mother Mary Angela Crowley. Reverend Roger Ryan officiated at the ceremonies for her reception and for her profession of final vows on August 5, 1903. Sister Celestine did not become a naturalized citizen of the United States.



Dubuque (St. Vincent), Mason City, Monona, Key West, Waukon and Lawler, all in Iowa, were the locations of Sister Mary Celestine's ministry activities. She acted as local superior in Monona and Key West, and discharged the duties of bursar general at Mount Loretto.

Sister Mary Vivia Cranny remembered a story about Sister Celestine's kindergarten pupils who, "not familiar with farm animals, decided to have a close-up of Madam Cow. Resenting the intrusion, bossy gave chase, following Sister Celestine's frightened little ones to the kindergarten door. Indeed she would have followed the frightened babes right into the room. They tumbled in, in wild confusion, screaming, 'Sister, the bossy, the bossy, the cow!' while Sister Celestine seized that weapon of womanly defense, a broom, and forced the enraged animal to retreat."

One of Sister Mary Presentation Dahlhauser's favorite members of the community seems to have been Sister Celestine, whom she met while the latter was bursar at Mount Loretto. Though the rule said, "All shall dine and sup on the same viands," Sister Celestine would often slip a piece of fruit into the postulants' and novices' table drawers with an admonition to "Let ye not eat during meal time." Thus she exercised her compassion toward the younger members of the community during the "lean years" when food was scarce.

Sister Celestine had a great reverence for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. When she could no longer attend Mass, the chaplain brought her Holy Communion. The day came when she was unable to get up into her wheelchair to receive. She was disconsolate – to be in bed when one received the Lord was surely "irreverent." Sister Celestine died peacefully on December 15, 1952 of "infirmities of old age."

Most information taken from Sister Vivia's notes that were found in Sister Celestine's folder.

NEWS & INFORMATION



Ministry Donation Grants - September 2018:

- \$5,000 – Cretin-Derham Hall Catholic High School, to assist students with tuition, requested by Sister Marjorie Loughren.
- \$6,000 – EXCEL, Inc., to subsidize families in the After School and Summer Programs, requested by Sister Jean Ann Meyer.
- \$5,000 – Hispanic Council of the Tri-State Area, to assist immigrant families in integrating into their local community, requested by Associate Barbara Ressler.
- \$5,000 – Holy Spirit Sisters, to prepare sisters for leadership in the church and community in Tanzania, requested by Sister Diana Blong.
- \$4,000 – Our Lady of the Sioux, to repair the church windows following storm damage, requested by Sister Julianne Brockamp.

Requests for the final allocation for 2018 are due on or before November 30.

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
3rd Coffee and Cookies gathering for 2018.

When: Wednesday, September 19, from 1 – 2 p.m.

Where: Presentation Center



We will discuss all the fall activities, including Presentation Doorways (Fall 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. Mark your calendar for the final date for the 2018 Partners in Mission Coffee and Cookies gathering on Wednesday, December 19 from 1 – 2 pm.



Save the Date!
January 6-11, 2019
Winter Retreat at Mount Loretto

Retreat Director: Father Anthony Gittins, CSSp

Fr. Gittins is a religious Spiritan (Congregation of the Holy Spirit) and Professor Emeritus of Theology and Culture at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois. He has authored many articles and books on culture, theology, mission, spirituality and discipleship, most recently *Living Mission Interculturally: Faith, Culture, and the Renewal of Praxis* (2015), *The Way of Discipleship: Women, Men, and the Call to Mission* (2016), and *Courage and Conviction: Unpretentious Christianity* (2018). He offers workshops, seminars, and retreats nationally and internationally.

For more information or questions, contact Sister Annette Kestel, retreat coordinator, at formation@dubuquepresentations.org.



Arts & Crafts Boutique and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 27, 2018

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sisters of the Presentation
2360 Carter Road, Dubuque, Iowa
Lakeside Door Entrance

All proceeds will help support:
Excel Program, Okolona, Mississippi
*Afterschool remedial education program
where Sister Jean Ann Meyer ministers*

Crescent Community Health Center, Dubuque, Iowa
Affordable medical and dental care

Call Sister Dolores Zieser at 563-588-2008 for more information.



Thank You

Dear Presentation People,

Our hearts are still rejoicing over our 60th Jubilee. Thank you for all the ways you helped make our day so memorable. Your cards, messages, and gifts were so treasured and enjoyed. We pray that each of you had such a blessed celebration.

