Each year, the IHM congregation faces growing financial challenges for retirement and skilled health care. Increasing costs of daily living are met by careful use of our sisters’ earnings, contributions from the SSIIHM Charitable Trust, Social Security and gifts to the retirement appeal. Your support is vital to help us meet this challenge.

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our retired sisters can continue to live in IHM Senior Living Community while receiving the quality and compassionate care they deserve. Our entire congregation is grateful for your support.

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Since 1845, the Motherhouse has been home to the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a place of new beginnings as well as a place of retirement. It is here that our foundations were planted, nourished and nurtured. It is the place we make our first commitment and is the final resting place when God calls us “home.” Today, IHM Senior Living Community is where our retired sisters can live independently with services, in Assisted Living, Memory Care or Health Care.

IHM Congregational Expenses
Fiscal Year 2019

- 81% Health Care, Retirement and Services
- 17% Management and General Expenses
- 2% Development and Fundraising Expenses

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Independent Living

Because of you … Our sisters residing in Independent Living enjoy a private room and bath, along with a shared kitchenette and lounge in a neighborhood setting. Sisters maintain their independence while continuing to minister in the communities as well as providing support to other sisters living within the Motherhouse.

- 126 retired sisters live at the Motherhouse.
- Motherhouse sisters’ median age is 86.

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Assisted Living

Sisters who reside in Assisted Living enjoy the benefits of independent living with the added support and assistance from various health care providers. Because of you … we are able to provide our sisters with basic medical monitoring as well as daily activities.

- Nearly 50% of IHM Sisters live at the Motherhouse.
- The average monthly prescription cost per sister is $600.

“I recently came home to the Motherhouse and resided in Assisted Living to recuperate from a dramatic fall. During this time, I received wonderful medical care from a variety of physicians and staff. This care enabled me to regain my strength and thus move to the Independent Living area. I’m grateful for the quality of care provided and most appreciative of our supporters.” — Sister Rose Mary Sam

Skilled Nursing Care

Wherever we may be in life’s journey, we know we’ll never be alone. Our sisters living in the Skilled Nursing area receive customized care plans that meet their medical needs while nurturing mind, body and spirit. Because of you … we are able to provide our elder sisters the best care possible with dedicated RNs, LPNs, certified nursing assistants, visiting physicians, dietitians and rehabilitation services.

- The majority of our retired sisters receive $500 per month from Social Security. To compare that figure to the 2019 poverty guidelines, a single lay person receives $12,490 per year or $1,041 per month.
- It costs $310 per day to care for a sister in a skilled nursing room.

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Memory Care

Because of you … we can also care for our sisters with memory loss in our specialized Memory Care Unit, McGivney Way, where they live in comfort and dignity. Our staff is trained in the concept of generating daily moments of success. They embrace this promise by offering opportunities for residents to find happiness and meaning by supporting each of their unique needs.

- It costs nearly $6,100 a month, per sister, to provide quality dementia care and services.
- Currently, 19 sisters live in Memory Care.

“I enjoy the beauty of my surroundings and the hospitality provided in Memory Care. I take part in a variety of activities offered. I fondly remember and pray for the students I taught and the prisoners to whom I ministered. Nothing delights me more than to remember them in my prayers. It is with prayers of gratitude that I also remember our many benefactors who care for us.” — Sister Helen Walling

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““It is a rewarding experience to reside in the Skilled Nursing Care area of IHM Senior Living Community. The quality of care and our compassionate staff have been blessings to me as well as to other sisters. To be with people who love God and care about each other is truly a gift.” — Sister Jean Ann Campana

Sister Jean Ann Campana pictured with caregiver Stephanie Bressler

“As a retired sister, still active in ministry, I appreciate the support from our donors who make it possible for me to continue to live in and serve a community outside the Motherhouse.” — Sister Loretta Schwende

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