Celebrating our 2020 Jubilarians!

Congratulations to our 19 Jubilarians for 2020. Together, they represent 1,285 years of vowed religious life!

80-Year Jubilarian
Sister Marie Andre Walsh

75-Year Jubilarians
Sisters:
George Ellen Brannick
Marie Clark
Gloria (Roberta Marie) Glinski
Rita (Marie Ambrose) Rennell
Eileen (De la Salle) Semonin

60-Year Jubilarians
Sisters:
Barbara (Ann Barbara) Beesley
Paula (Marie Paula) Cooney
Diann (Bernard Therese) Cousino
Margaret (Michael Francis) Devaney
Rita (Mary Dolors) Fisher
Marjorie (Katherine Drexel) Polys

50-Year Jubilarian
Sister Kathy (Kathleen) Grosh

New home for the Mayrgrove harpsichord

The harpsichord at Marygrove has moved to the Motherhouse. With a little repair and tuning, it made its debut at the annual performance of Handel’s Messiah on Nov. 24 and was played by Xavier Saurez (pictured) of Bowling Green, Ohio during the performance.

The harpsichord was constructed by Mauritius DeAngeli in 1968 and will be used in future performances and occasionally at liturgies.

The Motherhouse also obtained a piano from Marygrove, which is now being used in the Maxis Community Room.

Prayer service

The 2020 IHM Martin Luther King Day Prayer Service will be held on Monday, Jan. 20, at 2:30 p.m. in the IHM Motherhouse Chapel. The theme will be “Protecting Our World House: Environmental Justice and the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.” We will be joined by William Parker, president of the recently re-established Monroe Chapter of the NAACP. A free-will offering for the Monroe NAACP will be collected. Please join us!
Then and Now

Sister Sister Betty Leon was born in Detroit and has an older and a younger brother. She attended an IHM grade school and then Immaculata High School. “I have been with the IHMs since I was six years old!” She took piano lessons from IHM Sisters as well; music and dancing have always been a part of her life.

The IHM Sisters were inspiring, especially her eighth grade teacher, Sister Margaret Sullivan. “Sister Margaret was very influential to me,” Sister Betty recalls. “She was strong and gentle and kind and caring. She was such a good person.”

Sister Betty taught at St. Thomas Aquinas in Detroit; St. Charles, Coldwater; and Marian High School, Bloomfield Hills. During her summers, she studied at Boston College and completed her master’s degree in English. She then went to teach at St. Pius High School in Atlanta; she enjoyed living in the south. Read more.

Reflection

The IHM commitment to sustainable living in right relationship with Earth emerged out of long years of study, prayer and work in pursuit of justice, peace, nonviolence, planetary consciousness and eco-justice, all of which are interconnected. Empowered by the Spirit, IHMs continue Jesus’ transforming mission by enfleshing these values in congregational and personal decisions.

The journey is far from over. To embrace sustainable living requires the most fundamental and comprehensive changes ever required of humans. As a species, we must relearn our place in the universe. We are one species in the community of life on Earth, not the pinnacle of creation. Our capacity to survive and thrive is irreversibly linked with the health and vitality of the living, breathing organism of which we are part. Read more.

Marian outreach

By Rachel Smith
Marian High School Communications Coordinator

Many of Marian’s outreach projects are organized by Project Care, a co-curricular organization. For the Advent outreach, Project Care members decorated Advent trees in the front foyer and organized collections for different charitable organizations. Ninth-graders collected food for the Our Lady of the Rosary Christmas Giving food boxes; sophomores collected school supplies and paper products for Most Holy Redeemer School; juniors collected hot chocolate and fruit snacks for Variety Children’s Charity; and seniors supported St. Christine’s food pantry with non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to local families after the holidays.

Additional acts of service included Project Care students writing Christmas cards for IHM Sisters in Monroe and filling snack bags for homeless people in Detroit, distributed by the Ruha youth group. Students, faculty and staff participated in the Oakland County Sheriff’s 31st annual Coats for the Cold by donating new or clean used coats, which were given to several different charitable organizations to distribute.
In the Gallery

Jan. 20-March 15, 2020, the featured exhibit in the IHM Gallery will be “Keeping It Wild,” the work of Rusty Frentner.

Rusty has spent a lifetime appreciating the beauty and wonder of wildlife and he began to capture that appreciation when still a child. From crayons to watercolors to graphite pencils and then to oils and acrylic paints, he learned about mixing colors and adding details to his work, which has been exhibited locally and around the country. He has conducted myriad workshops and is a member of the Society of Animal Artists, Oil Painters of America and a signature member of the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society.

Rusty is also involved with plein air painting, the process of setting up paints and easel out in the open somewhere and doing a painting. He has earned numerous awards for his artwork, both locally and nationally. He loves going out to the natural world with his paints and exploring keeping it wild!

All are welcome to the opening reception Monday, Jan. 20, 6–7:30 p.m.

The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sharon Venier at 734-240-9754 or svenier@ihmsisters.org.

News from Detroit Cristo Rey
By Michael Khoury
DCR President

Things are very busy at Detroit Cristo Rey High School. Our seniors have been hard at work on selecting the college they will attend in the fall. All members of the Class of 2020 have submitted at least six college applications and some students have mailed off more than a dozen! Acceptance letters are already starting to come in and the school is very hopeful that 100% college acceptance will be achieved for the ninth consecutive year shortly.

While receiving acceptance letters is exciting, it is receiving a college diploma that is transformational. In 2019, Detroit Cristo Rey alumni earned degrees from a dozen different schools and universities. The number of graduates will continue to grow in future years. At present, some of the schools where our graduates are pursuing their degree include: Georgetown, Dartmouth, Michigan, Michigan State and Loyola! We also have alumni in graduate programs at Detroit Mercy, Michigan, Notre Dame and Yale.

Thanks to the IHM Sisters and Basilians Fathers for agreeing to sponsor Detroit Cristo Rey more than a dozen years ago.

Remembering

Judith Anne (John Chrysostom) Eliassen, IHM
June 27, 1942-Dec. 29, 2019

Joy (Marie Michael) Halpin, IHM
June 12, 1917-Dec. 9, 2019
Upcoming Events

Visit the online calendar for all the latest events!

**Now-Jan. 12, 2020**
**Connecting: The 2019 Marygrove Alumni Exhibit**

**Jan. 13**
**Prayer Conversation**
11 a.m.–noon
River House

**Jan. 14**
**Praying with IHMs**
6:30–7:30 p.m.
Motherhouse Chapel

**Friday–Sunday, Jan. 17–19,**
**Retreat: Discerning God’s Call to Hope**
Maxis Center

**Jan. 25**
**A Day of Reflection on Being Artisans of Hope**
10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Motherhouse

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Raffle Update

Tickets for the 2019-2020 season are available for purchase from individual IHM Sisters and Associates or by contacting the Development Office at 734-240-9860. Tickets are $25 and cash prizes range from $50-$250. See who won in December.

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