Sisters Cecelia Marie Auterman, Therese Corkery and Carrie Link

Sincere thanks to everyone for your outpouring of sympathy at the time of my mother, Norma Adams', death. Your prayers, cards, notes and presence were greatly appreciated by me and my entire family! Each of you are helping to give me strength for the journey. Heaven has gained another beautiful angel! Thank you so much, and God bless you!

Associate Becky Searcy and the Adams family

Sisters of Saint Francis are recognized in a PBS Special

Did you know ... the history of the Sisters of Saint Francis' relationship to the Mayo Clinic? Learn about the significant role played by the Sisters of Saint Francis.

THE MAYO CLINIC: FAITH - HOPE - SCIENCE
A new two-hour documentary, produced by Ken Burns will air on PBS

Tuesday, September 25, at 8 p.m. CT / 9 p.m. ET
with a repeat broadcast on
Wednesday, September 26, at 9 p.m. CT / 10 p.m. ET



MONTHLY CALENDAR



OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

(B) = birthday
 (F) = feast day
 (R) = reception
 (b) = baptismal

- 4 Sister Beth Driscoll (B) / Carol Schmidt
- 6 Lorryne Rudish / Mags Young
- 7 Julie Duncan
- 9 Sister Mary Dennis Lentsch (F) / Karen Freiburger
- 11 Joyce Mahnke
- 12 Sister Leanne Welch (b)
- 13 Ali January
- 14 Jen Hayes
- 17 Sister Pamela Quade (B) / Judi Moritz
- 18 Sister Ellen Mary Garrett (F) / Betty Spehar
- 19 Sister Julie Marsh (B)
- 22 Kathy Meinecke
- 28 Sister Marian Sweeney (B)
- 29 Judy Munshower
- 30 Julie Lundstrom
- 31 Barb Ressler

Special Events

- 11 Motherhouse Moved to 2360 Carter Road (1969)
- 27 Art & Crafts Boutique

PRAYERS & UPDATES



Contact Information Updates

Please make these updates in your directory.

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Birthday Corrections

Rachel Evans

Birthday: August 11 (Remove Sept 11)

Cady Jo Windish

Birthday: June 14 (Remove August 21)

New Associate

Janine Idziak

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Birthday: April 2

Prayers: July 2018 - September 13, 2018

7/13 Our prayers have been answered. Our son, Mike, got home last night! Thank you so much for “praying unceasingly” for his safe return. He is back home in Cedar Falls, Iowa, with his kids and they are all ecstatic!
Mary Lou Mauss, Associate

7/19 Sister Sharon Kelchen died this morning at about 9:30 am.

Please pray for Associate, Marilyn Jacobs, who is recovering and doing therapy at Stonehill Care Center as a result of heart problems, and for her son, Donald, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

7/24 Please remember in your prayers my sister, Marcia Prins. Marcia was just diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. Her test results show colon cancer with metastasis to the liver. There is no cure. Without chemo she is given six months, and with chemo, two years. Please pray for her husband, Dave, and children, Amanda and Tony and their families during this difficult time.

Sister Carrie Link

8/7 Associate Charlotte King passed away on Saturday, August 4.

Please pray for my granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth. She is at the children's hospital in Milwaukee and is diagnosed with inflamed pancreas. She has inflammation in her upper intestine, colon and now her pancreas. They don't know what is causing the inflammation.

Betty Spehar, Associate

8/10 The Rottinghaus family thanks you very much for your prayers for my brother, Jim, as he recovers from colon surgery. Another week in the hospital should help him to heal and gain enough strength to return home.

Sister Rosanne Rottinghaus

8/13 Many thanks to everyone for your prayers for my brother, Jim McDermott. His heart valve surgery on Friday took 10 hours. Six hours after surgery they had to take him back to surgery, because he started to bleed. This took another two hours! As of today (Sunday) he is awake, his breathing tube has been removed, he is eating ice chips and getting a lot of sleep. Things are going in his favor. Please continue to send prayers. He has a long recovery road ahead.

Sue Murphy, Associate

8/14 An update on my sister, Pat Ott: She saw her oncologist today and she will be starting chemo next Tuesday. Along with chemo, there is an immune therapy medicine they will be giving her. Pat's cancer is a stage 4. It was staged this high because it is in three different locations. She has been prescribed a low dose pain medication. Pat is being treated at Medical Associates.

