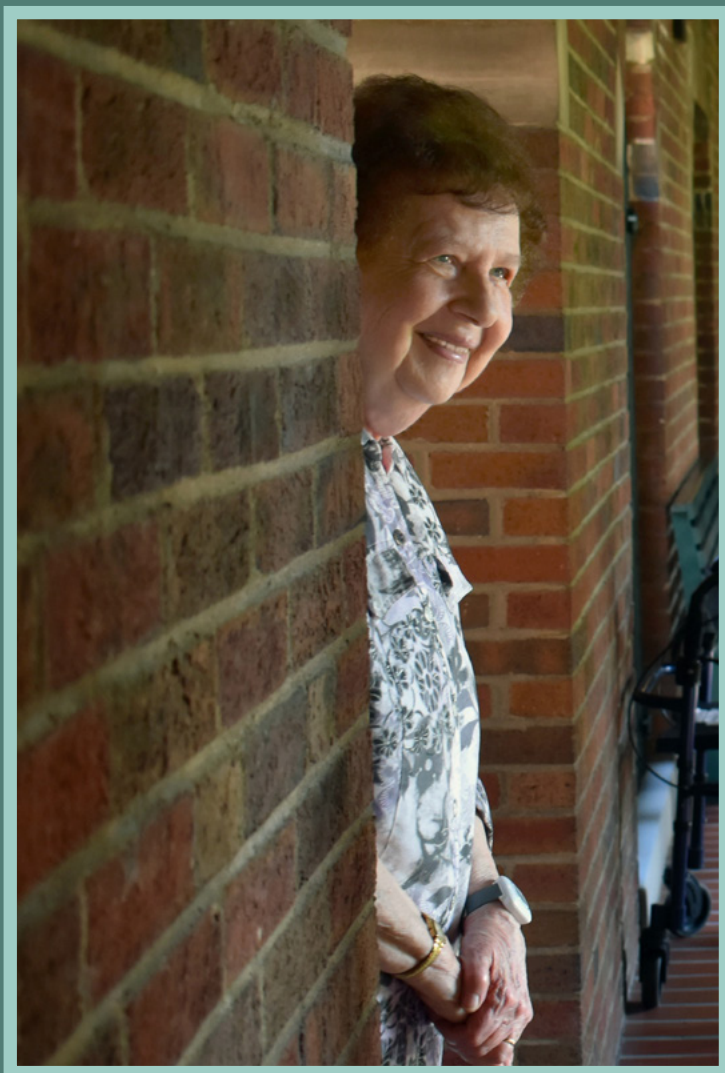


Because of you ...



2023
IHM RETIREMENT APPEAL

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—in the wider community and to our sisters.



“Throughout my years in active ministry I have had a variety of invitations to serve: teaching, campus ministry, community leadership, pastoral work, working with elders and serving asylum seekers. The pandemic expedited my ‘retirement’ from my work with Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit, and their work in sustainability. God’s Spirit guides my life, giving me hints, sometimes subtle and others not. The pandemic opened paths that I had not before imagined.



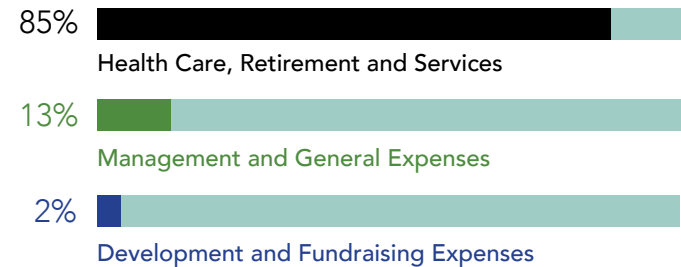
In 2020, I heard the call to focus on serving as translator for an organization that provides legal services for immigrants and to help another organization to distribute food.

I have always been aware and grateful for the partnership and support from our donors. You have been there all down the years. As so many retirees and others struggle for shelter, food, jobs, health and other needs, I am grateful for the gifts your support provides. Thank you! Let us continue to create conditions conducive to life!”

