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The doorways represented on the cover are snapshots of significant doors in the Presentation history: (left to right) doorway of the current motherhouse at 2360 Carter Road; doorway of St. Vincent's Academy (now St. Columbkille) in Dubuque in 1879; doorway of Sacred Heart Chapel at the current motherhouse; doorway of the former motherhouse at 1229 Mount Loretta Avenue which was built in 1909; and doorway by which Mother Vincent Hennessy left Mooncoin, Ireland, to begin the Dubuque foundation in 1874.

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A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Openings

by BETH DRISCOLL, PBVM

“I am a teacher at heart, and there are moments in the classroom when I can hardly hold the joy. When my students and I discover the uncharted territory to explore, when the pathway out of a thicket opens up before us, when our experience is illumined by the lightning life of the mind – then teaching is the finest work I know.” (Parker Palmer, *The Courage to Teach*)

Recently sharing conversations with soon-to-be college graduates, coordinating scholarships and service awards offered by the Sisters of the Presentation and reading an exchange of letters between students and their teachers, led me to reflect on the gifts teachers nurtured in me and how their dedication influenced me to enter the sacred profession of teaching.

I was blessed with the incredible privilege of teaching music for 25 years! The opportunity to be in contact with every student in a school, preschool through eighth grade, two and often three times a week, is a luxury that accompanies music teachers. The location of the music room, be it the church social hall, school basement or attic, did not matter. All that was necessary were enthusiastic students with hearts eager to sing and spirits ready to celebrate the magical moments of music.

Magical moments...

- When parents tell you that their children come home singing songs from Disney movies and Broadway musicals and how music is a part of family road trips.
- When an extremely creative art teacher and I transformed the drab and dingy lower level of the school into the Fine Arts Hall. It truly became a landing strip for grace. Amazing student art work adorned the walls while the melodies of Mozart’s *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, Beethoven’s *Pastoral Symphony* and Copland’s *Rodeo* echoed throughout the space.
- When the power of music lifted the spirits of students who struggled to learn or whose home life was difficult. When shy students grew tall in self-esteem as they would land a place on the stage and be cheered on by their classmates.
- When I have the occasion now, some 20 years later, to meet former students, they ask, “How is Mrs. McGillacuddy?” I smile and remember how much fun we had when I would disappear into a closet and reappear wearing a wild hat and carrying a large green bag filled with the musical facts for review. The power of creativity, laughter and imagination!
- When I heard faculty, staff and students express genuine gratitude to the hot lunch cooks, janitors and secretaries – those unsung heroes, whose behind-the-scenes work added to the fabric in the life of the school.

It is a blessing to know generations of students whose lives have been transformed by people who invited them to discover and explore, to use their gifts and passion in service of the world.

Who are the teachers in your life? How have they influenced who you have become?



Our MISSION

We, the Sisters of the Presentation, are Catholic women who dedicate our lives to God through evangelization, prayer, service and hospitality. Our way of life is based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share in the vision of our foundress, Venerable Nano Nagle, who dared to dream of a better world for the poor, sick and uneducated of Ireland. We commit ourselves to the empowerment of women and children. We reverence and celebrate all creation as gift. We commit ourselves to confronting injustice and working for peace.

As we continue to keep Nano’s dream alive, we are pleased to share our vision with you.

Our DIRECTION

Ignited by the fire of God’s love and impelled by the legacy of Nano Nagle, we, the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, participate in the evolving consciousness of the cosmos by

reverencing relationships
celebrating unity
engaging contemplation and
fostering partnerships

to transform ourselves
and our world.

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Sister Mary Louise Scieszinski (right) helps Sister Barbara Rastatter (left) with therapy activities.

SISTER MARY LOUISE SCIESZINSKI A Quiet, Respectful Teacher

by FRANCINE QUILLIN, PBVM

If you were the older sister of two brothers, staying above their antics would fully qualify you to be a successful teacher and manager of a classroom, as well as of a whole school! So it is no surprise that Sister Mary Louise Scieszinski has done both with great success! Maybe that part about her brothers is a little exaggerated, but there is no doubt about the quality of Sister Louise's life work. And she loves her brothers, so maybe she reformed them along the way as well!

Mary Louise, daughter of Mary and Pat Scieszinski, originally lived in Dougherty, Iowa, where the Sisters of the Presentation taught Mary Lou and her two brothers, Joe and Jim. There were two more girls in the family, both of whom died at birth. Such a loss to a family is bound to strengthen both parents and children as they

learn to adjust to life without two other children. And indeed, God imparted to this family a strong faith and sense of dependence on God, and it is that faith, nurtured in a small rural parish, which keeps them a close family today even after the loss of both parents. What Mary and Pat instilled in their children remains evident in their love and respect for each other, and in their continued efforts to be faithful to their God.

"My parents often said, 'Always do what you can do for somebody else in a quiet, respectful way,'" states Sister Louise. "Faith was never 'do' and 'don't' but it was a way to live and it motivates everything, colors your life. We never had much, but there was always enough to share. And every night in October and May and during Lent we prayed the rosary after supper."

It is easy to see how this lived faith was instrumental in her choice, at the tender age of 16, to become a Sister of the Presentation. In addition to her family life, she was greatly influenced by the sisters who lived in her parish and taught her. "I could see how they lived community in a happy way, and they were a real inspiration to me."

Entering the convent, Sister Louise continued her education, graduating from St. Columbkille High School, and then from Clarke College (both in Dubuque) with a major in French. Sister Louise began her teaching career in fourth grade at St. Columbkille School. After eight years of teaching there and a year of study, she became the principal of the school for the next seven years. Respected for her expertise in both roles, she was invited to become the curriculum director for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, a position which called forth still more talents for the next seven years. But she was not yet finished! In 1981 Sister Louise was asked to become part of the formation team for the Sisters of the Presentation. As a principal Sister Louise believed her role was to encourage young students to become the best person each could become, and formation work was not terribly different. This role enabled her to teach sisters in formation to put forth their best efforts at becoming what God had called them to be. Her own faith and spirituality set forth a pattern for them to observe and to apply to their own lives as appropriate for each individual.

After five years in formation work, Sister Louise became the principal of St. Patrick School in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she spent the next 13 years. From there she went to St. Mary School in Humboldt, Iowa, where again she served as principal. Even after she retired, Sister Louise served as an aide at Resurrection School in Dubuque for the next five years. She also mentored new principals for the Sioux City diocese for a year and gave teacher workshops in various schools for several years.