Sue Murphy, Associate

8/19 Please keep my mother, Norma, in your prayers. Mom fell on Thursday, and fractured her pelvis in two places. She is 94 and in late stage dementia. We have her on "comfort care" and pray that her suffering will soon be over.

Becky Searcy, Associate

8/22 Please remember in your prayers, Lorraine Schmidt, mother of Associate Marlene Von Fumetti, who entered into eternal life at 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21.

8/24 Sister Mary Therese Krueger is having a knee scope today for ongoing knee issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

8/27 I just received an email from my niece, daughter of my brother, Dick, asking for prayers for a peaceful death for my brother. He is no longer eating or drinking and has been on Hospice since I saw him in July. Thanks for your prayers for him, his wife, Mary Jo, their three daughters and their families.

Sister Therese Corkery

8/27 The doctors have been able to get Sister René Laubenthal's heart rate back in rhythm. She also had a kidney stent placed today and plans are for her to return home tomorrow, August 28.

Caroline Bormann, age 97, of Bode, Iowa, sister of Sister Anne Marie Kollasch, passed away Saturday, August 25, 2018 at her home.

8/29 Associate Becky Searcy's mother, Norma Adams, passed away on Tuesday, August 28. She was 94. Arrangements are pending with Hugeback-Johnson in New Hampton.

9/1 Sister Matthew Cunningham is now enjoying eternal happiness. She died about 3 a.m. this morning.

9/3 My brother, Dick, began enjoying the resurrected life since yesterday morning. He went peacefully with his daughter and son-in-law by his side. His wife, Mary Jo, was in the hospital having a pacemaker put in. Please keep all the family in your prayers.

After falling on Tuesday and time in the Private Clinic, I have a broken wrist on my right hand, a re-injured left shoulder and a report indicates the need for a pacemaker. I'm at Casa Betania, the sisters are here and I'm resting until the community makes the decision regarding the next step. I'm grateful for all your prayers and concern. With love and prayers.

Sister Therese Corkery

9/6 Dad continues to battle non-hogkins lymphoma even after taking chemotherapy and a potent oral drug therapy. He will begin radiation as a palliative therapy this weekend, hoping to shrink the tumor in his abdomen, so he can keep food down. One of many immunotherapies will begin once he has regained strength. Thank you for continuing to keep him in prayer.

Sister Julie Marsh

Please keep Therese Corkery in your prayers. Tomorrow she will have a procedure with local anesthetic for a pacemaker in the Clinic CIES here in the city of Tarija at 6:30 p.m. (5:30 p.m, Iowa time). She has suffered a couple falls due to passing out unexpectedly, and is currently with a cast on her right arm due to a broken wrist, as well as her left arm in a sling for a shoulder injury. We appreciate your prayers and concern.

Sisters Suzanne Takes, Mery Cari Paz and Maura McCarthy

9/9 Thank you for your prayers and support. Sister Therese Corkery is doing very well after the pacemaker procedure. The doctor is very pleased with her progress, but recommended that she stay an extra day in the clinic to rest, and that's what she did. She slept all day and this morning, woke up with good energy and very minimal dizziness. Therese is overjoyed to return home to Bethany House. She was able to be up for several hours, including having lunch with all of us. We are most grateful.

Sisters Suzanne Takes, Mery Cari Paz and Maura McCarthy

9/10 Sister Joan Lickteig is at Mercy Hospital following a placement of two stents for heart blockage. She is doing very well and hopes to be back home to Mount Loretto in a day or two. Please keep her in your prayers.

9/11 Please pray for my sister, Rose Davis, who fell and has several serious injuries. Yesterday she had surgery on her broken leg which went well. It will be a long time healing because she also broke her wrist, hurt her back, and head. Thank you for your prayers.

Sister Elena Hoyer

9/13 Sister Marie Therese Coleman fell on Tuesday, September 11, and broke her hip. She is just out of surgery with minimum blood loss. She remains at Mercy Hospital, Dubuque. Please remember her in your prayers.

Sister Janice Hancock's health is changing daily. Thank you for your continued prayer support.

Please remember in prayer Bob Luchsinger, husband of my sister Virginia Luchsinger, and a Presentation former member. Bob was diagnosed with an inoperable mass in his abdomen on Monday. He is preparing to die soon. Thank you. *Associate, Virgie Luchsinger*