

We are profoundly thankful to the many benefactors who support the IHM Sisters. Your partnership allows us to minister in 13 states, Puerto Rico, Mexico and South Africa. Additionally, we collaborate with other organizations and religious orders to broaden our reach and further enrich the lives of so many more of God's people. The ministries highlighted in this appeal provide insight into our continued commitment to education and service to the community.

This year we share the ministries of Sisters Barbara Stanbridge, Janet Ryan and Lisandra Pedraza Burgos. Sisters Barbara and Janet serve in Mission Integration. Sister Lisandra serves as an assistant professor at the University of Puerto Rico.

Together, we carry out the IHM mission to work with others to build a culture of peace and right relationship among ourselves, with the Church and with the whole Earth community.

Please consider a gift to the Ministry Appeal as a way of joining the IHM Sisters in making a positive impact in our world.



We Serve God

BY SERVING OTHERS

Consistent with our mission, we offer yearly grant opportunities. These grants assist ministries in which individual sisters and associates are personally involved. Grant applications are accepted in the spring then applicants are interviewed by the ministry grant board. Grants are awarded in June. Last year, ministry funding totaled \$50,000. The ministries awarded funding for 2022-2023 are:

- *Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance for Friends of Returning Citizens* – submitted by Alice Baker, IHM
- *Epiphany Education Center for Intensive Literacy Intervention* – submitted by Marie Cyril Delisi, IHM
- *Friends in Solidarity for Catholic Health Training Institute/Women's Education* – submitted by Joan Mumaw, IHM
- *IHM Community for Empowerment Through Crowdfunding* – submitted by Julie Vieira, IHM
- *Institute of Geography for Peace for Accompaniment of Persons in Mobilities/Hospitality Areas in Shelters and Homes* – submitted by Maureen Kelly, IHM and Maria Antonia Aranda Diaz, IHM
- *Institute of Geography for Peace for Investigation for the Social Incidence, Communication and Formation of Human Rights of Migrants* – submitted by Maureen Kelly, IHM and Maria Antonia Aranda Diaz, IHM
- *Paula's House for Recovery and Retreat* – submitted by Candyce Rekart, IHM
- *Selah's Center of Hope for Maternity Home Education Program* – submitted by Judith Bonini, IHM
- *Siena Heights University for Teaching and Learning Collective* – submitted by Diane Brown, IHM
- *Siena Literacy Center for Human Stories: An Incentive Mode* – submitted by Mary Anna Riley, IHM
- *Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution (S.O.A.P.) Project for Second Wind Trafficking Survivor Support Group* – submitted by Kate O'Brien, IHM
- *Spirit Mountain Retreat for Return to Yourself: A Resiliency and Healing Retreat Series for Women Veterans with PTSD* – submitted by Margaret Mary Leusch, IHM Associate
- *Strangers No Longer for Downriver Engagement of Immigrant Women and Parishes* – submitted by Rebecca Vonderhaar, IHM

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Your generosity inspires our service.



Sister Barbara Stanbridge
pictured with a Detroit Cristo
Rey student.



Sister Janet Ryan

Sisters Barbara Stanbridge and Janet Ryan are co-coordinators of IHM Mission Integration. For IHMs, there is a Gospel call to respond to the needs of God's people in both the present and future. The work of Sisters Barbara and Janet seeks to ensure IHM beliefs, expressive of the Gospel, are embedded in the daily life of everyone in our sponsored works or ministries.

In education, the goal of mission integration is to guide students in incorporating compassionate concern and commitment to justice in their lives. Hopefully, IHM spirit will be reflected in their professional lives, thereby speaking of their value-laden education.

Recently, our sponsored institutions have experienced a decrease in actual IHM presence, but not interest. Sister Barbara collaborates with IHM-sponsored schools Detroit Cristo Rey and Marian High School, to create processes and events so the IHM charism permeates the staff,

students and faculty. She promotes the spirit of our founders and builds programs within the schools that will run independently of the IHM sisters' presence.

Sister Janet focuses on integrating the IHM beliefs of decisions based on Gospel values, fostering an inclusive community and building collaborative partnerships within the IHM Senior Living Community. She collaborates with the Monroe Campus Mission Integration Committee in helping the staff, administration and residents to consider these beliefs when making daily living and working decisions.

Our sisters dedicate their lives to spreading the liberating mission of Jesus. This is evident in the passion behind Sisters Barbara and Janet's commitment to mission integration. They infuse the IHM charism, ensuring the continuation of the IHM spirit.



Sister Lisandra Pedraza Burgos advises students.



Sister Lisandra Pedraza Burgos' passion and ministry are within the field of early childhood education. As an assistant professor in the Department of Graduate Studies in the Eugenio María de Hostos College of Education at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, she has the honor of working in the only public university in the country. Additionally, she completed her bachelor's and master's degrees there.

Sister Lisandra comes from a family background with limited financial resources. She lives in Puerto Rico, a country experiencing the consequences of coloniality, economic, political, social, education, health and energy crises aggravated by monumental debt, hurricanes and earthquakes. As such, she recognizes the importance of accessing quality education at all levels, beginning in early childhood. Like Paulo Freire, she believes in the role of communities and education in transforming inequities. She agrees with his view that to educate for freedom is an act of love.

As she works with students and collaborates with colleagues, she shares her deepest values, welcomes the gifts they offer and learns from them. In return, she shares who she is and what she has. She recognizes the importance of local and global contexts of education. There are variables in place that affect learning and life beyond the teachers, children and their immediate educational environment. Sister Lisandra believes it is essential to search for alternatives in the face of these challenges.

Her commitment to justice and peace within education is concrete. As part of her commitment, she sees it necessary to live in hope, trusting every effort, big or small, is not lost and our God of Love and Life is in our midst.