In the summers along the way, Sister Louise pursued graduate work in French at Middlebury College in Vermont. She used her acquired language to teach French from first grade through ninth. Still another challenge came when she was accepted into a fellowship program through which she acquired a master's degree in education with a specialty in reading, again from Clarke College.

It's not hard to understand how Sister Louise could spend all these years in the schools: she loved teaching! And even the years in administration were focused on helping every faculty member and aide to become better at the profession. "I loved teaching," states Sister Louise. "I loved watching the minds of the students expand. And I loved working with parents. Being a principal was just a way to help teachers make everything go well for the students."

"My mother had taught in a country school, and I remember how happy she always was. She would always say, 'Every day I saw the children learn and grow.' It wasn't easy for her to become a teacher. Mom had a two-year degree from Ottumwa Heights College, and she contracted with the college that half her salary would go to pay her college debt. When she started teaching, she earned \$40 a month, out of which she paid \$20 to the college for her debt. And she cleared her debt!" What an example to have for life!

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Sister Louise Scieszinski

Given a very active 51 years in education ministry, it would be no surprise to learn that Sister Louise loves retirement "because of the lack of schedule and stress." Still, she makes good use of her time, enjoying reading, sewing, crocheting, playing and listening to music, cooking, baking and things that were "scheduled" in her former life. Recently she finished crocheting several warm neck scarves to give to men who are homeless. Sister Louise also assists Sister Barbara Rastatter with therapy practice several times a week.

It is easy to see how her early life shaped Sister Louise's professional life. Her faith was her mainstay, and she remembered the words of her parents: "Faith motivates everything. Always do what you can for somebody else in a quiet, respectful way." And that is what Mary Lou Scieszinski has always done!

2017 IPA Assembly Sydney, Australia

Every five years the spirit and wisdom of Presentation Foundress, Nano Nagle, is rekindled as Presentation people from around the world gather to reimagine and celebrate the legacy and future of Presentation charism. Once again, this milestone is approaching and preparations are underway for the 2017 International Presentation Association (IPA) assembly, which will be celebrated in Sydney, Australia, in September. The theme is "Our Feet Know the Way, Our Hearts Carry the Light."

Those attending the assembly from Dubuque are Sisters Elena Hoye, Joy Peterson, Julianne Brockamp, Mery Cari Paz and Jessi Beck, along with Presentation Associate Billie Greenwood. Let us pray for wisdom and support as they reflect on the past and look to the future of IPA.





Art Cullen (middle) with his son, Tom, and his brother, John. (Photo credit: Dolores Cullen)

Pulitzer Prize Winner Credits Presentation Sisters

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When it comes to his Pulitzer-Prize winning journalism, Art Cullen traces it back to the sisters.

Art's story went viral last month: Small-town newspaper editor beats out the likes of *The Washington Post* and the *Houston Chronicle* to earn journalism's highest honor. Score one for the little guy – in this case, *The Storm Lake Times*, a family-owned paper in Iowa with a 10-person staff and a circulation of 3,000.

Suddenly droves of people were Googling Storm Lake, and reporters were waxing poetic. "Viewed from above on Google Earth," wrote *The Concord Monitor*, "swatches of Storm Lake, Iowa, a community of 10,000, look like corduroy, so heavily is the landscape furrowed."

At 59, Art looks the part of the rumpled newspaper editor with his gray horseshoe moustache and a glint in his eyes, his lanky frame drowning in Lee jeans and Redwing boots. His brother John is publisher of *The Storm Lake Times*, his son Tom is a reporter, and his wife, Dolores, is the photographer.

Art's series of Pulitzer-winning editorials took on powerful agricultural groups for allowing nitrogen runoff to pollute Iowa rivers. When the Des Moines Water Works sued three counties for this offense, they fought the lawsuit using money provided by undisclosed sources. Art demanded to know who those sources were and ultimately uncovered funding from the Farm Bureau and other agricultural groups.

"Anyone with eyes and a nose knows in his gut that Iowa has the dirtiest surface water in America," Art wrote in a March 2016 editorial.

The editorials cost the paper at least a few advertisers, but Art was undeterred, fueled by a sense of indignation.

He also has chronicled the transformation of rural Iowa unfolding before his eyes, writing about the immigrants who settled in Storm Lake, a meat-packing town, where he said 20 languages are spoken and 88 percent of the grade-school children are of color.

Ultimately, the sisters insisted that the students develop their God-given potential. They taught the children to look out for others, instructed on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Art Cullen

Twice a week Art wields the power of print, his newspaper ink elevating the lowly and holding the powerful accountable.

It's what the sisters who taught him in the 1970s would've done. The Sisters of the Presentation at St. Mary School in Storm Lake, Iowa, were as committed to social justice and Cincinnati's Big Red Machine as they were to grammar.

"There were a lot of Irish sisters who knew how to write," says Art.

The Presentation Sisters taught the students to be disciplined – which is why Art was fired as an altar boy, he recalls with a laugh. One day he was plucked out of class by Sister Redempta Collins and released from his server duties after missing 6:30 a.m. Mass two weeks in a row.

When St. Mary's lost to its archrival, Our Lady of Good Counsel, in a feverish basketball contest – a loss that came down to missing free throws – Sister Marie Celine Farrell made the class give up its entire recess period to shoot free throws.

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The credo that journalism comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable could well be lifted from those childhood lessons with the Presentation Sisters, Art said. There, his upbringing and his profession intersect. "I don't think I can separate Catholic social justice from journalism," he said.

Art understands the message behind his win: "It just shows that you don't have to work for *The New York Times* to be a good writer." His paper may lack the resources to win Pulitzers for international reporting or feature writing, but he can write editorials that make a difference in his community; that's what the Pulitzer jury saw, he said.

Watergate inspired Art to pursue journalism at its noblest, but there was a time in his career when he felt disenchanting. "You get into rural Iowa and you realize, 'Hey, I'm not changing the world here. You flounder around and think, 'I'm stuck in the middle of nowhere, and I've got something to say and nobody's hearing it.' And then you realize that actually this is where you're supposed to be."

Education Perdures Learnings Last

by ANNE MCCORMICK, PBVM

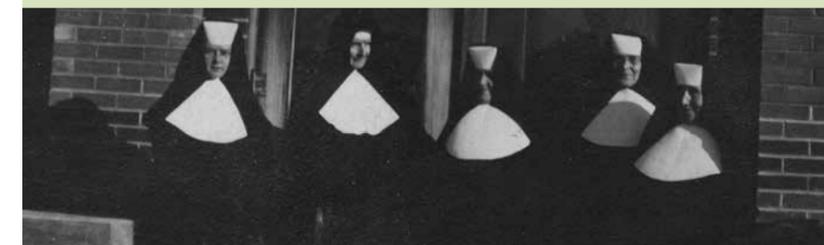
Education in the small prairie town of Timber Lake, South Dakota, began in 1919 when five Presentation Sisters from Dubuque, Iowa, arrived by train. They were greeted by their pastor, Father Henry H. Kipp, along with a friendly group of Native Americans dressed for a powwow. From that memorable and humble beginning, 48 Presentation Sisters have called Timber Lake "home" until its final closing in 1979.

