

2020 RETIREMENT APPEAL



*Because of you ...*

**"Home is where each one lives for the other and all live for God."**

*- Mother Ruth Hankerd, O.H.M.*

*Nov. 10, 2020*, marked the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since 1845, our Motherhouse has been where our foundations were planted, nourished and nurtured. After a devastating fire in 1929, we built a new Motherhouse in 1931 that still serves as a place of new beginnings as well as a place of retirement. It is where 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.

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*Because of you ...*

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.

The cost to provide quality care and retirement services for our elder sisters rises each year. We depend on your generosity and loyal support to help bridge the gap between our financial resources and the actual cost of retirement. Our home continues to be a place where each one of our sisters lives for the other and all live for God.

# 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 IHM Senior Living Community.

- **123 retired sisters live at IHM Senior Living Community and their median age is 87.**
- **It costs \$1,905 monthly for a sister to live in Independent Living.**
- **73 sisters reside in this area.**

"After 68 years of ministry, I moved home in 2017. I enjoy the comforts of independent living with my sisters who bring me much joy. I marvel at the generosity of our benefactors who help make this possible. I remember them in prayer and loving gratitude."

- Sister Margaret Canuelle



# 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.

- **50% of our sisters live in IHM Senior Living Community.**
- **It costs \$5,018 monthly to care for a sister in an assisted living room.**
- **Currently, 24 sister live in this area.**

"I am grateful for the quality of care I receive from the staff in Assisted Living. I wish I could personally thank each and every one of our benefactors for their generosity. This year has been a challenging time due to the pandemic. I use this time for additional prayer, reading and doing Sudoku puzzles."

- Sister Janet Marie Provost



# 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 \$6,600 a month, per sister, to provide quality dementia care and services.**
- **Currently, 16 sisters live in Memory Care.**

"Having lost most of my eyesight and hearing, I'm limited in what I can do except in prayer. Every day, I pray the Rosary to remember my dear family, devoted friends, former students and all the generous benefactors of the IHM community."

- Sister Marie Hopkins



# 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 2020 poverty guidelines, a single lay person receives \$12,760 per year or \$1,063 per month.**
- **It costs \$9,733 per month to care for a sister in a skilled care nursing room. While Medicaid/Medicare may reimburse a portion of this cost, your support helps cover the remainder.**
- **Today, there are 10 sisters receiving care in this area.**



"I'm always impressed at how our every need is so lovingly taken care of – and under one roof! I am grateful to everyone and for the wonderful care we are given. I thank God for our generous donors."

- Sister Evelyn Booms

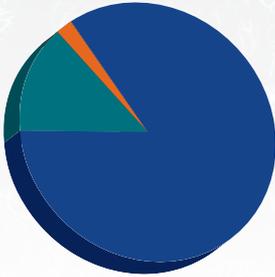
"From our beginnings in 1845 we have always prayed and offered thanks for our donors who have helped carry out our mission. Living a life of gratitude has been the theme for IHM Senior Living Community during the celebration of our 175 years of service to the people of God. I am retired, living off-campus at the IHM Hospitality House and within calling distance of IHM Senior Living Community where I serve as Community Life Liaison. Believe me ... they do call, and I happily respond."

- Sister Mary Ann Markel



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, Social Security and gifts to the retirement appeal. Your support is vital, especially during these challenging and uncertain times.

### IHM Congregational Expenses Fiscal Year 2020



- 84% ● **Health Care, Retirement and Services**
- 14% ● **Management and General Expenses**
- 2% ● **Development and Fundraising Expenses**

Our home is where we “retire,” but our belief in the liberating mission of Jesus keeps us active in ministry as we serve those in need—within the greater community as well as to our own sisters.

#### OUR RETIRED SISTERS CONTINUE TO SERVE AS:

- Special advocates for children and seniors
- Spiritual directors
- Lectors and Eucharistic ministers
- Armchair activists for justice and peace
- Tour docents
- Chaplains
- Office assistants
- Health care volunteers
- Jail ministers
- Nursing home volunteers
- Substitute teachers
- Tutors
- Medical appointment companions
- Video technicians
- Mail sorters
- Readers for the visually challenged
- Seamstresses
- Gift Shop volunteers
- Writers
- Service Office volunteers
- Committee and board members
- Prayer leaders
- Funeral and Remembering coordinators
- Gardeners
- Sacristans and Chapel ambiance



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