—Sister Gloria Rivera

The IHM congregation faces growing financial challenges. Ever-increasing costs of daily living are met by careful use of our sisters’ earnings, Social Security and gifts to the retirement appeal. According to the Social Security Administration, 2023 poverty guidelines for a single person are \$14,580 per year or \$1,215 per month. Most of our retired sisters receive \$879 per month. Your generous support is vital in helping meet their unmet needs.

IHM CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 2023



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
- Human trafficking coalitions
- 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
- Librarians
- Grant writers

ON THE COVER: Sister Mary Ann (Irene Marie) Mahoney

Independent Living

Because of you ... Our Sisters maintain their independence while they continue to minister in the community as well as provide support to other sisters living within IHM Senior Living Community. Sisters residing in Independent Living enjoy a private room and bath, along with a shared kitchenette and lounge in a neighborhood setting.



"We are grateful to you for all the support you give to us through your donations and pray for you each time we celebrate Mass in our IHM Chapel. We welcome your emails about special ones close to you who are in need of our supportive prayer. May our loving God continue to bless you as you have blessed us."

—Sister Mary Ellen (Jeremy) Sheehan

It costs \$2,163
monthly for a sister
to live in
Independent Living.

70
sisters reside in
Independent Living.

Assisted Living

Sisters who reside in Assisted Living can continue to live independently with the benefit of support and assistance from various health care providers.

Because of you ... we fulfill our sisters' needs with daily activities and basic medical monitoring.



"With the care of the competent and compassionate staff of the IHM Senior Living Community, I have regained some of my physical ability and mental acuity. For this I am truly grateful."

—Sister Patrice (Patrice Marie) Selby

Currently,
18 sisters live in
this area.

It costs \$6,141
monthly for a sister
to live in an assisted
living room.

Skilled Nursing Care

Our sisters living in the Skilled Nursing area receive customized care plans. These plans address their medical, spiritual and physical needs. **Because of you** ... we can provide the best care possible with dedicated medical professionals and rehabilitation services, whether a stay is short- or long-term.



"For many years I taught Spanish outside of Monroe. In recent years, I retired and returned home. I am so grateful that I have had this beautiful place to return to. I am thankful for the care I am receiving from our kind staff and for our generous friends who make it possible."

—Sister Jean (Jean Pierre) McInerney

It costs \$11,327
monthly to care for
a sister in a skilled
nursing room.

Today, there are
six sisters
receiving care in
this area.

McGivney Way

Because of you ... we can offer our sisters with memory loss a place to live in comfort with dignity. Our specialized memory care unit, McGivney Way, is staffed with professionals trained in generating daily moments of success. They embrace this by offering opportunities for residents to find happiness and meaning, and by supporting their unique needs.



"I am grateful for the nice place I am blessed to live. I feel safe and receive loving care from all the wonderful staff. Thanks to our friends who make this possible for me and my sisters."

—Sister Marcella (Ann Lawrence) Regan

It nearly \$7,087
monthly per sister to
provide quality
dementia care services.

Currently,
seven sisters live in
McGivney Way.

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ince its beginning in 1845, our Motherhouse has been a place of rebirth, reflection and retirement. It is here that our foundations were planted, nourished and strengthened. It is where we make our first commitment and return to when it is time for retirement. It is a place of new beginnings as well as the final resting place when God calls us "home." Today, IHM Senior Living Community is where our retired sisters live independently or with services in Assisted Living, Memory Care or Health Care.

The cost of quality care and retirement services continues to rise. **Because of you** ... our retired sisters live in the IHM Senior Living Community, receiving quality and compassionate care. Our home continues to be a place where each sister lives for the other and all live for God. The IHM congregation is immensely grateful for your generosity and loyal support, which helps us bridge the gap between our financial resources and the actual cost of retirement.

Currently, there are 197 sisters in the congregation with a median age of 83.

101 retired sisters live at IHM Senior Living Community. Their median age is 86 and 32 of those sisters are between 90 and 100.

96 active and/or retired sisters reside in the communities they serve. Their median age is 79.



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