Originally the school was called St. Joseph School and served as a boarding school. Lack of finances caused the closing of the school in 1940. Monsignor Thomas Healy and the parishioners worked tirelessly to return the sisters to Timber Lake and in 1946 the school reopened only to be destroyed by fire in 1950. Once again the peoples' strong desire for a Catholic education for their children was rewarded with another opening of the school in 1953 which by this time assumed the name Holy Cross School.

In addition to the usual curriculum, music was very much a part of the school's daily instruction. An article in *The Timber Lake Topic*, March 16, 2017, issue shared memories of former students, parents and teachers including detailed descriptions, pictures of musical productions from Broadway shows and numerous personal quotes. Former student Colleen Mulloy Keller credits the Presentation Sisters with introducing the students to a wide variety of genres of music. The article goes on to say that the musical instruction continues to influence the students in their lives today.

Many former students have carried their musical talents into their parish ministry. Sharon Keller Hammer says that some of the philosophies of the sisters are still with her. Her sister, Cheryl Keller Lawrence, responds, "The Presentation Sisters have influenced me tremendously and I am still influenced by them today. God has blessed me with the precious gift of music. Forty plus years ago I began serving my faith community by sharing my gift of music. Music liturgy is my passion..."

Thanks to *The Timber Lake Topic*, 98 years later, former teachers, students and families enjoyed this nostalgic moment. Education perdures. Learnings last. Most commendable are the families who, after three successive school closings and reopenings, supported their foundational values despite the sacrificial costs. Extraordinaire!



Left to right: First Presentation Sisters to minister in Timber Lake, South Dakota: Sisters Mary Loretto Donahue, Immaculata Daly, Baptista Hussey, de Pazzi Curtin and Francis Bannon.

Jenni McCarthy
& Rob Woodin



CURRENT RESIDENCE
Boston, Massachusetts

HOMETOWN
Jenni: Mason City, Iowa
Rob: Dubuque, Iowa

SCHOOLING
Jenni: Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa
Rob: Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

FUN FACT
Jenni just completed her first half marathon in May.

Rob is a classically trained operatic baritone.

IN THEIR SPARE TIME
We love to travel! Whether home to visit our families or far afield. Paris and Dublin are some of our favorites – next up is London!

We give to the Sisters of the Presentation because we have a personal connection.



Partners in Mission

by KAREN TUECKE, PARTNERS IN MISSION COORDINATOR

Jenni McCarthy and her husband, Rob Woodin, share their personal connections and experiences with the Sisters of the Presentation. Their continued support of the Presentation community is impacting people all over the world. They truly are making a difference as partners in mission.

Memories

“Some of my fondest memories are of visiting my aunt, Sister Beth Driscoll. She taught me and my sisters about the importance of family, how to play music (although my piano skills are a little rusty today!) and that the candy jar at the convent was always full,” expresses Jenni. “As the niece of one of the Sisters of the Presentation, I’m lucky enough to count all the sisters at Mount Loretto as part of my ‘extended family!’ My college years in Dubuque (living far from home) were that much better for knowing I had a welcoming community just around the corner.”

Sisters Creating a Presence

Jenni remembers the Presentation Sisters throughout her school years, “As far back as I can remember, the sisters have been present in my life. I grew up in Mason City, Iowa, and went to Newman Catholic Schools, where my aunt was the music teacher. Both Rob and I have a passion for music. We were both lucky enough to grow up with music in our families.”

The presence of the sisters created impact on Jenni’s lifestyle from a young age, “In and out of school, the sisters always provided me with moral and mental support. Sister Rita Cameron was my high school guidance counselor. She always gave me sound advice and taught me valuable life lessons.”

Strength

“After Hurricane Katrina, my aunt moved to Louisiana to help those displaced by the catastrophe. During one of her visits to Iowa we were sitting at the dinner table and she was telling us about her work there. I was impressed by the courage my aunt exemplified. Some areas of New Orleans, Louisiana, were not the safest place to be but the sisters had a “no fear” attitude. The sisters went in strong and fearless to help in soup kitchens, shelters and to walk the streets to help those in need. These stories told by my aunt and other sisters inspire me to do what I need to do. The sisters’ brave acts of kindness and compassion remind me of a modern day Nano Nagle.”

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Impact

“I will always be proud of Sister Beth moving to Louisiana to assist with those in need after Hurricane Katrina. As I’ve grown up Sister Beth has lived in Chicago, Illinois, throughout Iowa, New Orleans and in many other places, which has shown me how she and the other sisters have connections all over the world. I want to morally and financially support the sisters’ impact for the causes they support and serve.”

Partnering through Giving

Recent editions of *Presentation Doorways* affirmed Jenni and Rob’s feelings about what the sisters are doing to make an impact and why they are called to partner with the sisters through giving. “When I receive the quarterly publication of *Doorways*, I read about how the sisters are making a difference in the communities they work in. *Doorways* is a great physical reminder that it is time to make a donation to support the sisters whom I care about and the impact they are making on society.”

In making a gift, Jenni chooses to make donations the modern way, “The opportunity to make online giving is great. I found that it is quick, easy and accessible. Also, making an online donation creates sustainability by reducing the amount of paper sent out, reduces postage costs and the possibility of my donation ‘getting lost in the mail.’ When I make an online donation, the gift is immediately transmitted and gets into the hands of those in need as soon as possible. I even have the option to create recurring gifts which will make a monthly impact on the causes the sisters serve.”

Making a Difference

“There are a lot of worthy causes in the world, and we had to decide where we could make a difference. We wanted to give to an organization that we have a connection with and that has a connection with us and our values. We give to the Sisters of the Presentation because we have a personal connection.”



Sister Dolores Zieser (right) processes in with a lantern and hands it to Barb Roling, principal of St. Columbkille Elementary School. The lantern was later hung at the entrance of the newly-blessed school prayer garden.

