Celebrating our Sesquicentennial commitment
By Anne Wisda, IHM

... In the summer of 1995, Joan Mumaw, IHM, and I met with the Little Sisters of St. Therese in Riviere Froide, Haiti. The sisters expressed a desire to establish a “relationship” with our IHM communities. As the visitors left, Sister Bernadette Nicolas, general superior of the Little Sisters, noted, “Our foundresses in heaven will bring us together.” She proved to be prophetic.

In October 1995, the Tri-IHM Governing Board and Executive Council made a decision to enter a friendship and support relationship with the Little Sisters in honor of Mother Theresa Maxis Duchemin, IHM. The first check for financial support was hand-delivered by three IHMs to the Little Sisters on Dec. 10, 1995.

We celebrate 25 years of our special OSP/IHM relationship of friendship.

Coronavirus statement
There have been no reported cases of COVID-19 among the residents in IHM Senior Living Community (IHM SLC) and we are working diligently to ensure that continues. To read the full statement, click here.

Spirituality offering
Sunday-Friday, May 10-15, Kathleen Duffy, SSJ, PhD, will facilitate the retreat, “Embracing Struggle: Walking in Hope with Teilhard de Chardin.”

The call to embrace struggle is not an act of resignation but a commitment to life in its fullness. In this retreat, we walk with Teilhard de Chardin – Jesuit, scientist, mystic – and explore the struggles he faced, especially in the world and Church, and prayerfully reflect on our own life experiences.

The retreat will be offered via Livestream; look for details via the IHM website, www.ihmsisters.org, in late April.
Then and Now

Along with her two brothers and two sisters, Sister Patricia Frost grew up in Iona, Mich., where she was taught by the IHM Sisters for 12 years. Each summer, her family went camping to see the beauty of the United States and to learn to respect and care for this country. Her parents also wanted her and her siblings to see how other people lived because diversity is part of the beauty of our country.

Sister Pat was all set to attend Western Michigan University before she went to an introductory weekend at the Motherhouse with a friend. After that weekend, she says, “There was something I experienced in the spirit among the sisters that kept calling me.” She knew that she needed to be a part of that spirit. She completed her bachelor’s degree in speech pathology at Marygrove, and after student-teaching in a first grade classroom, she taught primary grades. “I love teaching third graders,” she says. Read more.

Reflection

Experiences of kinship move us out of exploitive relationships with other life forms and into participative bonding. They open us to the beauty and splendor, the pain and the suffering, the fragility and resilience, the interdependencies that characterize all of life on our shared home.

Sometimes with immediacy, and sometimes more gradually, we are seized with wonder, sacredness and communion that changes everything. Way down deep we know, personally and for our species, what theologian Elizabeth Johnson says so clearly: that love of neighbor now includes the entire community of life; that concern for the poor, the oppressed and the common good now includes the natural world;

Save the date

The 25th annual Royal Blue Classic will be held on Monday, June 15, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth, Mich. The event is open to women, men and mixed teams. Golfers of all skill levels can be comfortable in the scramble, best-ball format. Registration includes golf, continental breakfast, outdoor grilled lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, reception, dinner, raffles, great golfer gifts and skill holes, including a hole-in-one car. Bring a friend and receive a gift. Golfers have the option to play 18 or nine holes. Proceeds benefit the Ministry Fund and help the IHM Sisters continue to minister to those in the need. We hope to see you at this year’s 25th anniversary celebration! For more information,
News from Marian High School
By Rachel Smith

• Five faculty members and four Marian parents accompanied 49 students on this year’s three mission trips. Sponsored by International Samaritan, the student missionaries traveled to Guatemala City and Escuintla in Guatemala to serve children and families living in garbage dump communities. All of the groups worked at the schools in their communities.

• The students who went to Guatemala City played with the children at recess, worked in a nursery, painted desks, scraped and painted the walls of two bathrooms and the principal’s office, removed part of a brick wall that surrounds the play area, broke up cement with pickaxes, removed the cement and dirt with shovels and began to dig a trench for the new wall.

• Those who went to Escuintla worked at the school teaching some basic English words and phrases and helped with building the new home of the International Samaritan-sponsored family nearby. The sun was strong and the temperatures were in the mid-90s as the smoke from the burning trash dump filled the air when the wind blew the wrong direction. That didn’t stop them from moving earth to level the floor of the new home, mixing and hauling cement for the walls, and bending and assembling rebar to support the structure.

• In February, a group of students and faculty from Marian and Brother Rice held the 14th annual Souper Bowl dinner. Guests enjoyed unlimited soup, salad and bread from area restaurants; the event raised $1,700 for the

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IHM in the news

The latest article by Nancy Sylvester, IHM, “What did you learn from the coronavirus pandemic?” has been published by Global Sisters Report. Read it here.

“As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise.

— The Earth Charter

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 March.

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