By the Grace of God The Blessing of the St. Columbkille Prayer Garden and Lantern Dedication

A large contingent of the St. Columbkille community came out May 14, 2017, to mark the completion of the renovation to the prayer garden. A procession including the school choir, first communicants, Sisters of the Presentation, Knights of Columbus, volunteers and others kicked off the dedication. Ceremonies took place in the centerpiece, a decorative cement walk way in the shape of a Celtic cross with a surrounding garden decorated to give it an Irish garden look and feel in honor of the Irish Catholic heritage.

Father Gabriel Anderson, pastor of the parish, blessed the refurbished statue of St. Columbkille placed at the center of the garden and two newly-built statues which stand on either ends of the cross – one of the Holy Family in dedication to the domestic church and one of the Divine Child Jesus with his Sacred Heart dedicated to all children that will pass through the school.

“The students will be reminded that God worked through these men and women and all the men and women that came before us, are present with us and will come after us,” said Barb Roling, the school’s principal, calling the garden ‘a place of prayer and reflection.’ “In memory of the past teachers and administrators of St. Columbkille Elementary School, the Sisters of the Presentation are presented with a lantern to be hung at the entrance of the newly-blessed school prayer garden.”

During the dedication, Sister Dolores Zieser processed in with the lantern, a symbol of the Presentation community, and hung it in place. The Sisters of the Presentation were represented by numerous sisters and felt “honored for recognition in honor of their contributions” to the school and parish. The lantern now adorns the entrance to the garden to light the way for those who wish to enter.

REMEMBERING Wahlert High School

1959-2006

by MARY HERMANN PLATT, PBVM, ARCHIVIST

A study of the four Catholic high schools in Dubuque, begun in 1955, discovered deteriorating buildings and overcrowded conditions. Loras Academy, Immaculate Conception Academy, St. Joseph Academy and St. Columbkille School were under the auspices of various religious community groups at the time. A decision was made to undertake the construction of a central Catholic high school to serve the needs of the students in the area.

April 7, 1957, was the launching date for a campaign which reached 2,000 people from the 15 parishes in the Dubuque area. A 50-acre plot of land was purchased and construction began, resulting in the dedication of the new facility on November 3, 1959.

The new building opened with a faculty of 85 members including representatives from each of the religious congregations, along with priests, Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors and lay teachers. Opening enrollment reached 1,670 students; a maximum enrollment of 2,226 would come in the 1966-67 school year, when it was determined that an addition was needed to accommodate the activities programs. Another addition, named Mazzuchelli Middle School, was added in 2005 with an approximate enrollment of 400.

Over the years, Wahlert High School administrators remained up-to-date on the latest trends in education. In the first years, a four-track system was used. Eventually this gave way to modular scheduling, team teaching, individually guided education and independent study. Foreign languages, including Latin, French, Spanish and German, were offered.

In order for faculty members to be able to work closely together, a unique living arrangement was provided for priests and sisters. Seven priests occupied the former St. Rose Priory, later named Vianney House, while 50 sisters made their home next door in the former Good Shepherd Home for Girls, which became Regina Convent.

Eight Sisters of the Presentation moved into their new home on Asbury Road in 1959, accompanied by 20 Sisters of Charity, 20 Sisters of St. Francis and two Dominican Sisters. Each group occupied a separate area of the building and they shared some common areas. This was to be their residence until 1983 when numbers dictated a new arrangement. At that time several sisters moved to Holy Trinity Convent in Dubuque.

Wahlert Catholic High School holds a special place in my heart. It was there that I learned how to really teach ... I will be forever grateful.

Sister Elena Hoye

From 1959-2006, 42 Presentation Sisters served at Wahlert High School, beginning with Sister Mary Ernestine Meyer, chair of the home economics department, and Sister Mary Fleurette Einikey, in charge of the library. At times as many as 11 Presentation Sisters were on the faculty, and in later years that number dropped to one. The last to serve was Sister Rita Cameron, who left her counseling position in 2006.

Sister Elena Hoye, teacher at Wahlert from 1979-1985, had this to say about her experience: "Wahlert Catholic High School holds a special place in my heart. It was there that I learned how to really teach. Father Joe Herard was the principal, and through his guidance and insistence that everyone learn and use the Madeline Hunter's teaching model, I fell in love with teaching. I will be forever grateful."

Wahlert High School continues to serve the young people of the Dubuque area as part of the Holy Family Catholic School System. Students come from the elementary schools in town, and from the surrounding tri-state area.



Sister Fleurette Einikey



Sister Ernestine Meyer

Sister Corine Murray Exemplary Service

On Sunday, May 14, 2017, Sister Corine Murray was awarded The Living Loehe Award by Wartburg Theological Seminary during their commencement ceremony in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Living Loehe Award was established in 1973 as a way of honoring individuals who have given distinguished service to and through the church and exemplify Christ's call to be disciples in the context of their own daily lives and professional commitments.



Sister Corine exemplifies the Loehe tradition through her continued dedication to service. Sister Corine most recently served as the founding executive director of the Presentation Lantern Center from 2001-2016. The Presentation Lantern offers hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to adult immigrants, especially women. A graduate of Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, and St. John University in Minnesota, Sister Corine has also taught at junior high and high schools in Mason City, Storm Lake, Algona and Waterloo, all in Iowa, as well as provided pastoral ministry to parishes in Terre Haute, Indiana; Iowa City, Iowa; and a cluster of five rural parishes west of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Sister Corine reflects, "I deeply appreciate the kind words and The Living Loehe Award I received for my ministry at Presentation Lantern Center. My experience at the Presentation Lantern Center provided the opportunity to meet and welcome people from around the world and enliven our charism of hospitality, the legacy of the Sisters of the Presentation foundress, Nano Nagle."

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Relay for Life An Evening of Celebration and Hope

The theme above for this year's Relay for Life could also be called "A Different Kind of Relay." For 2017 all relay teams in the nation were encouraged to celebrate in a different way. This year Dubuque's event was staged on Main Street in downtown Dubuque, instead of on a large parking lot as in past years. As in year's past, cancer survivors were treated to an annual complimentary dinner.

The traditional relay track was replaced by an eight-block parade from Jackson Park, down Main Street to the Town Clock Center with various relay teams walking and city trolleys carrying the cancer survivors. The Town Clock, with a stage attached, provided music and other entertainment through the evening. Luminaria bags were lit and lined up in rows around the perimeter of the clock to honor cancer survivors and deceased cancer patients. The entire event provided special honor and attention to survivors.

Kids' games were enjoyed in one block; food vendors were set up in another block; and various team members gathered, visited and enjoyed entertainment in yet another block. Special seating was provided in front of the stage for cancer survivors and others.

"Our Presentation Pacers team did well again this year by being fifth from the top in fundraising. There were about 40 teams in the Dubuque Relay for Life," states Sister Dolores Zieser, team captain. "We must be doing some good for the American Cancer Society, since it was in the news that cancer cases have gone down by 20 percent in the past decade."



Presentation Pacers present for the Relay for Life team lap. Left to right: Back row: Sister Nuong Bui, LHC, John Kirk, Sister Dolores Zieser, Amanda Kirk, Levi Neal, Karen Tuecke, Katie Schultz, Colleen Venter, Ron and Mary Dankert. Front row: Kennedy Tuecke, Deanna Ramaker, Kristine Tuecke, Sister Huyen Phan, LHC, Haley Chapman, Sister Donna Demmer, Chloe Chapman and Noah Chapman.



Sisters celebrate their 60th Jubilee. Left to right: Sisters Jeanette McCarthy, Janice Hancock and Kay Cota.

Celebrating 60 Years of Religious Life as Companions on the Journey

Reflection by JOAN LICKTEIG, PBVM

“The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus,” a story unique to Luke’s Gospel and one of the most beloved in the New Testament – a foundational story for contemporary religious life, and expressive of the lives of jubilarians: Sisters Jeanette McCarthy, Janice Hancock and Kay Cota – Emmaus, a story of companions on the journey. Taking her cue from a master homilist, Father Doug Wathier, chaplain at Mount Loretto, Sister Joan Lickteig, offers three words for consideration: sojourning, seeing and staying.

Jesus drew near and sojournd with them.

Cleopas and his companion, disheartened, departed from Jerusalem. They set out for Emmaus conversing about “the things that had taken place.” While they were conversing, Jesus drew near and walked with them.

For 60 years Sisters Jeanette, Janice and Kay have faithfully companioned one another, their Presentation community and many others – as they have lived extraordinarily in ordinary daily life. The spiritual meaning of the word “emmaus” suggests an earnest longing – a long journey, as in, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.”

The jubilarians recognized this earnest longing and lovingly responded. 60 years! Sojourning 60 years! Some journey!

Cleopas asked, “Have you not heard of the things that have taken place?” Have you? Sister Jeanette McCarthy, oldest daughter of what she describes as a religious family, traveled with her dad from St. Benedict, Iowa, a kind of “the least of towns,” to Dubuque. Her journey began dramatically, leaving behind her 15 siblings (11 boys and four girls) and her mother who would miss her assistance cooking, cleaning and caring for the large family.

Jeanette and her father made the trip, stopping on the way to visit New Mellary Monastery because of her dad’s interest in the monks and their lifestyle! The drama heightened when Jeanette’s hard-earned money, bills which she had rolled-up in her pocket fell out in the process of unloading the car. She had lost her dowry and novitiate fees in the bushes at the back entrance of old Mount Loretto. Frantically retraced-steps ended in finding the money along the ramp. Before leaving, her dad reminded Jeanette that this was not a good way to carry cash.

With the sound of Sister Redempta Collin’s repeated invitation whispering in her ears, Sister Jeanette continued her sojourn.

Sister Janice Hancock, the only daughter of her hard-working family, did not have to travel a distance. She was “a Dubuquer,” having lived on Mount Loretta Avenue most of her young life. As a senior at St. Columbkille School, Janice and several of her classmates with nice handwriting had been invited to address invitations for mass mailings, so Janice was more familiar with the building and grounds, more comfortable in this new space than those who came from a distance.

Janice said goodbye to her parents, and her five brothers, including her twin brother, Jack. Her older brothers had left home, making her leaving more difficult for Jack, who had been her ongoing companion and with whom she made the most mischief.

But with the sound of Sister Victoria Gereau’s repeated invitation echoing in her ears, Sister Janice continued her sojourn.

Hailing from Harpers Ferry, Iowa, a river town, where neighbors have century-long family relationships and reach out to one another, Sister Kay grew up in a salt-of-the-earth family of nine children of which she is the youngest. Her mother, a quiet, hard-working woman operated out of the motto: “There’s always room for one more,” when her husband brought home guests for dinner. It would just have been nice, however, to know about it ahead of time!

After high school Kay moved to Milwaukee to work. There she met a friend who planned to enter a Franciscan community. Kay, likewise, hoped to be a religious sister and work in an orphanage, so she visited the Milwaukee motherhouse with her friend and decided to enter there as well. But when she informed Father Leonard, her pastor and family friend, he strongly urged her to join the Sisters of the Presentation where Sister Lou, Kay’s older sister, was already a member.

Ever more insistent Father Leonard invited Sister Helen Marie Feeney to visit with Kay. Sister Helen Marie promptly and definitively countered all Kay’s reasons for being a Franciscan, and provided more persuasive rationale for joining the Dubuque Presentation Sisters. Gifted with a rosary from Father Leonard and a ride to Dubuque, plus two spools of thread (a white and a black) from her mother, Kay arrived at Mount Loretto.

It was with Father Leonard’s persistence and Sister Helen Marie’s rebuttals resounding in her ears that Kay continued her sojourn.

In the breaking of the bread their eyes were opened – Seeing

Three young women: oldest daughter, youngest daughter, only daughter, professionally trained to teach, later found themselves challenged by Gospel values, opened their eyes and hearts to new expressions of ministry, their gifts used in new ways to meet emerging needs. These ministry changes gifted them, the Presentation community and those they served with transformative grace.

As if it hadn’t been enough to earn a master’s degree in business education and counseling from Catholic University and spend 30 years teaching high school students bookkeeping, typing and shorthand, Sister Jeanette taught herself to speak Spanish during her last three years of high school instruction. Equipped with her self-taught guitar skills and pages of Spanish hymns, Sister Jeanette was prepared to go where the needs of Hispanic sisters and brothers in Sioux City called loudly. Bolstered by a summer visit to Argentina and Bolivia, she offered pastoral ministry to the Spanish-speaking in western Iowa, later in Texas, and at St. Patrick parish in Dubuque. Sister Jeanette’s language facility afforded her opportunity for this new ministry. She described Hispanic ministry as a “breath of fresh air,” her experiences yielding abundant joy in her life.

Sister Janice demonstrated much versatility and perseverance in her ministry changes: as a receptionist in a variety of settings, assuming several roles in publishing companies, culminating in 10 years of ministry with Catholic Charities, most recently as an administrative assistant. With her zest for life, her love for people and her desire to be of service, Sister Janice delighted in opportunities to use her ingenuity, creativity and compassion – to step one pace beyond for others on a daily basis, transforming her and those fortunate enough to meet her.

Sister Kay, who majored in sociology in college, had endured teaching! But when the opportunity at a social service agency in St. Paul, Minnesota, arose, she found her niche, working with the unemployed as a receptionist and secretary matching peoples’ gifts with employment opportunities. Advocating for those less-fortunate and differently-abled, her heart had found home. For Sister Kay this opportunity proved transformative, and liberating. Today she continues to follow her eye for photography, her love for nature and her commitment and concern for the earth and earth justice.

As they approached the village, they urged him “Stay with us.”

In lively conversation, the disciples arrived, having trekked seven miles to their destination. Approaching the village, the visitor gave the impression that he was going farther but the disciples pressed him to “stay” with them, “for the day was far spent and it was nearly evening.”

For the jubilarians, hospitality is home. For Sister Kay, hospitality is “innate,” an essential part of her home and family life – and beautifully confirmed in her daily example of simple living. Sister Janice keeps in touch, going out of her way to maintain relationships even those that date back to high school. Knowing struggle in several dimensions of her life, her outgoing personality compels her to reach out to others. No wonder she knows half the population of Dubuque. Sister Jeanette considered it important to learn the language of the people, as a courtesy to them, an avenue for hospitality, complemented by her friendly nature.

These jubilarians, women of wide welcome, have sojourned with faithful hearts, seen with new eyes and stayed/companioned with a longing to be transformed.



The 2017 Nano Nagle Service Award recipient Tom Witry (middle) with his wife, Carol, (left) and Sister Margaret Anne Kramer (right).

Exceptional Individuals Honored through Scholarships & Awards

by JANE BUSE

The Sisters of the Presentation initiated several scholarships and awards to further Presentation Foundress Nano Nagle's legacy of education in the spirit of her desire to serve. The sisters are pleased to honor the following commendable recipients.

Nano Nagle College Scholarship

The Nano Nagle College Scholarship rotates among the many Iowa high schools in which Presentation Sisters have ministered. The scholarship was awarded to a student at Wahlert Catholic High School, Dubuque (2010); Bishop Garrigan High School, Algona (2011); Newman High School, Mason City (2012); St. Mary High School, Storm Lake (2013); St. Edmond Catholic High School, Fort Dodge (2014); Beckman High School, Dyersville (2015); and Columbus Catholic High School, Waterloo (2016).

This year, the Nano Nagle College Scholarship has circled back to Wahlert Catholic High School where a \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to **Marybel Medellin**, who models self-giving service by the numerous service opportunities she has participated in over the past few years.

Daily, Marybel uses her God-given talents to improve the lives of others, especially those at St. Patrick Parish in Dubuque. As children's liturgy coordinator there, Marybel has restructured the program to help young children better learn about God. She also greets parishioners at Mass, helps cook and serve Wednesday night parish meals and volunteers in other areas at the parish.

"Through service, I have learned how important it is to give back to the community," says Marybel. "Seeing the smiles on the faces I have helped warms my heart and reminds me why I love service. Similar to Nano Nagle, I will continue to use my talents of working with children to teach those deprived of an education."

Gabriela Vega Cruz, director of Hispanic ministry of Dubuque, shares, "I have watched Marybel grow in faith and service through her participation in our weekly liturgies and parish events. Her ability to teach and help children grow in their faith is what has made her an exemplary role model. She exemplifies the spirit of Nano Nagle in being a woman of service. There has been no act of service too small, large, messy or difficult for her to accomplish."

Mother Vincent Hennessy Foundation Scholarship

In celebration of Mother Vincent Hennessy and the Dubuque Presentation foundation, the Sisters of the Presentation offer a \$1,000 Mother Vincent Hennessy Foundation Scholarship to a graduating senior from Wahlert Catholic High School, Dubuque, which Presentation Sisters have actively supported since its inception. This year's recipient is **Kelsey Jackson**. Kelsey has been actively involved in multiple service opportunities at Wahlert, in her home parish and in the Dubuque and Galena community. This fall, Kelsey plans to attend the nursing program at Saint Ambrose in Davenport, Iowa.

"Countless times I've watched, amazed at the work ethic Kelsey maintains in tackling challenging academic work head-on with no hesitation. Despite how impressive Kelsey's academic achievements have been, I must say I feel they are equally matched by the devotion and service she has shown to her community," states Lynn Gaber, life-long family friend. "To be so deeply involved in one's community at such a young age is obviously special and unique. However, to do it with the level of compassion and kindness that I've seen evident in Kelsey truly distinguishes her. Put simply, Kelsey is a natural leader. She leads not only by example, but by exuding an easy aura of approachability. Her warm, nurturing personality makes her open and accessible to others. Kelsey is one of those rare people who is able to draw a correlation between how achieving one's own personal and professional goals can ultimately lead toward doing more, to helping others and paying it forward."

Through her role as a nurse, Kelsey hopes to make one person smile 10 times bigger as the little things we do for others occupy the largest part of their hearts. Just one smile at a time. She believes "to the world I may be one person, but to one person I may be the world."



Wahlert Catholic High School graduates, Marybel Medellin (left) and Kelsey Jackson (right) are the recipients of Presentation scholarships presented to them by Associate Barbara Ressler (middle).



Left to right: Presentation Mission Service Award recipient, Allison Jaeger, with Sister Therese Corkery.

Presentation Mission Service Award

The Presentation Mission Service Award is offered to a person(s), 18 years of age or older, committed to serving the Presentation mission and who may otherwise be unable to afford a mission immersion experience, locally, nationally or abroad. This year's recipient is **Allison Jaeger**, an Iowa State student in the global resource systems program with dietetics as her second degree.

This summer, Allison will travel to Bolivia to take her learnings beyond the classroom and get hands-on experience in her technical field of human nutrition. Allison will be working alongside the Presentation Sisters there to provide community nutrition services to the mothers, children and families in Entre Ríos and the surrounding areas.

"Ultimately my career goal is to work as a registered dietitian serving women and children to ensure adequate nutrition despite barriers they face living below the poverty line. This summer in Bolivia will be an opportunity to explore both my passions for service and experience my career goals first hand."

Nano Nagle Service Award

The \$1,000 Nano Nagle Service Award is awarded to a person of exemplary service, nominated by a Presentation Sister or associate. The service award may be used to benefit a service project or in some way aid the nominee in continuing the gift of service. This year's award was given to **Tom Witry**. Tom is a retired teacher and coach who works tirelessly to provide a Miracle League baseball field and all-inclusive playground for individuals with special needs and their families in the Dubuque area.

Sister Margaret Anne Kramer, who nominated Tom, states, "Tom believes there is an undeniable need for recreational facilities for individuals with disabilities. He hopes this facility will not only benefit those with disabilities but also those without. By sharing the equipment, they will develop relationships and each will learn to appreciate each other and celebrate their differences. Tom believes it is a win-win for all."



Presentation Sisters and associates participate in the 2017 Conference of Associates and Religious of the Midwest Area (CARMA) in Dubuque.

Sisters and Associates Gather for CARMA Conference 2017

by JOAN BRINCKS, PBVM, ASSOCIATE PARTNERSHIP CO-DIRECTOR

Approximately 170 associates and sisters gathered for the 12th Biennial Conference of Associates and Religious of the Midwest Area (CARMA) in Dubuque on April 29. Sister Gabriele Uhlein, Wheaton Franciscan, and Jeanne Connolly, director of the Wheaton Franciscan Covenant Companions and vice president of the North American Conference of Associates and Religious (NACAR), spoke on the topic “Intimate Mission: from Charism Partners to Mutual Communion.” As Jeanne and Sister Gabriele complimented each other throughout the day, we were led through an exploration of creating space to move from “they” to “we.” Both spoke of the evolution of the associate movement from partners to a mutual communion.

“Vatican II, with its universal call to holiness, showed the co-responsibility of the laity,” states Jeanne. “The universal call is an equal call to holiness.” Sister Gabriele followed by saying, “Associates are a new kind of transformative ecclesial movement ... What we are becoming is not known yet.” Jeanne stresses that the associate relationship “is not a social club or service group although this may happen. It is about call and commitment. We are called to co-create with the vowed community for the sake of God’s creation.” The co-presenters asserted that it is not so much about how we are structured as it is about developing the

relationship of mutual belonging, of compassionate collaboration, living in respectful mutuality.

Associate Carol Witry offers, “This relationship of mutuality recognizes that sisters and associates alike are called to holiness (as are all people), not because of our chosen state in life, but by virtue of our baptism. I live my call to holiness within my vocation to marriage and motherhood. Commitment to the Presentation Associate Partnership supports this call as I join with sisters and associates in seeking to embody the Presentation charism and mission within my family, community and beyond.”

In exploring the topic of charism, Jeanne defines it as “a gift and grace. It is the spirit of the community resulting from the founder’s experience of God. It is a distinct spirit that animated the community and gives it a particular character.” It is the community’s charism that challenges us to growth by asking “What is God calling us to now?”

Sister Janet Stelken found the section on charism especially interesting and helpful. “In speaking about the associate relationship our presenters stressed the fact that an individual relationship (between an associate and sister) is not enough. Many,

if not most times, friendship or perhaps family ties is how a person is first connected to the community. However, the charism is what drives the desire and the commitment to become an associate.”

Jeanne concludes with these thoughts of encouragement: “Be open to new ways of doing things. Be proactive in creating your desired future. Be invitational and engage people’s passion. Keep the purpose, the charism and mission paramount. Be a witness to a world desperately in need of examples of community, of commitment, of call, of conscious living and of contemplative loving.

Sister Gabriele sums up the day by quoting Thich Nhat Hanh in her final comment to the group, “Together we are one.”

Participants left the gathering inspired and energized. Associate Dianne McDermott reflects on the day, “I loved the term the speakers’ community used for their associates: covenant companions. It speaks of equality, partnership and communion. Overall, I left the day feeling more aware of the interconnectedness of associates and the vowed sisters. I realized that the associate process is still evolving, but as Sister Gabriele states, ‘Evolution means the organism is alive, awake and aware!’”

Where is the movement of the Holy Spirit taking religious and associates now ... at this time ... in this culture?

In Memory of Deborah Ann Blaul

January 17, 1954 - March 27, 2017

Deborah “Deb” Blaul made her first commitment as a Presentation associate on September 23, 2006. Deb enjoyed a personal Presentation connection as she was taught by Sisters of the Presentation at Newman Catholic in Mason City, Iowa.



As a member of the Cities of Faith associate group, Deb shared her deep faith in God and her sense of humor. She delighted in being an associate and carried out Christ’s love by helping others. Deb had a special calling to share her recovery from alcohol and drug abuse with others, especially through the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 12-step recovery program.

Deb is remembered with love and gratitude for her deep faith and compassion for others. May she rest in peace.

Annual Garage Sale

Wow! What an event – and what a success in so many ways!

- \$22,600 was divided between four ministries:
 - Our Lady of Tepeyac School, Chicago, Illinois
 - Presentation Lantern Center, Dubuque, Iowa
 - La Luz Hispana, Hampton, Iowa
 - Hispanic Ministry, St. Patrick, Dubuque, Iowa
- Sisters James Marie Gross and Emilie Bormann found clothing for the Mission Room
- Mary Glatz received material for a Franciscan Mission in Mississippi
- Colleen Venter picked out clothing for the Women United Clothes Closet
- Flower vases went to the Cancer Society Discovery Shop for French Market Days
- Many items were given to families in need
- An event focused on recycling and not a landfill overload
- Customers were excited about the “perfect” find
- New techniques were incorporated to sell, sell, sell
- Great conversations and lots of laughter were had by all
- Wonderful sharings of community and hospitality
- Partnering with the Dubuque Rescue Mission

The garage sale core team is very grateful to all the sisters, associates, employees, friends, families and students who contributed, helped unpack, sort and organize, donated fresh-baked goods, promoted the sale, worked at the sale, shared hospitality with all and prayed for the success and safety of this event. A very special thanks to Sister Lynn Marie Fangman who directed it all with patience!

Now, if you’re feeling as though you missed out on something really special ... mark your calendar for the last weekend in April and the first weekend in May 2018.



Every year Associate Darla Budden volunteers her time at the annual Presentation garage sale. She dresses up in fun, flashy attire to encourage those driving by to stop in and shop.

La Luz Hispana Celebrates 2nd Annual Gran Festival

by MAURA MCCARTHY, PBVM, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF LA LUZ HISPANA

The sparkling rhythms of the Latin music summoned the residents of Hampton to Band Shell Park at midday on Saturday, June 3, for the Gran Festival, the annual fundraiser of La Luz Hispana. The event evolved over several months with a small committee of Hampton townspeople meeting faithfully at La Luz Hispana every Wednesday to share the headway of their committees.

Six food trucks lined the western edge of the park with tasty aromas drawing children and adults to review the possibilities and make the choices. The abundant assortment of booths lining the sidewalks of the spacious park attracted the passersby: quality silver jewelry and ware, beauty products, clothing, housewares, face painting, crafts, headbands, popcorn, local radio stations, newspapers, businesses and restaurants, to name a few.

The agile “Rising Sun Karate” group opened the Gran Festival program at noon. The group of young people in their dazzling white uniforms and colorful sashes performed flawlessly for the gathering audience. La Danza Folklorica group in flamboyant colors, with vibrant Mexican music, attracted the gathering throng toward the stage as the various groups of children and women demonstrated exuberant steps for a delightfully memorable hour. The applause after these brilliantly colorful and graceful dances was enthusiastic.

Adults and children, some wearing the colorful festival T-shirts, stopped to check out this year’s grand prize, a bright silver Chevrolet donated by Guido’s International Motors and many more amazing raffle items. Guido Vidal, whose family donated the car for the raffle, and Joyce Blum, and her late husband Lee, owners of La Luz Hispana’s building, were recognized on stage as the festival’s main sponsors.

Excited children rushed with their parents to buy the bracelets allowing them to mount the inflatables, play the abundant selection of games for prizes, go to the petting zoo, or ride the trolley.

Tyler Menken, a beloved faculty member of the Hampton Dumont grade school, remarks on Facebook: “I love this amazing celebration! I love that I am part of such a great community that shows support for this wonderful celebration.”

Guido Vidal published this vote of thanks after the event: “In the name of La Luz Hispana we thank everyone for the massive participation. This means that we are always united and we thank Sisters Carmen Hernandez and Maura McCarthy and the organizing committee of this event; thank you also to the authorities of the city of Hampton, especially the mayor for permitting us to realize this event and to the police for caring for us and protecting us.”

Sisters Carmen and Maura were also elated and gratified by the participation of so many Hampton residents, Sisters of the Presentation and associates, and the Hernandez family who volunteered their help to make this event a success.



Left to right: Sister Carmen Hernandez stops to visit the Luz Hispana booth with Linda Kuehner and Sister Maura McCarthy.



La Danza Folklorica group dressed in flamboyant colors entertained the group with their vibrant Mexican music and dancing.



Rising Sun Karate group opened the Gran Festival.

Mount Loretto AND BEYOND

Featured below are special times in the lives of Dubuque Presentation Sisters and associates, near and far.



21 Days of Gratitude Challenge

During May, Nicole Connelly, an intern from Loras College, held weekly inspirational gatherings around the theme of gratitude. The challenge was scheduled for 21 days with the hopes of forming a habit of gratitude which eventually leads to joy. Each week focused on a different aspect of gratitude including awareness, perseverance, vulnerability and perspective. At the end of each gathering, sisters and employees received colorful paint strips to reflect and record what they were thankful for that week. All commented on how grateful they were to become more conscious of the practice of gratitude and how to implement it in their own lives.



Creating Friendships with Purpose

The Catholic church has a rich, vibrant history full of saints, priests, sisters, associates and lay people who have lived beautiful, inspiring and challenging lives. From generation to generation, their examples and words have left a mark on hearts and lives alike.

We are called to be excellent stewards of the resources God has given us. Collectively, for a total of 308 years, five of the above individuals have exemplified that call. On Tuesday, May 16, partners in mission coordinator, Karen Tuecke (right), had the pleasure of joining with those who celebrated anniversaries of ordination into the priesthood and profession of religious life: (left to right) Father Donald Hawes (64 years); Monsignor Ed Lectenberg (66 years); Sister Suzanne Gallagher (53 years); Monsignor Cletus Hawes (65 years) and Sister Kay Cota (60 years). The group met in Lansing, Iowa, to enjoy friendship, lunch and the outdoors.

“I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to know and visit such wonderful people. During our visit, we were able to go to the beautiful communities of Harpers Ferry, Lansing and Wexford, reminiscing about the past and dreaming of the future,” expresses Karen. “We are so blessed to have these individuals in the communities they serve. They keep us connected.”

You are invited to join us.

June 26, 2017

July 24, 2017

August 28, 2017

Centering Prayer

6:15-7:00 p.m.

Sisters of the Presentation

Dubuque, Iowa

For updated information about the activities and events of the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, please visit our web site at www.dubuquepresentations.org or call 563.588.2008.

Please pray with us.

July 12-15, 2017

Community Gathering

Dubuque, Iowa

July 30, 2017

50th Jubilee Celebration

Sister Donna Demmer

September 24-30, 2017

International Presentation Association (IPA) Assembly
Sydney, Australia

21st of each month

Pray for Vocations

25th of each month

Mass for Benefactors

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Relationally SPEAKING

Sisters, Associates, Family, Friends in Brief



The announcement by Pope Francis of Father Steven Biegler as the ninth bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming, brought a deep sense of pride to the Dubuque Sisters of the Presentation. Father Steven is a priest of the Rapid City, South Dakota, diocese. He is a native of Timber Lake, South Dakota, and was educated at Holy Cross School by the Presentation Sisters. His parents, Alfred (deceased) and Mary Biegler were loyal supporters of Holy Cross School and were proud of and grateful for the education given to their children by the sisters. Pictured above are Sister Anne McCormick (far left), former teacher at Holy Cross, and Sister Julianne Brockamp (second from right), also a native of Timber Lake, with the newly-installed Bishop Steven Biegler and his mother, Mary Biegler, in Cheyenne on June 5, 2017.



On May 30-June 2, 2017, the **Conference of Presentation Sisters of North America** held their annual meeting at the Presentation Motherhouse in Dubuque. The conference is comprised of the leadership teams of the seven North American Presentation congregations: Union: Newfoundland-Labrador Province (Union: NL); San Francisco, California (SF); Aberdeen, South Dakota (A); New Windsor, New York (NW); Staten Island, New York (SI); Union: United States Province (Union: U.S.); and Dubuque, Iowa (D). *Left to right: Front row: Michele Anne Murphy (SF), Facilitator Joanne Hanrahan, SSND, Patricia Anastasio (NW), Barbara King (NW), Beth Driscoll (D), Giovanna Campanella (SF), Lucille Welbig (A) and Bernadette Doherty (Union: NL). Middle row: Joan O'Sullivan (Union: U.S.), Janice Klein (A), Leanne Welch (D), Mary Byrnes (NW), Betty Rae Lee (Union: NL), Sandy Butler (Union: NL) and Lorraine Hale (SI). Back row: Ann Jackson (D), Katherine Fennell (Union: U.S.), Lois Greene (Union: NL), Mary Thomas (A), Martha Otterstedt (NW), Francene Evans (A), Roisin Gannon (Union: NL), Julianne Brockamp (D), Philippa Wall (Union: U.S.), Pam Chiesa (SF) and Paula Baker (SF).*